



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

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Secretary of State

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

Executive Order No. GA-33 relating to protection of Texas's energy industry from federal overreach.

The original executive order is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachment

Executive Order

BY THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department
Austin, Texas
January 28, 2021

EXECUTIVE ORDER
GA 33

Relating to protection of Texas's energy industry from federal overreach.

WHEREAS, the energy industry is vital to economic growth in the state of Texas, fueling prosperity for all Texans by creating jobs and expanding trade; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Texans are employed in the energy industry; and

WHEREAS, billions of dollars in taxes and royalties flow to Texas every year thanks to the hard work and innovation of the energy industry, helping to pay for schools, roads, and other services; and

WHEREAS, the continued success of Texas's energy industry will aid our smooth recovery from the COVID-19 disaster, both here and across the country, because Texas is the economic engine of America and the source of her energy security; and

WHEREAS, regulators can act sensibly to ensure safe and efficient operation by the energy sector in Texas and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, regulatory overreach in the energy sector, by contrast, can damage the stability of the Texas economy and the livelihoods of countless Texans; and

WHEREAS, on his very first day in office, President Joe Biden signaled extreme hostility toward the energy industry, and thus toward Texas, by rejoining the job-killing Paris Agreement and signing Executive Order 13990; and

WHEREAS, among other costly mistakes, Executive Order 13990 revoked the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline, which would have supplied crude oil to refineries that employ thousands of Texans; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 13990 also directed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to rescind its 2020 methane rule, as an apparent prelude to burdensome new regulation of the energy industry's emissions in Texas and in sister states; and

WHEREAS, in a further blow to Texas's energy sector that will cost thousands more jobs, the Biden Administration has suspended new drilling permits and new leasing for production on federal lands and in federal waters; and

WHEREAS, more and greater threats to the Texas energy sector seem imminent as President Biden embraces Green New Deal policies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and

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authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, hereby direct every state agency to use all lawful powers and tools to challenge any federal action that threatens the continued strength, vitality, and independence of the energy industry. Each state agency should work to identify potential litigation, notice-and-comment opportunities, and any other means of preventing federal overreach within the law.

This executive order supersedes all previous orders in conflict or inconsistent with its terms and shall remain in effect and in full force unless it is modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the governor.



Given under my hand this the 28th
day of January, 2021.

Handwritten signature of Greg Abbott in black ink.

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

Handwritten signature of Ruth R. Hughs in black ink.

RUTH R. HUGHS
Secretary of State

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