

Coke County voters go to polls in historic numbers

Over 61% (1,394 of 2,260) of all Coke County's registered voters cast their ballot in the General Election, held November 8, 2022, making it the highest turnout in Coke County's history. Normally, numbers come in between 20% and 30%, with non-presidential elections drawing a smaller turnout. The large turnout is even more surprising since there was only one contested election in the county - the three-way race for Commissioner Precinct 2, along with bond propositions for voters in Blackwell CISD (see article in this issue). In Precinct 2, 428 of the 614 registered voters went to the polls for a record turnout of 69.7%. Also noteworthy in this election is that votes were cast evenly between election day and through early voting.

In the contested race for Precinct 2 Commissioner, Henry Chisholm defeated incumbent Paul Williams and write-in candidate Cory Carroll. Once the votes were canvassed totals stood at Chisholm 237, Williams 113, and Carroll 67. There were 428 Precinct 2 voters who went to the polls November 8. 417 voters cast votes in this election with only 11 undervotes. Undervotes are where a voter is eligible to cast a ballot in an election and chooses not to vote.

After being a Democrat county for years, Coke County, as did most of Texas, made the move to the Republican side. In the national and state elections, Coke County voters came in at 90% and above in favor of the Republican candidate. Of the offices up for election for Coke County voters, only one office - the Justice, 3rd Court of Appeals District, Place 4 was won statewide by a Democrat. Democrat Rosa Lopez Theofanis defeated Republican Lesli R. Fitzpatrick 52.63% to 47.37% of 557,661 to 501,877. Coke County chose Fitzpatrick 1,245 to 113 for Theofanis. The two main candidates for each election on the ballot in Coke County and their totals are listed below.

United States Representative, District 11
August Pfluger - 1296 votes;

98 undervotes

Governor

Greg Abbott - 1,260 votes; Beto O'Rourke - 114 votes; 5 undervotes

Lieutenant Governor

Dan Patrick - 1,205 votes; Mike Collier - 147 votes; 16 undervotes

Attorney General

Ken Paxton - 1,216 votes; Rochelle Mercedes Garza 136 votes; 20 undervotes

Comptroller of Public Accounts

Glenn Hegar - 1,242 votes; Janet T. Dudding - 107 votes; 25 undervotes

Commissioner of the General Land Office

Dawn Buckingham - 1,237 votes; Jay Kleberg - 122 votes; 29 undervotes

Commissioner of Agriculture

Sid Miller 1,247 votes - Susan Hays 129 votes; 18 undervotes

Railroad Commissioner

Wayne Christian - 1,228 votes; Luke Warford - 121 votes; 20 undervotes

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3

Debra Lehrmann - 1,235 votes; Erin A. Nowell - 111 votes; 27 undervotes

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5

Rebeca Huddle - 1,243 votes; Amanda Reichel - 116 votes; 35 undervotes

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9

Evan Young - 1,243 votes; Julia Maldonado - 121 votes; 30 undervotes

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5

Scott Walker - 1,240 votes; Dana Huffman - 126 votes; 28 undervotes

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6

Jesse F. McClure III - 1,244 votes; Robert Johnson - 115 votes; 35 undervotes

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.

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