

Instructions for filing an intervention to FERC Related to The Texas Blackout:

Background:

- Retired US Army Command Sergeant Major Michael Mabee, author of the Civil Defense Book, and member of the Secure the Grid Coalition, filed a complaint with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission about the most recent blackout in Texas and how this was the result of either inadequate or underenforced reliability standards for the grid.
- These articles explain more about why he placed this complaint:
 - o Texas Blackout: The Unacceptable Outcome of a Foreseeable Event
<https://michaelmabee.info/texas-blackout-the-unacceptable-outcome-of-a-foreseeable-event/>
 - o Texas Blackouts Highlight Costs of Ignoring Resilience
<https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/2021/02/17/texas-blackouts-highlight-costs-of-ignoring-resilience/>
- FERC opened a docket on this issue, which is **Docket No. EL21-54-000**
- When someone intervenes on this docket, it tells FERC that there are interested parties and allows for those parties to comment on the matter. It does NOT tell the Federal Government that you are suggesting it take over by regulating the Texas electric grid but rather is an opportunity to tell them to initiate an investigation of the reliability standards that *should* have prevented this blackout...and future ones from worse causes than cold weather.
- **The deadline to file an intervention on this docket is 5:00 Eastern Time on April 5, 2021**
- [Submit to FERC online HERE](#) (See detailed instructions below) or, submit by mail:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
ATTN: Docket No. EL20-21-000
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Detailed Filing Instructions:

Go to FERC's website: <https://www.ferc.gov/>

- Hover over the "Documents & Filings" section
- Go to "E-Register" and register yourself by following the intuitive step by step process that includes an email verification and an assignment of a FERC ID number.



- Draft a letter using the exact formatting below.
- The example text provided below can form a basis for your own arguments for more transparency. **PLEASE DO NOT Copy/Paste the text below. Please articulate your own thoughts on the importance of transparency in a democracy.**
- Save your letter as a PDF with your signature.

-----**EXAMPLE: Use the below TEMPLATE but do not copy verbatim – Write Your Own Thoughts**-----

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Complaint of Michael Mabee)	
Related to Mandatory Reliability Standards)	Docket No. EL21-54-000
in the Texas Grid Collapse of 2021)	

Motion to Intervene and Comments of _____

Submitted to FERC on _____ **Date**_____

____ **Your Name**____, a private citizen, respectfully submits an intervention on FERC Docket No. EL21-54-000, Complaint of Michael Mabee Related to Mandatory Reliability Standards in the Texas Grid Collapse of 2021

My background is _____ **[provide background information about yourself and your company as it is relevant.]**

I represent _____ **[if you are a member of and/or represent any organizations, this is helpful to list]**

I am a resident of _____ (list your state and if it is Texas, describe how the blackout affected you or members of your family, community, your business, etc. If you are not a resident of Texas, you can describe your concerns about the prospect of similar blackouts happening where you live.)

I am familiar with the research, analysis, and public dissemination of information about grid security by retired U.S. Army Command Sergeant Major Michael Mabee as well as the complaint he filed related to Mandatory Reliability Standards and the Texas Grid Collapse of 2021. **[In your own words, you should demonstrate that you have read Mike’s complaint and you can choose whether or not to mention that you believe his complaint has merit. Either way, it would be helpful to explain that you believe that the recent blackout should be thoroughly investigated and that mandatory reliability standards should both be strong enough and enforced well enough to prevent not only blackouts from predictable weather events, but also more worrisome threats such as physical attacks, cyber attacks, electromagnetic attacks, or solar weather, etc.]**

You can list any additional shortcomings you see in the current resilience of the grid that should be addressed by its regulators.

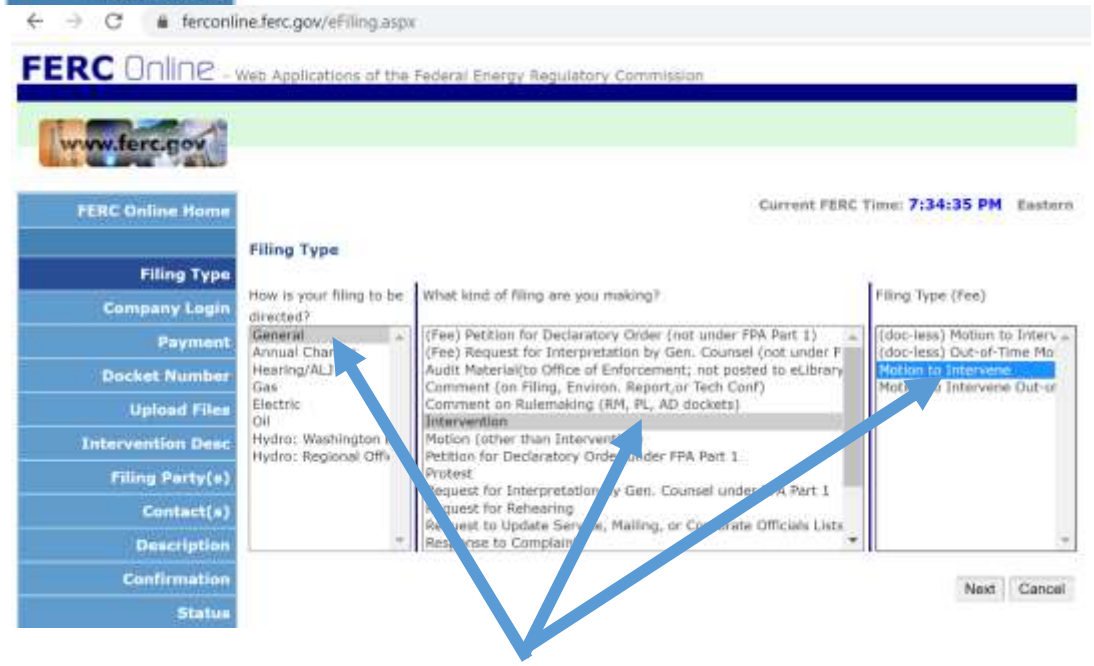
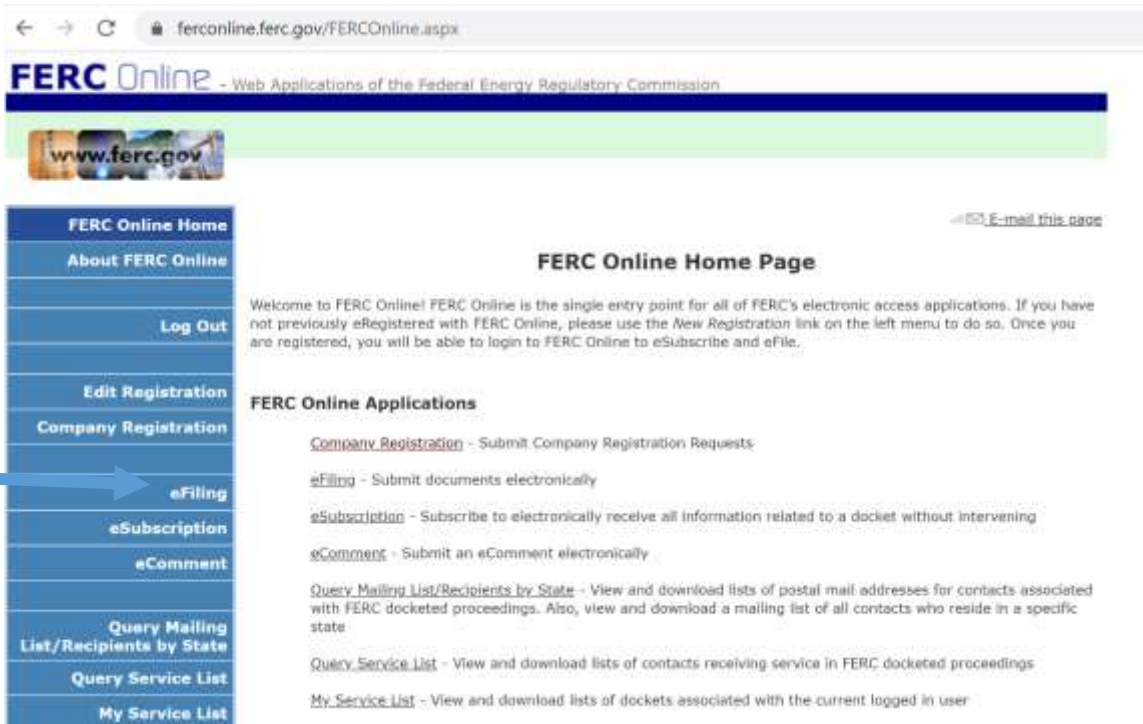
You can list any other ideas you have that could help with the issue of the security of the electric grid.

Respectfully submitted by: **(insert signature below)**

-----**See filing instructions below**-----

- Go back to the FERC website and go to the FERC Online section

- <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ferconline.asp>
- Create an account and/or Login with your credentials
- Click on “eFiling”
- Go to: General —> Intervention —> Motion to Intervene (then click next)
 - On the next screen enter docket number: **EL21-54-000**. Then follow the prompts to upload your document.
- Attach the PDF (Filing is free.)
- See screenshots below:



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