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Chairman Donna L. Nelson Commissioner Kenneth W. Anderson, Jr. Commissioner Rolando Pablos Public Utility Commission of Texas 1701 N. Congress Ave. Austin, Texas 78701

Re:

Docket No. 30456, PUC Proceeding Regarding ERCOT Fee; Project No. 27706, Reports of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas

Dear Commissioners:

ERCOT files this letter to note a change in the manner in which its quarterly financial updates will be filed and presented to the Commission. ERCOT has discussed this change with Mr. Journeay in Commission Advising & Docket Management, and he concurs with the process proposed for this change.

Currently, ERCOT files quarterly reports on its fees and expenditures pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. § 25.362(i)(3). These updates are filed in Project No. 27006, Reports of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. In addition, ERCOT files the same quarterly financial updates in Docket No. 30456, pursuant to a January 31, 2005 Order in ERCOT's last contested System Administration Fee case.¹

In order to eliminate the duplicative filing of quarterly information, ERCOT plans to file its quarterly reports, going forward, only in Project No. 27706, and to discontinue the filings in Docket No. 30456. Because the continued filing of the duplicative reports was the only remaining reason for Docket No. 30456 to remain open, ERCOT requests that the docket be closed after the filing and service of this letter.

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¹ Docket No. 30456, Commission Staff's Petition To Reduce The ERCOT System Administration Fee, Order, at 4 (Jan. 31, 2005).

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ERCOT will make presentations to the Commission upon request regarding any of the information filed in its quarterly financial reports. As the Commission is aware, ERCOT also has ongoing discussions with Commission staff regarding its budget and financial plans, as part of the Commission's process for review and approval of ERCOT's annual budget pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. § 25.363(a).

ERCOT believes this change in its filings will maintain the same level of transparency regarding its budget and financial issues, while eliminating duplicative filings and enabling the Commission to close an old open docket.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Vice President & General Counsel

cc: Docket No. 30456 Parties of Record

Mr. Stephen Journeay