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Abbott is pushing a lie to protect incompetence. There is no Federal oversight of the Texas Grid, ergo fewer regulations (sound familiar) - so point one: state legislature needs reform. 2/

> Texas Gov. Abbott blames solar and wind for the blackouts in his state and says "this shows how the Green New Deal would be a deadly deal for the United States of America" pic.twitter.com/YfVwa3YRZQ
>
> — Andrew Lawrence (@ndrew_lawrence) February 17, 2021

2. Point 2: there were clear signs the grid would get overloaded under extreme cold conditions. Why? Due to a vacuum of regulations mandating winterization of turbines and power generators. This from sources, in Texas!

3. Point 3: Of the power shortfall that hit Texas, over 80% was due to problems at coal and gas fired plants. Power generators were just not winterized. Decisions to do so have been ignored since the 1990s.

4. Point 4: these are winterized wind turbines in Denmark. The ocean is frozen. The turbines are generating. https://t.co/LrdYZuFac1

> Same thing in Denmark. It's cold enough here that the ocean is frozen and yet look at those reliable windmills just chugging along. pic.twitter.com/1NTljk7hk9
>
> — Elizabeth Gummere (@BethGummere) February 17, 2021

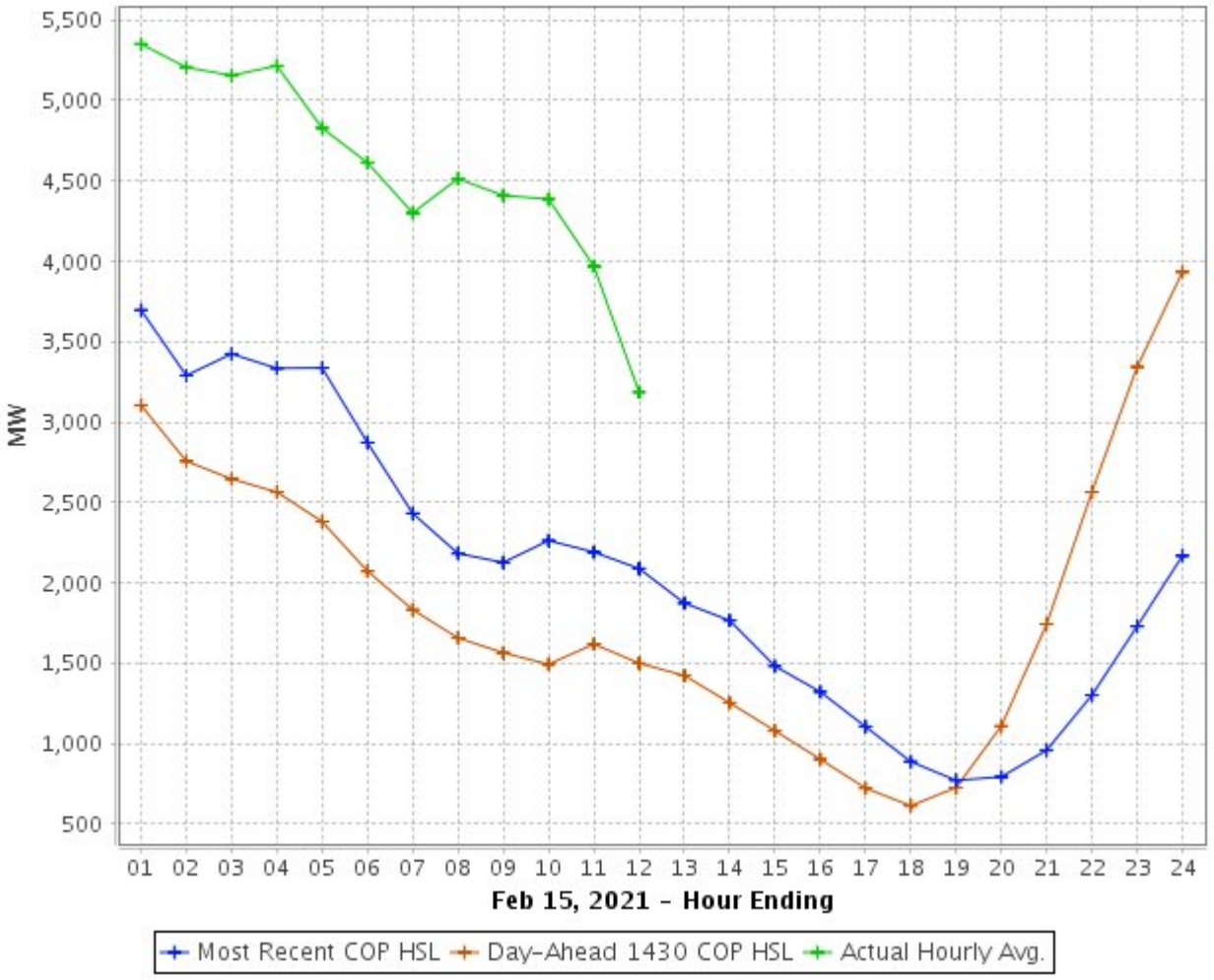
5. #Texas| the main issue is: catastrophic governance at the State level (no Federal oversight of the Texas grid) failing to allocate funding to winterise the Natural Gas, Coal and Wind Turbine elements that contribute to the grid. (~ 80/20 mix).

https://t.co/erZxZTP6av

6. #Texas| all the info you need to know on the Texas power outage here. The grid is run by ERCOT (Electric Reliability Council of Texas). 7/

https://t.co/ghNndBtr15

7. #Texas| Wind in Texas is generally less during winter, ergo grid operators would not have planned for getting 30GW from wind generation (30GW is equivalent to every wind turbine operating in Texas). An ERCOT chart indicates wind is producing significantly more than forecast.



8. #Texas| there's also some goodness and humanity emanating from Texas that we need to share.

The shelters are located at his stores at 6006 North Freeway in Houston and 7227 West Grand Parkway South in Richmond. Please RT.

https://t.co/SWAHlFc4cr

9. #Texas| https://t.co/YJzCxTonN8

> Be very careful about what you consume from this twitter account. Par example. The Texas grid has *no* Federal oversight. It\u2019s success or failure depends on state legislature/regulation. Winterisation of turbines/power generators is a start.
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> More here: https://t.co/JBdJYcPKaw https://t.co/JOPptAuZBv
>
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10. #Texas|

Be careful about this photograph too. NOT from Texas. IT IS ■a Helicopter de-icing on a wind farm in the winter of 2013-2014, in the Uljabuouda mountains in Arjeplog, Sweden.

https://t.co/fRKj5W2EHa