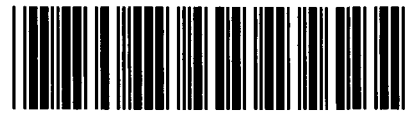


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APPLICATION OF RIO GRANDE §
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CEASE AND DESIST ORDER §
REQUIRING AEP TO CEASE §
AND DESIST PROVIDING SERVICE §
IN RIO GRANDE ELECTRIC §
COOPERATIVE, INC.'S §
CERTIFICATED SERVICE AREA §

**JOINT MOTION TO ABATE OF RIO GRANDE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND
AEP TEXAS, INC.**

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("RGEC") and AEP Texas, Inc. ("AEP") file this Joint Motion to Abate this proceeding and, in support thereof, respectfully show as follows:

1. On June 18, 2018, the State Office of Administrative Hearings Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") issued a Proposal for Decision in Phase I of this case. On July 27, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Requesting Return of Docket to conduct Phase II of this case. On August 1, 2018 the ALJ issued Order No. 8 dismissing the case from the SOAH docket and returning it to the Commission. On October 24, 2018, the Commission issued Order No. 3, which memorialized the prehearing conference conducted in this case and set a procedural schedule for litigation of Phase II before the Commission.
2. RGEC and AEP respectfully request that the Commission abate the procedural schedule issued in Order No. 3. The parties have reached an agreement in principle to resolve the issues in this case through requests for service area changes that include the disputed area of the Uvalde Estates subdivision and are currently finalizing the maps and various applications that will be filed as a result of the agreement. AEP and RGEC respectfully request that the Commission abate

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this docket to allow the parties to prepare the necessary documents to reflect definitive boundary changes and prepare the necessary Service Area Boundary and Service Area Exception Applications that reflect the parties' agreements. The parties commit to either filing a settlement agreement/the Service Area Boundary and Service Area Exception Applications or providing the ALJ with a status update regarding the filings by October 23, 2018.

3. The parties have conferred with Commission Staff and they have indicated that they are not opposed to this motion.

FOR THESE REASONS, RGEC and AEP requests that the Commission abate this proceeding, and grant all other relief, to which it is justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on September 25, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served upon all parties of record by facsimile and/or First Class United States mail, postage prepaid.



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