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RESPONSE OF ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. TO THE STAFF'S REQUEST TO PROVIDE A
COST TO UPGRADE ETI'S TRANSMISSION LINES LOCATED WITHIN 50 MILES OF
THE TEXAS COAST

Entergy Texas, Inc. ("ETI" or "the Company") files the following response to the Staff's request, dated October 15, 2008, to provide the cost to upgrade the Company's transmission lines located within 50 miles of the Texas coast.

The estimated cost to upgrade ETI's transmission facilities within 50 miles of the Texas coast to meet the current National Electrical Safety Code ("NESC") wind-loading standards are:

- \$0.85 million for the facilities within 10 miles of the coast.
- \$1.064 million for the facilities within 10 to 50 miles of the coast.

The cost estimates provided are high level estimates based on engineering judgment. The cost estimate does not include ETI's transmission line from Stowell to Himex substations because these facilities will be addressed in Hurricane Ike reconstruction.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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