### **Dan Strack**



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Dan Strack is a Lieutenant with the San Antonio Fire Department, bringing over 15 years of experience as a paramedic and first responder. In this leadership role, he has cultivated extensive expertise in managing complex emergencies, coordinating emergency response efforts, and ensuring public safety. With PEC's territory rapidly expanding into wildland-urban interfaces, many members within the cooperative face an increased risk of wildfires. Dan's in-depth knowledge and hands-on experience make him uniquely qualified to help the Board of Directors implement strategies to mitigate wildfire risk and protect our communities. He is also a Licensed Paramedic and holds a Master Structure Fire Suppression Certificate through the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

Before transitioning to a career in firefighting, Dan earned a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Illinois and built a strong foundation in finance as a research analyst for an investment consulting firm. There, he developed deep expertise in financial markets. Motivated by a passion for social impact, he used this knowledge to support underserved communities in Ghana through a volunteer program, helping expand financial access to entrepreneurs through microfinance. Today, he continues to contribute to the financial sector as a freelance writer, with over 200 published articles for a leading financial website. Dan is eager to bring his financial expertise to PEC to ensure the cooperative remains financially sustainable while delivering value to its members.

A resident of southwest Travis County for the past 10 years, Dan lives with his wife, Sarah, and their two children. Together, they have embraced a strong commitment to community service, actively volunteering with various nonprofits through Generation Serve and Girl Scouts of Central Texas. In his free time, Dan enjoys hiking Central Texas trails with his family and training for triathlons.

Dan Strack is committed to working with the Board of Directors to modernize and strengthen the PEC grid through innovative solutions. He believes in a members-first approach to decision-making and is dedicated to ensuring PEC not only serves its communities effectively but also leads the industry in innovation and sustainability.

## **Goals for PEC**

# Keep PEC energy dollars local

- Expand PEC's Community Solar Program to provide more members access to locally sourced solar energy without the upfront costs or maintenance of personal solar panel installations.
- Provide resources to members to weatherize their homes to become more energy efficient.

## • Develop a Comprehensive Plan to Minimize Wildfire Risks

- Member education programs in wildland-urban interface zones to decrease wildfire risk.
- Improve vegetation management along PEC's distribution system.

## Reduce Rates

- Reduce peak load through demand response programs and weatherization.
- Invest in low-cost sustainable energy.
- Make PEC Members and Employees Priority #1

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#### **Candidate Questionnaire Responses**

1) What makes PEC's mission meaningful to you, and what interest you about serving on the PEC Board of Directors?

PEC has the potential to be a leader not only in the communities it serves but also within the energy industry. For decades, PEC has provided its members with cost-effective, reliable electricity. However, like many utilities, it has faced rising costs over the past four years, resulting in higher bills for its members. Without a proactive strategy to reduce costs and embrace more economical energy solutions—such as community solar—this trend will continue. I am committed to serving on the PEC Board to introduce fresh ideas, drive innovation, and modernize the PEC grid to meet the cooperative's growing energy demands over the next decade.

2) What education, skills, strengths or life experiences do you have that would benefit PEC?

Throughout my career, I have been committed to giving back to the community. I leveraged my expertise in financial markets to support entrepreneurs in developing countries, expanding their access to capital through a volunteer program. Today, I continue that spirit of service as a firefighter and paramedic for the city of San Antonio, dedicated to protecting and assisting those in need.

3) What other boards or committees have you served on or leadership positions have you held in the past?

I currently serve as a Lieutenant with the San Antonio Fire Department. In this position, citizens of San Antonio rely on my crew and I to solve complex emergencies. At my core, I'm a problem solver who must think outside the box to keep the public safe and my crew trained to the highest standards. I would bring this dedication to serve on the PEC Board of Directors and work to solve the biggest problems facing our Co-op.

4) Are you familiar with the elements of the cooperative business model?

The cooperative model is what draws me to serve on the PEC Board. Cooperatives should operate in a financially sustainable manner, while at the same time serving all members' needs. At PEC, it's essential to cut excess costs to ensure the maximum amount of capital credits are returned to its members and rates are kept low. All members get an equal say in how the cooperative is run and I'll ensure all members' voices are heard.

5) How would you approach working with your fellow PEC Board of Directors to achieve collaboration and consensus?

Ultimately, I believe the PEC Board of Directors must focus on three core priorities: affordability, reliability, and sustainability. I am committed to working collaboratively with fellow directors to strengthen and enhance these goals. Meaningful progress as a member-owned cooperative requires teamwork, and I will ensure that collaboration remains at the heart of every decision we make.