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CAPTION:

Docket No. 47472 - Commission Staff's

Petition to Determine Requirements for

Smart Meter Texas

ACTION REQUESTED:

Memo from Chairman Walker

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Public Utility Commission of Texas

Memorandum

TO:

Commissioner Arthur C. D'Andrea

Commissioner Shelly Botkin

FROM:

Chairman DeAnn T. Walker

DATE:

July 10, 2018

RE:

Open Meeting of July 12, 2018 - Agenda Item No. 6

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for Smart Meter Texas

I recommend granting the motion for rehearing and adopting an order consistent with the following modifications.

The first complete paragraph on page 2 should be modified as follows:

The Commission approves the business requirements attached to the agreement, as modified by this Order. The Commission also grants a waiver under 16 TAC § 25.130(g)(3) of the requirements of 16 TAC § 25.130(g)(1)(J) with respect to SMT on the basis that there is an adequate substitute for home-area-network (HAN) functionality. That substitute is that AEP Texas, CenterPoint, Oncor, and TNMP have agreed to provide on-demand meter readings support HAN technology separately through their advanced metering systems instead ofthrough SMT. The Commission clarifies that the utilities may not discontinue supporting a customer's existing HAN device unless the customer requests that the HAN device be disconnected from the customer's meter. The Commission highlights that the decision to disconnect an existing HAN device from the customer's meter is the customer's choice, not the utility's.

The following findings of fact should be modified as set forth below.

- 62G. The signatories agreed that continued HAN functionality for customers with a HAN device paired to a meter and in use at the time that SMT 2.0 is implemented would be supported by each utility's advanced metering system and not through SMT.
- 62H. It is appropriate for continued HAN functionality for customers with a HAN device paired to a meter and in use at the time that SMT 2.0 is implemented to be supported by each utility's advanced metering system and not through SMT.
- 62I. The utilities' advanced metering systems, as implemented On-demand meter reading functionality through SMT and the utilities' respective initiatives, are is an adequate substitute for HAN functionality.

The following conclusion of law should be modified as set forth below.

14B. The utilities' advanced metering systems, as implemented On-demand meter reading functionality through SMT and the utilities' respective initiatives, are is an adequate substitute for HAN functionality on SMT under 16 TAC § 25.130(g)(3).

The following ordering paragraph should be modified as set forth below.

4. AEP Texas, CenterPoint, Oncor, and TNMP shall continue to support HAN functionality for customers with a HAN device paired to a meter and in use at the time that SMT 2.0 is implemented through their respective advanced metering systems.

I look forward to discussing this matter with you at the open meeting.