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# **Interconnection Agreement**

Dated as of May 3, 2013

Between

Electric Transmission Texas, LLC

and

Cross Texas Transmission, LLC

May 7, 2013

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# INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

**BETWEEN** 

**ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION TEXAS, LLC** 

AND

CROSS TEXAS TRANSMISSION, LLC

DATED: MAY 3, 2013

# INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION TEXAS, LLC AND CROSS TEXAS TRANSMISSION, LLC

This Agreement is made and entered into as of the 3<sup>PD</sup> day of MAY, 2013 (the "Execution Date"), by and between Electric Transmission Texas, LLC ("ETT") and Cross Texas Transmission, LLC ("CTT") each sometimes hereinafter referred to individually as a "Party" or both referred to collectively as the "Parties."

#### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, each Party is the owner and operator of transmission facilities and is engaged in the business of transmitting electric energy to the general public within ERCOT; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to interconnect their respective transmission systems in the respects, and under the terms and conditions, set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants and conditions herein set forth, the Parties agree as follows:

# ARTICLE I - EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM

- 1.1 This Agreement and all obligations hereunder, are expressly conditioned upon obtaining (without conditions, limitations, or qualifications that are unacceptable to either Party) approval, authorization or acceptance for filing by any regulatory authority whose approval, authorization or acceptance for filing is required by law. After execution by both Parties, ETT will file this Agreement with the PUCT. Both Parties agree to support the approval of this Agreement before such regulatory authorities and to provide such documents, information, and opinions as may be reasonably required or requested by either Party in the course of the approval proceedings.
- 1.2 Subject to Section 1.1, this Agreement shall become effective on the Execution Date (the "Effective Date"), and the Parties may, by mutual agreement, begin to perform pursuant to this Agreement pending the approval, authorization or acceptance contemplated by Section 1.1.
- 1.3 Unless otherwise mutually agreed, this Agreement shall remain in effect initially for a period of five (5) years from the Effective Date, and shall automatically continue in effect thereafter for successive periods of five (5) years each unless canceled after such initial period or any subsequent five (5) year period either by mutual agreement or by either Party upon at least twenty-four (24) months written notice to the other Party. Upon termination of this Agreement, each Party shall discontinue the use of the facilities of the other and shall disconnect the Points of Interconnection. Any termination of this Agreement shall be subject to the applicable regulations and approvals (if required) of any regulatory authority with jurisdiction.

#### ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE

- 2.1 It is the intent of the Parties, by this Agreement, to state the terms and conditions under which the Parties' transmission systems will be interconnected and to identify the facilities provided by each Party at the Points of Interconnection.
- 2.2 This Agreement shall apply to the ownership, construction, operation, and maintenance of those facilities that are specifically identified and described in the Facility Schedule(s) that are attached hereto and incorporated herein. This Agreement does not obligate either Party to provide, or entitle either Party to receive, any service not expressly provided for herein. Each Party is responsible for making the arrangements necessary to receive any delivery service, ancillary service or other miscellaneous service not expressly contemplated herein that either Party may desire from the other Party or any third party.
- 2.3 This Agreement, including all attached Facility Schedule(s), constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties with regard to the electrical interconnection of the facilities of the Parties at the Points of Interconnection expressly provided for in this Agreement. The Parties acknowledge that in some cases they may enter into separate agreements regarding the construction, repair, upgrade, or demolition of certain facilities as contemplated by Section 4.4. The Parties are not bound by or liable for any statement, representation, promise, inducement, understanding, or undertaking of any kind or nature (whether written or oral) with regard to the subject matter hereof if not set forth or provided for herein. This Agreement replaces and supersedes all other agreements and undertakings, oral and written, between the Parties with regard to the subject matter hereof. It is expressly acknowledged that the Parties may have other agreements covering other services not expressly provided for herein; such agreements are unaffected by this Agreement.
- 2.4 In the event the Parties enter into a separate agreement regarding the use and sharing of certain telecommunication assets (the "Telecommunication Agreement"), or an easement and right of way agreement regarding real property rights related to a Point of Interconnection (the "Easement Agreement"), such agreements shall be noted in the applicable Facility Schedule. In the event of any conflict among these agreements, this Agreement shall control the terms and conditions of the electrical interconnection, the Telecommunication Agreement shall control the terms and conditions of the utilization and sharing of telecommunication assets and the Easement Agreement shall control with respect to the easements and rights of way granted therein.

#### **ARTICLE III – DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of this Agreement, the following definitions shall apply:

- 3.1 <u>Agreement</u> means this Interconnection Agreement with all exhibits, schedules, and attachments applying hereto, including any schedules and amendments hereafter made.
- 3.2 <u>ERCOT</u> means the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc., or its successor in function.

- 3.3 <u>ERCOT Requirements</u> means the ERCOT Nodal Operating Guides, ERCOT Metering Guidelines, and ERCOT Nodal Protocols adopted by ERCOT and approved by the PUCT, including any attachments or exhibits referenced in the ERCOT Nodal Protocols, as amended from time to time, that contain the scheduling, operating, planning, reliability, and settlement (including customer registration) policies, rules, guidelines, procedures, standards, and criteria of ERCOT.
- 3.4 <u>Facility Schedule(s)</u> means the schedule(s) to this Agreement that identify the Point(s) of Interconnection and describe the agreement on ownership, control, operation, and maintenance responsibilities of the Parties at the Point(s) of Interconnection, and which are attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes.
- 3.5 Good Utility Practice shall have the meaning ascribed thereto by PUCT Rule 25.5 or its successor.
- 3.6 "NERC" means the North American Electric Reliability Corporation or its successor in function.
- 3.7 <u>NERC Reliability Standards</u> means the mandatory electric reliability standards enforced by NERC.
- 3.8 <u>Point(s) of Interconnection</u> means the points where the Systems of the Parties are connected or may, by the closure of normally open switches, be connected.
  - 3.9 <u>PUCT</u> means the Public Utility Commission of Texas or its successor in function.
  - 3.10 System means the electrical transmission facilities and equipment of either Party.

# ARTICLE IV – ESTABLISHMENT AND TERMINATION OF POINTS OF INTERCONNECTION

- 4.1 The Parties agree to comply with NERC Reliability Standards and ERCOT Requirements as they relate to the interconnection of their facilities at the locations identified and described in the Facility Schedule(s).
- 4.2 The Parties agree to interconnect their facilities at the locations, and in accordance with the Facility Schedule(s) set forth in Exhibit A hereto. The Facility Schedule(s) shall specify the responsibilities of the Parties with respect to ownership, control, operation, and maintenance of the interconnection facilities.
- 4.3 Unless otherwise provided in a Facility Schedule, each Party shall, at each Point of Interconnection, at its own risk and expense, design, install, or cause the design and installation of the transmission facilities (including all apparatus and necessary protective devices) on its side of the Point of Interconnection, so as to reasonably minimize the likelihood of voltage and frequency abnormalities, originating in the System of one Party, from affecting or impairing the System of the other Party, or other electrical systems to which the System of such Party is interconnected. The Parties agree that all Points of Interconnection will be established in conformance with the ERCOT Requirements. The Parties agree to cause their Systems to be

constructed in accordance with specifications at least equal to those provided by the National Electrical Safety Code, approved by the American National Standards Institute, in effect at the time of construction. Except as otherwise provided in the Facility Schedule(s), each Party will be responsible for the facilities it owns on its side of the Point of Interconnection.

- 4.4 From time to time, a Point of Interconnection may be added, changed, modified, or deleted from this Agreement as mutually agreed by the Parties and/or as ordered by a regulatory authority having jurisdiction thereof. In such event, the Parties shall, as needed, enter into agreements to address any construction, repair, upgrade, or demolition activities required as a result thereof. In addition, the Parties shall amend this Agreement to update Exhibit A and the applicable Facility Schedule(s) or add new Facility Schedule(s), as necessary. Subject to regulatory approval, if required, either Party may terminate a Point of Interconnection on twelve (12) months advance written notice. Upon termination of a Point of Interconnection, each Party shall discontinue the use of the facilities of the other Party associated with the use of that Point of Interconnection and shall disconnect from that Point of Interconnection. The Parties agree to use commercially reasonable efforts to coordinate the termination of a Point of Interconnection to minimize any disruption in service by either Party.
- 4.5 Subject to regulatory approval, if required, and unless otherwise mutually agreed, neither Party shall have the right to disconnect from the other Party at any Point of Interconnection specified on Exhibit A and the applicable Facility Schedule, except as set forth in Section 4.4 above, or upon the other Party's failure to cure a Default pursuant to Article XIV of this Agreement.
- 4.6 If either Party makes changes to any facility, whether specified in the Facility Schedule(s) or not, which may impact the operation or performance of the other Party's interconnection facilities, the Parties agree to notify the other Party, in writing, of such changes a reasonable period in advance of the changes. Such changes shall be made in accordance with Good Utility Practice, ERCOT Requirements, the National Electrical Safety Code, and other applicable codes and standards in effect at the time of construction, and coordinated between the Parties.
- 4.7 Each Party agrees to provide up-to-date as-built drawings to the other Party of the facilities owned by that Party at each Point of Interconnection.
- 4.8 The Parties agree to coordinate and cooperate on assessments of the reliability impacts to their interconnected Systems for new facilities requesting connection to their Systems, in accordance with the NERC Reliability Standards.

#### **ARTICLE V - SYSTEM OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

5.1 Unless otherwise provided by the Facility Schedule(s), each Party shall, at each Point of Interconnection, at its own risk and expense, operate and maintain the facilities (including all apparatus and necessary protective devices) it owns or hereafter may own, so as to reasonably minimize the likelihood of voltage and frequency abnormalities, originating in the System of one Party, from affecting or impairing the System of the other Party, or any other electrical systems to which the other Party is itself interconnected. The Parties agree that all

Points of Interconnection will be operated and maintained in conformance with the ERCOT Requirements and Good Utility Practice.

- 5.2 Unless otherwise provided by the Facility Schedule(s), each Party will be responsible for the operation, maintenance and inspection of all facilities it owns, or hereafter may own, associated with each Point of Interconnection.
- 5.3 Unless otherwise provided by the Facility Schedule(s), each Party shall operate the facilities within its System. The operation of the System shall be such that power flows that enter and exit one Party's System do not have undue impacts on the other Party's System. Operational responsibility for facilities owned by one Party, but installed in another Party's substation or on another Party's transmission line, will be identified in the Facility Schedule for that particular Point of Interconnection.
- 5.4 During the term of this Agreement, the Parties will, consistent with maintaining good operating practices, coordinate their operations to maintain continuity of services to their respective customers to the extent practicable. Planned facility maintenance by either Party that will cause a deviation from the normal power and energy flow at a Point of Interconnection will be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time. Except as otherwise permitted by the terms of this Agreement, no changes will be made in the normal operation of a Point of Interconnection without the mutual agreement of the Parties. The Parties will, to the extent necessary to support continuity of operations, coordinate the operation of protective devices on the facilities they operate in the proximity of the Points of Interconnection that might reasonably be expected to affect the operation of facilities on the other Party's System.
- 5.5 Each Party will provide the reactive requirements for its own System in accordance with the ERCOT Requirements, and in such a manner as to not cause the other Party's system to experience unacceptable voltage fluctuations.
- 5.6 During periods of emergency conditions declared by ERCOT, or as necessary to restore customer service, either Party may operate equipment that is normally operated by the other Party, provided that authorization to do so must first be received from the Party that normally operates the equipment, such authorization not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Given the emergency conditions, authorization may be provided orally, by email, or any other reliable method of communication. Such operations by the other Party will be at no cost to the owner or normal operator of the equipment. It shall be considered reasonable for the Party that normally operates such equipment to deny such a request by the other Party if the withholding Party assumes responsibility to provide such operation within the time frame called for under the circumstances.
- 5.7 Each Party will determine the operating limits of the facilities that it owns and make such limits known to the Party operating those facilities. The Party operating those facilities will not exceed those limits without prior approval of the Party owning the facilities.

# ARTICLE VI - RIGHTS OF ACCESS, EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION, AND REMOVAL

- 6.1 Each Party shall permit duly authorized representatives and employees of the other Party to enter upon its premises for the purpose of inspecting, testing, repairing, renewing, or exchanging any or all of the equipment owned by such other Party that is located on such premises or for the purpose of performing any work necessary in the performance of this Agreement.
- 6.2 Each Party grants to the other Party permission to install, maintain, and/or operate, or cause to be installed, maintained, and/or operated, on its premises, the necessary equipment, apparatus, and devices required for the performance of this Agreement. Any such installation, maintenance, and operation to be performed, except in the case of emergencies, shall be performed only after a schedule of such activity has been submitted and agreed upon by the Parties.
- 6.3 Unless otherwise agreed in writing, any and all facilities placed or installed, or caused to be placed or installed by one Party on, or in, the premises of the other Party, shall be owned by and remain the property of the Party installing such facilities, regardless of the mode and manner of annexation or attachment to real property. Upon the termination of any Point of Interconnection under this Agreement, the Party owning such facilities placed or installed on the premises of the other Party, shall have the right 1) to sell such facilities to the other Party, if the other Party wishes to purchase such facilities, or 2) to enter the premises of the other Party and, within a reasonable time, remove such facilities, at no cost to the owner of the premises. If, upon the termination of any Point of Interconnection under this Agreement, facilities of a Party that are installed on the premises of the other Party are neither sold to the other Party nor removed by the owning Party within twelve (12) months, such facilities shall be considered abandoned by the owning Party and may be disposed of by the other Party in the manner it shall determine appropriate; provided, however, that any net cost incurred by the disposing Party shall be reimbursed by the abandoning Party.
- 6.4 Each Party shall clearly mark their respective facilities with appropriate ownership identification.
- 6.5 Either Party may request the other Party to upgrade or modify its terminal facilities at a Point of Interconnection in accordance with the other Party's standard design of equipment, provided that the upgrade or modification is consistent with Good Utility Practice and, if applicable, is approved by ERCOT. The requesting Party shall provide the other Party a minimum of twenty-four (24) months' notice of the requested upgrade or modification of the other Party's terminal facilities at a Point of Interconnection, absent mutual acceptance of a shorter notice period. The Parties agree to use reasonable efforts to coordinate the upgrade or modification of terminal facilities at a Point of Interconnection to minimize any disruption in service by either Party.

#### ARTICLE VII – METERING AND RECORDS

- 7.1 Unless otherwise agreed in writing, all metering equipment required herein shall be selected, installed, tested, operated, and maintained by the Party owning such metering equipment in accordance with Good Utility Practice and the ERCOT Requirements.
- 7.2 The Party that does not own the metering equipment shall be permitted to witness any testing, inspection, maintenance, or alteration of such metering equipment owned by the other Party. The owner of such equipment shall give reasonable advance notice of all tests and inspections so that representatives of the other Party may be present. After providing reasonable advance notice to the other Party, the owning Party may proceed with the scheduled tests or inspections on the identified date and time regardless of whether a witness is present.
- 7.3 If any test or inspection of metering equipment shows that it does not meet the accuracy requirements established by the ERCOT Requirements, the meter or other equipment found to be inaccurate or defective shall be promptly repaired, adjusted, or replaced by the owning Party. Should metering equipment fail to register, the power and energy delivered and received shall be determined in accordance with the ERCOT Requirements.
- 7.4 As long as metering, telemetering or communications facilities are required by the ERCOT Requirements and are operated and maintained in accordance with the ERCOT Requirements, the Party owning those conforming facilities shall allow the other Party to read the meter by means of the existing telemetering and communications facilities. The other Party shall be responsible for any incremental costs incurred by the owning Party to provide any meter reading capability over and above that which is required of the owning Party by the applicable ERCOT Requirements.

# <u>ARTICLE VIII - COMMUNICATION AND TELEMETERING FACILITIES</u>

- 8.1 Unless otherwise agreed in writing or provided in the Facility Schedule(s), each Party shall provide, at its own expense, the necessary communication and telemetering facilities needed for the control and operation of its System.
- 8.2 All communication and telemetering facilities required herein shall be selected, installed, tested, operated, and maintained by the Party owning such equipment in accordance with Good Utility Practice, the ERCOT Requirements, and the Facility Schedule(s).

#### ARTICLE IX - INDEMNIFICATION

NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XIII, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW AND ONLY TO THE EXTENT DIRECTLY RESULTING FROM A PARTY'S NEGLIGENCE OR OTHER FAULT IN THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OR OPERATION OF ITS FACILITIES DURING THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT, SUCH PARTY SHALL (I) ASSUME ALL LIABILITY FOR, AND SHALL INDEMNIFY THE OTHER PARTY AGAINST, ANY AND ALL MONETARY LOSSES SUFFERED BY THE OTHER PARTY OR DAMAGE TO SUCH OTHER PARTY'S PROPERTY, AND (II) INDEMNIFY THE OTHER PARTY AND ITS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS AGAINST

THIRD PERSONS' CLAIMS (AND SUCH INDEMNIFIED PERSON'S COSTS AND EXPENSES OF DEFENSE THEREOF) FOR INJURY TO OR DEATH OF ANY PERSON, DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OF ANY THIRD PERSON, OR DISRUPTION OF THE BUSINESS OF ANY THIRD PERSON. NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE WILL CREATE AN OBLIGATION TO ASSUME, OR INDEMNIFY A PERSON FOR, (A) A PARTY'S COSTS AND EXPENSES, COURT COSTS, OR ATTORNEY FEES INCURRED IN PROSECUTING OR DEFENDING AN ACTION AGAINST THE OTHER PARTY, (B) DAMAGES FOR DISRUPTION OF THE OTHER PARTY'S BUSINESS, OR (C) AMOUNTS PAID BY THE OTHER PARTY IN SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY SET FORTH IN (A) AND (B) SHALL NOT APPLY TO AN INDEMNIFYING PARTY'S GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT. THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT CREATE LIABILITY ON THE PART OF EITHER PARTY TO A THIRD PERSON, BUT REQUIRES INDEMNIFICATION TO THE EXTENT SET FORTH HEREIN WHERE SUCH LIABILITY EXISTS. THIS ARTICLE WILL NOT BE APPLIED TO CREATE AN INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATION THAT IS IN EXCESS OF ANY CONTRIBUTION OBLIGATION A PARTY HAS UNDER CHAPTER 33 OF THE TEXAS CIVIL PRACTICE & REMEDIES CODE.

#### **ARTICLE X - NOTICES**

10.1 Notices of an administrative nature, including but not limited to a notice of termination, notice of default, request for amendment, change to a Point of Interconnection, or request for a new Point of Interconnection, shall be forwarded to the designees listed below for each Party and shall be deemed properly given if delivered in writing in the manner described herein. Any such notice may be given by personal delivery to the Party entitled thereto by e-mail (with confirmation of receipt), by any courier service which guarantees overnight, receipted delivery, or by U.S. Certified or Registered Mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the Party entitled thereto, at:

#### If to ETT:

Electric Transmission Texas, LLC J. Calvin Crowder, President 400 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 800 Austin, Texas 78701-1677 512-391-6301 Fax: (512) 476-2332

With copy to:

American Electric Power Service Corporation
Director, Transmission and Interconnection Services
Robert Pennybaker
212 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119
918-599-2723

rlpennybaker@aep.com

If to CTT:

Cross Texas Transmission, LLC Lawrence Willick, Senior Vice President 400 Chesterfield Center, Suite 105 Chesterfield, MO 63017

With a copy to:

Cross Texas Transmission, LLC James W. Checkley, Jr., VP—Legal and Regulatory 206 East 9th Street, Suite 1750 Austin, Texas 78701

10.2 The above listed names, titles, and addresses of either Party may be changed upon written notification to the other Party.

#### **ARTICLE XI - SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

- 11.1 Subject to the provisions of Section 11.2 below, this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the permitted successors and assigns of the respective Parties.
- Neither Party shall assign its interest in this Agreement in whole or in part without the prior written consent of the other Party. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, provided that neither Party will be required to consent to any assignment which would, in its sole judgment and among other reasons, subject it to additional federal or state regulation, result in the imposition of additional costs of administration which the Party requesting consent to assignment does not agree to reimburse, or in any way diminish the reliability of its System. enlarge its obligations or otherwise create or maintain an unacceptable condition. The respective obligations of the Parties under this Agreement may not be changed, modified, amended, or enlarged, in whole or in part, by reason of the sale, merger, or other business combination of either Party with any other person or entity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Party may assign, without the consent of the other Party, its interest in this Agreement, in whole or in part, to a successor to all or a substantial portion of the Party's transmission business; to any affiliate of the assigning Party with an equal or greater credit rating; to any transmission service provider with the legal authority and operational ability to satisfy the obligations of the assigning Party under this Agreement; or for collateral security purposes in connection with any financing or financial arrangements.
- 11.3 The several provisions of this Agreement are not intended to and shall not create rights of any character whatsoever in favor of any persons, corporations, or associations other than the Parties to this Agreement, and the obligations herein assumed are solely for the use and benefit of the Parties to this Agreement.

## ARTICLE XII – GOVERNING LAW AND REGULATION

- 12.1 THIS AGREEMENT WAS EXECUTED IN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND MUST IN ALL RESPECTS BE GOVERNED BY, INTERPRETED, CONSTRUED, AND ENFORCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS EXCEPT AS TO MATTERS EXCLUSIVELY CONTROLLED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. This Agreement is subject to all valid applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations of duly constituted regulatory authorities having jurisdiction.
- 12.2 In the event that a regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Parties orders a change in the terms of this Agreement, the Parties agree to negotiate in good faith a replacement term that will most nearly accomplish the purpose and intent of the original term consistent with the regulatory order. If the Parties cannot reach an agreement on the replacement term, and if the original term is agreed to be or determined to be an essential provision of this Agreement, either Party may elect to terminate this Agreement by providing sixty (60) days prior written notice of such election to the other Party. An election to terminate under this provision shall not affect either Party's duty to perform prior to the effective date of termination.
- 12.3 In the event any part of this Agreement is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Parties agree to negotiate in good faith a replacement term or provision that will most nearly accomplish the purpose and intent of the original term or provision. In any event, the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and shall constitute a binding agreement between the Parties; provided, however, that if either Party determines, in its sole discretion, that there is a material change in this Agreement by reason of any provision or application being finally determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, and the Parties fail to negotiate a satisfactory replacement term or provision, that Party may terminate this Agreement upon sixty (60) days prior written notice to the other Party. An election to terminate under this provision shall not affect either Party's duty to perform prior to the effective date of termination.

#### ARTICLE XIII – FORCE MAJEURE

Neither Party shall be considered in default with respect to any obligation hereunder, other than the payment of money, if prevented from fulfilling such obligations by reason of any cause beyond its reasonable control, including, but not limited to, an act of God, labor disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, insurrection, riot, fire, storm or flood, explosion, breakage or accident to machinery or equipment, a curtailment, order, regulation or restriction imposed by governmental, military, or lawfully established civilian authorities, or by the making of necessary repairs upon the property or equipment of either Party ("Force Majeure") and neither Party shall be liable to the other for damages that result from such a Force Majeure event. In the event of the occurrence of an event of Force Majeure, the affected Party shall notify the other Party of such Force Majeure as soon as reasonably possible after the determination that an event of Force Majeure has occurred. If performance by either Party has been prevented by such event, the affected Party shall promptly and diligently attempt to remove the cause of its failure to perform, except that neither Party shall be obligated to agree to any settlement of any strike or labor disturbance, that, in the affected Party's opinion, may be

inadvisable or detrimental, or to appeal from any administrative or judicial ruling.

#### **ARTICLE XIV - TERMINATION ON DEFAULT**

- 14.1 The term "Default" shall mean the failure of either Party to perform any obligation in the time or manner provided in this Agreement. No Default shall exist where such failure to discharge an obligation (other than the payment of money) is the result of Force Majeure as defined in this Agreement or the result of an act or omission of the other Party. Upon a Default, the non-defaulting Party shall give written notice of such Default to the defaulting Party. Except as provided in Section 14.2, the defaulting Party shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of the Default notice within which to cure such Default; provided however, if such Default is not capable of cure within thirty (30) days, the defaulting Party shall commence such cure within thirty (30) days after the Default notice and continuously and diligently complete such cure within ninety (90) days from receipt of the Default notice; and, if cured within such time, the Default specified in such Default notice shall cease to exist.
- 14.2 If a Default is not cured as provided in this Article, or if a Default is not capable of being cured within the period provided for herein, the non-defaulting Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by written notice at any time until cure occurs, and be relieved of any further obligation hereunder and, whether or not that Party terminates this Agreement, to recover from the defaulting Party all amounts due hereunder, plus all other damages and remedies to which it is entitled at law or in equity. The provisions of this Article will survive termination of this Agreement.
- 14.3 The failure of a Party to this Agreement to insist, on any occasion, upon strict performance of this Agreement will not be considered to waive the obligations, rights, or duties imposed upon the Parties by this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE XV- MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 15.1 Any undertaking by a Party to the other Party under this Agreement shall not constitute the dedication of the System or any portion thereof of that Party to the public or to the other Party, and it is understood and agreed that any such undertaking shall cease upon the termination of this Agreement.
- 15.2 IN NO EVENT SHALL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE UNDER ANY PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT FOR ANY LOSSES, DAMAGES, COSTS OR EXPENSES FOR ANY SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LOSS OF PROFIT OR REVENUE, LOSS OF THE USE OF EQUIPMENT, COST OF CAPITAL, COST OF TEMPORARY EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES, WHETHER BASED IN WHOLE OR IN PART IN CONTRACT, IN TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE), STRICT LIABILITY, OR ANY OTHER THEORY OF LIABILITY. THE LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION 15.2 ARE NOT INTENDED TO AND SHALL NOT IN ANY MANNER, LIMIT OR QUALIFY THE LIABILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES UNDER ANY OTHER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

- 15.3 Both Parties to this Agreement represent that there is no agreement or other obligation binding upon it, which, as such Party is presently aware, would limit the effectiveness or frustrate the purpose of this Agreement.
- 15.4 This Agreement may be amended only upon mutual agreement of the Parties, which amendment will not be effective until reduced in writing and executed by the Parties.
- 15.5 The descriptive headings of the various sections of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and are to be afforded no significance in the interpretation or construction of this Agreement.
- 15.6 This Agreement will be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all constitute one and the same instrument.

[Signatures are on next page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by the undersigned authorized representatives.

Electric Transmission Texas, LLC

Cross Texas Transmission, LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Calvin Crowder

Title: President

Date: 5-3-13

Name: Lawrence Willick
Title: Senior Vice President

Date: 4/4/13

BY:\_ HLHOODS
DATE:\_Mey 1,2013

# **EXHIBIT A**

FACILITY SCHEDULE NO.	LOCATION OF POINT(S) OF INTERCONNECTION (# of Points)	INTERCONNECTION VOLTAGE (KV)	EFFECTIVE DATE IN THIS AGREEMENT OR SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENT TO THIS AGREEMENT
1	Tesla (4)	345	MAY 3 , 2013

#### FACILITY SCHEDULE NO. 1

1. Name: Tesla

Point of Interconnection location: The Tesla Switch Station ("Station") is located in Childress County, at 574 FM 2638, Childress, Texas 79201, (34° 22' 28.59" N, 100° 05' 14.70" W). There are four (4) Points of Interconnection within the Station at i) the lineside dead-end structure that terminates the Gray station, 345 kV transmission line ("Gray Circuit No. 1"); ii) the line-side dead-end structure that terminates the Gray station, 345 kV transmission line ("Gray Circuit No. 2"); iii) the line-side dead-end structure that terminates the Tule Canyon Station, 345 kV transmission line ("Tule Canyon Circuit No. 1"); and iv) the line-side dead-end structure that terminates the Tule Canyon station, 345 kV transmission line ("Tule Canyon Circuit No. 2"). More specifically the Points of Interconnection are where ETT's 345 kV bus equipment conductors physically connect to CTT's two (2) 345 kV transmission line slack span lines terminating to each of ETT's line-side dead-end structure within the Station fence. Each of CTT's lines consist of three phases with two conductors per phase.

3. <u>Delivery voltage</u>: 345 kV

4. Normally closed: Yes

5. One line diagram attached: Yes

For the communications configurations, reference attached diagrams:

• "Tesla Station Communications Overview and Ownership"

#### 6. Facilities to be furnished and owned or controlled by CTT:

- i. two (2) 345 kV transmission lines, each approximately 109 miles in length, from the Station to Gray station, including associated structures, conductors, insulators, connectors, hardware, shield wire, and one (1) optical ground wire ("OPGW") cable up to the storage coil bracket and splice case located on the Station's lineside dead-end structure and associated right of way.
- ii. two (2) 345 kV transmission lines, each approximately 86 miles in length, from the Station to Tule Canyon station, including associated structures, conductors, insulators, connectors, hardware, shield wire and one (1) OPGW cable up to the storage coil bracket and splice case located on the Station's line-side dead-end structure, and associated right of way.

#### 7. Facilities to be furnished and owned or controlled by ETT:

- i. the Station and all the facilities within it, except for those facilities identified as being owned by CTT in Section 6 above
- ii. four (4) line-side dead-end structures
- iii. four (4) Station-side dead-end structures
- iv. the 345 kV bus equipment conductors (jumpers) connecting to the 345 kV

transmission lines, including associated insulators, connectors, and hardware

#### 8. <u>Cost Responsibility:</u>

Each Party shall be responsible for all costs it incurs associated with facilities it owns at, connected to, or associated with, the Points of Interconnection, including, but not limited to, costs associated with the ownership, engineering, procurement, construction, operation, maintenance, replacement, repair and testing of such facilities.

#### 9. Switching and Clearance:

Each Party will adopt formal switching procedures that govern safety related issues concerning the operation of its switches connected to these Points of Interconnection and will provide a copy of those procedures to the other Party prior to the energization of the Points of Interconnection. The Parties shall coordinate with each other when implementing such procedures. Each Party agrees to comply with the aforementioned switching procedures of the other Party applicable to Points of Interconnection and will notify the other Party in writing of any changes to its procedures relating to the Points of Interconnection.

### 10. Supplemental terms and conditions attached:

The following supplemental terms and conditions shall be met unless there is a conflict between these terms and conditions and ERCOT Requirements, in which case the ERCOT Requirements shall prevail.

- a) Each Party shall provide an access plan to the other for review and joint acceptance. Such access plan is to document access privileges to interconnection facilities and associated equipment.
- b) Each Party shall provide station operational and metering data for facilities it owns or controls to ERCOT via Inter-control Center Communications Protocol (ICCP), or other methods acceptable to ERCOT.
- c) Grounding of all Station facilities shall meet the Station-owner's specifications.
- d) CTT shall have certain telecommunication facilities on the Station site. Each Party's right and responsibilities related to such telecommunication facilities shall be governed by the terms and conditions of that one certain Telecommunication Assets Sharing Agreement of even date herewith, executed by and between the Parties, reference to which is hereby made for all purposes.
- e) The Parties have also entered into an Easement and Right of Way Agreement whereby ETT is granting to CTT an easement and right of way for CTT's transmission lines to be interconnected at the Points of Interconnection, reference to which is hereby made for all purposes.



