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**JOINT APPLICATION OF AEP
TEXAS CENTRAL COMPANY
AND SOUTH TEXAS ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC. TO AMEND
A CERTIFICATE OF
CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY FOR A PROPOSED
TRANSMISSION LINE IN
ATASCOSA, MCMULLEN, LA
SALLE, AND WEBB COUNTIES,
TEXAS**

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS

**COMMISSION STAFF'S SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION AND
REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO SOAH**

NOW COMES Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission Staff" or "Staff"), representing the public interest, in the above titled and numbered cause, to submit this Supplemental Recommendation and Request for Referral to State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

I. BACKGROUND

On September 15, 2006, Order No. 1 was issued requiring Staff to review the Application and notify the Commission of any deficiencies in the application; review compliance with the notice requirements set out in its order; and provide a proposed procedural schedule. In Response to Order No. 1, Staff recommended that the direct mail notice be found to be insufficient because it was not in compliance with the requirements of P.U.C. PROC. R. 22.52(a).¹

Order No. 3 was issued on October 16, 2006, which ordered the Applicants to resend complete notice to landowners, county government, neighboring utilities, and municipalities. On October 17, 2006, in response to the Applicants' request for clarification, Order No. 4 was

¹ Commission Staff's Recommendation on Sufficiency of Application and Notice (October 9, 2006).

issued clarifying that the Applicants could provide corrected notice by providing a revised map and an explanatory letter.

The Applicants filed their Proof of Re-Notice on October 20, 2006.

II. NOTICE

Staff has reviewed the re-notice and concludes that it satisfies P.U.C. Proc. R. 22.52(a).

III. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Two requests for intervention have been filed as of the date of this filing. As the intervention deadline is December 4, 2006, more requests for interventions may follow. Additionally, this project has been deemed critical to reliability by ERCOT and therefore must be processed within 180 days. Therefore, Staff respectfully requests that the case be referred to SOAH as soon as possible.

DATE: October 27, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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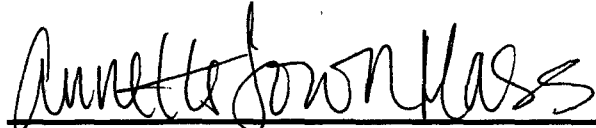
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document was served on all parties of record by first class U.S. mail, postage pre-paid and facsimile on this date, October 27, 2006, in accordance with P.U.C. Procedural Rule 22.74.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Annette Lown Mass", written over a horizontal line.

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