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PETITION OF ENTERGY GULF	§	BEFORE THE
STATES, INC. FOR CERTIFICATION	§	
OF AN INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
FOR THE ENTERGY SETTLEMENT	§	
AREA IN TEXAS	§	OF TEXAS

**RESPONSE OF ENTERGY GULF STATES, INC. IN OPPOSITION TO OPC'S
MOTION TO POSTPONE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

TO THE HONORABLE ALJ IRENE MONTELONGO:

Entergy Gulf States, Inc. (EGSI) opposes OPC's "Motion to Postpone Establishment of Procedural Schedule" filed in this docket on January 8, 2004. The Commission has targeted December 2004 for the implementation of retail open access in EGSI's Texas service territory.¹ To achieve that targeted date, this docket should move forward immediately. EGSI will be prepared to state its position on the procedural posture of this docket and other related dockets in more detail at the January 12 prehearing conference.

EGSI, therefore, requests that Your Honor deny OPC's January 8, 2004 "Motion to Postpone Establishment of Procedural Schedule."

January 9, 2004

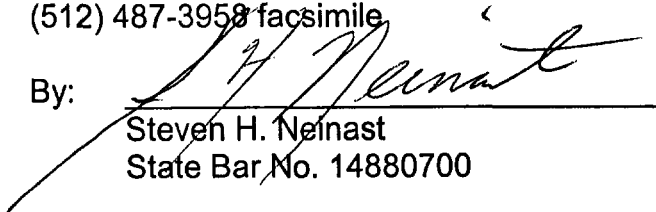
¹ See *Proposal for Interim Solution for Retail Open Access in Entergy Gulf States, Inc.'s Settlement Area of Texas and Request for Commission Action*, Docket No. 27273, Order on Rehearing at 3 and 4 (July 25, 2003).

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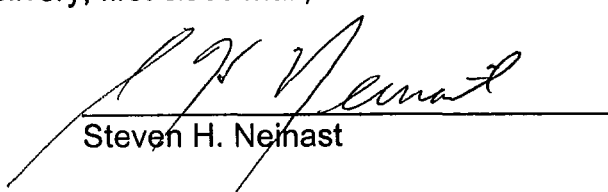


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this response has been served to all parties in this Docket No. 28818 on January 9, 2004 by hand delivery, first class mail, or facsimile transmission.



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