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can be seen sitting on the center console between the two front seats. She was not wearing a seatbelt.

The crash scene along Dumas Highway was gruesome. Andrea’s Corvette was in pieces, scattered everywhere. The only part of the car that remained intact was flattened.

“We pulled up to a car that was unrecognizable,” said Amarillo Firefighter Brenton Goerend. “You couldn’t tell what it was. It was horrible. We couldn’t find the third person, so we started looking underneath the car.”

Mendoza and the driver survived. Andrea died at the scene, making her one of more than 79,000 people who have died on Texas roads since Nov. 7, 2000.

“It’s not OK to drink and drive,” Elizalde said. “It’s not OK as a father to go through the death of your daughter at the hands of people who are drinking and driving.”

The wreckage of Andrea’s car will provide the backdrop for Elizalde who will be a guest speaker during an #EndTheStreakTX press event in Amarillo on Nov. 16.

Background

November 7, Texas marked 22 years of daily deaths on our roadways with more than 79,000 innocent lives lost to preventable fatal crashes. For the past several years, about 10 people have died every day in crashes across the state.

For the first time in the agency’s history of analyzing fatal crashes, experts spoke with a psychology professor to dig deeper into the driver behavior. In an interview, Dr. Art Markman from the University of Texas, alluded to an erosion of community that can be a cause for an increase in traffic fatalities.

“We have to remind people that they are part of a community,” Markman said. “We have to start considering everyone as part of our community. If we don’t do that, there are going to be all sorts of negative consequences, and those are going to include negative consequences on the road.”

Texas Transportation Commissioner Laura Ryan, a champion for road safety and TxDOT’s #EndTheStreakTX campaign, said every Texan must do their part. And while the goal of ending the deadly streak is ambitious, Ryan said, it is far from impossible, but we must start to care about others around us.

“With the knowledge that, since the pandemic, people

don’t seem to view others around them as part of a community, and, that they care less about those around them, we are starting to identify the problem,” said Ryan. “If we know there is a problem and we can identify that a big part of the problem is a lack of caring or apathy, then we also know the solution - we must care more about those around us.”

Solutions

Drivers have the power to protect themselves, their passengers and fellow community members because most crashes and fatalities are preventable and caused by things such as speeding, drunk driving and distracted driving. That’s why the approach to reaching zero deaths must be through what TxDOT calls the 3 E’s: engineering, education and enforcement. We all have a responsibility to keep our roads and fellow drivers safe.

TxDOT is asking all Texans to do any or all the following to raise awareness:

Make the best and safest decisions behind the wheel, don’t drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs; always obey traffic laws; always wear your seatbelt.

Post pictures on social media displaying the hashtag #EndTheStreakTX.

Share personal stories on social media of loved ones who have been lost in a crash and use the hashtag #EndTheStreakTX.

Follow @txdot social media pages and share the content we post.

On This Day in Texas History November 11, 1918

On this day in 1918, World War I came to an end. The armistice found the two most prominent Texas units on active service in France. The Ninetieth Division was fighting its way through the Meuse-Argonne, while the Thirty-Sixth Division was resting behind the lines after suffering heavy casualties in the same offensive. A total of 198,000 Texans saw service in the armed forces during the course of the war. Five thousand one hundred and seventy-one Texans, including one nurse, died in the armed services; 4,748 of the dead served in the army. More than a third of the total deaths occurred inside the United States, many of them as a result of the influenza epidemic of 1918. Four Texans were awarded the Medal of Honor. In a trend that would become even more marked during World War II, military camps were established in Texas to train men for service and the state was the main location for pilot training for military aviation.

Notice of Application to Continue Distribution Voltage Facilities Rental Service

On October 10, 2022, AEP Texas Inc. (AEP Texas or Company) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to extend its Distribution Voltage Facilities Rental Tariffs an additional three years, to April 3, 2026. The Company does not propose to change the terms of the tariffs or the current pricing in this docket. Sections 14.001, 39.001, and 39.051 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act and Sections 25.341 through 25.343 of 16 Tex. Admin. Code provide for the Commission to authorize a utility to petition to provide Facilities Rental Services if such services are not widely available to customers in an area. AEP Texas received Commission approval to provide such services until April 3, 2023 in Docket No. 49494. The Distribution Voltage Facilities Rental Services are contained in Section 6.1.2.3.4, 6.1.3.3.4 and 6.1.4.3.4 of the Company’s Tariffs for Retail Delivery Service.

The Company proposes an effective date of April 3, 2023, at which time the proposed tariffs will be deemed approved if no objection is filed with the Commission. Only customers currently taking service under the existing tariffs, as well as the Retail Electric Providers servicing those customers, are affected by this application. Those affected customers take delivery service under Distribution Service Schedule 6.1.1.1.4 Primary Voltage Service, and are located throughout the service area of AEP Texas. This filing has been assigned Commission Docket No. 54196.

The deadline for filing a motion to intervene in this proceeding is December 1, 2022. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission of Texas at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact AEP Texas Inc., 539 North Carancahua Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401 or call (877) 373-4858 during normal business hours.

Anuncio de solicitud para continuar con el servicio de alquiler de instalaciones de voltaje

El 10 de octubre de 2022, AEP Texas Inc. (AEP Texas o Compañía) presentó una solicitud a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Comisión) para extender las Tarifas de Alquiler de las Instalaciones de Distribución de Voltaje por tres años más, hasta el 3 de abril de 2026. La Compañía no pide cambiar los términos de las tarifas o los precios actuales en este expediente. Las Secciones 14.001, 39.001 y 39.051 de la Ley de Regulación de los Servicios Públicos y las Secciones 25.341 a 25.343 del Código Administrativo de Texas número 16 disponen que la Comisión autorice a una empresa de servicios públicos a solicitar la prestación de servicios de alquiler de instalaciones si dichos servicios no están ampliamente disponibles para los clientes de una zona. AEP Texas recibió la aprobación de la Comisión para prestar dichos servicios hasta el 3 de abril de 2023 en el Expediente N.º 49494. Los servicios de alquiler de instalaciones de voltaje están contenidos en las secciones 6.1.2.3.4, 6.1.3.3.4 y 6.1.4.3.4 de las tarifas de la Compañía para el Servicio de Entrega al por Menor.

La Compañía propone una fecha que entrará en vigor del 3 de abril de 2023, momento en el que las tarifas propuestas se considerarán aprobadas si no se presenta ninguna objeción a la Comisión. Esta solicitud solo afecta a los clientes que actualmente reciben el servicio con las tarifas existentes, así como a los proveedores minoristas de electricidad que dan servicio a esos clientes. Dichos clientes afectados reciben el servicio bajo el Servicio de Voltaje Primario del Programa del Servicio de Distribución 6.1.1.1.4, y están ubicados en el área de servicio de AEP Texas. A esta solicitud se le ha asignado el Expediente de la Comisión No. 54196.

La fecha límite para presentar una petición de intervención en este procedimiento es 1 de diciembre de 2022. Las personas que deseen intervenir en el procedimiento o hacer comentarios sobre la acción, deben ponerse en contacto con la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. También puede obtenerse más información llamando a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos Texas al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Las personas con problemas de audición y/o de habla que dispongan de teléfonos de texto (TTY) pueden ponerse en contacto con la Comisión en el número (512) 936-7136. Las personas que tengan preguntas o deseen más información sobre esta petición pueden ponerse en contacto con AEP Texas Inc. 539 North Carancahua Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401 o llamar al (877) 373-4858 en horario de oficina.

There will be an early deadline for the Friday, November 18, issue. All items must be submitted by 9 am on Monday, November 14.