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PUC INVESTIGATION OF
METHODS TO IMPROVE
ELECTRIC AND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
INFRASTRUCTURE TO MINIMIZE
LONG TERM OUTAGES AND
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**AEP TEXAS CENTRAL COMPANY, TEXAS NORTH COMPANY, AND
SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION
STAFF'S REQUEST FOR COST ESTIMATES TO UPGRADE TRANSMISSION LINES
WITHIN FIFTY MILES OF THE TEXAS COAST**

NOW COMES AEP Texas Central Company, AEP Texas North Company (together "AEP Texas"), and Southwestern Electric Power Company (collectively, the "AEP Companies") and files this informational report in response to Commission Staffs request in a letter from David Featherston, Director of Infrastructure and Reliability Division, dated October 15, 2008. Of the three utilities, AEP Texas Central Company is the only company with transmission facilities within the proximity to the Gulf Coast that require cost estimates.

The cost estimates submitted herein are being provided as requested. Please consider these values as estimates only. More accurate values would need to take into consideration the actual estimated construction schedule for pricing materials, and would require detailed engineering design.

Texas Central's estimated cost for upgrading the transmission line infrastructure reported to the Commission in the December filing to meet the current National Electrical Safety code wind-loading standard is as follows:

- \$52,000,000 for facilities within 10 miles of the coast
- \$1,200,000,000 for facilities between 10 to 50 miles of the coast

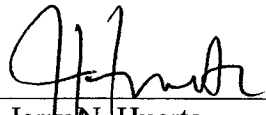
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AEP Texas Companies appreciates the opportunity to provide the foregoing responses to Staff's request.

Dated: January 5, 2009

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