

# *General Utilities Updates in Land Use*

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## Regulatory Agencies

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- Cities

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## Public Utility Commission of Texas



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## Public Utility Commission of Texas

- The Public Utility Commission of Texas regulates the state's electric, telecommunication, and water and sewer utilities, implements respective legislation, and offers customer assistance in resolving consumer complaints.
- After deregulation, the PUC's focus has shifted from regulation of rates and services to oversight of competitive markets and compliance enforcement of statutes and rules for the electric and telecommunication industries.
- The PUC regulates water and sewer rates and services, Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CCNs) and Sale/Transfer/Mergers.

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## Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



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