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OF

PATSY BAYNARD

ON BEHALF OF

WIND ENERGY TRANSMISSION TEXAS, LLC

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1 I. POSITION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

- 3 A. My name is Patsy Yeates Baynard. My business address is 210 Barton Springs
- 4 Road, Suite 150, Austin, Texas 78704.
- 5 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR CURRENT EMPLOYER AND POSITION.
- 6 A. I am the Program Director for Wind Energy Transmission Texas, LLC (WETT or
- 7 the Company).

8 Q. DID YOU PROVIDE DIRECT TESTIMONY IN THIS DOCKET?

- 9 A. Yes, my direct testimony provides information regarding my background and qualifications.
- 11 Q. HAVE YOU REVIEWED THE TESTIMONY FILED BY AND ON BEHALF OF
- 12 INTERVENORS AND THE TESTIMONY FILED BY PUBLIC UTILITY
- 13 COMMISSION OF TEXAS STAFF (STAFF) IN THIS DOCKET?
- 14 A. Yes.

15 II. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

16 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

- 17 A. The purpose of my testimony is to respond to certain statements made by several
- landowners regarding the general impact the proposed transmission line would have on
- their property, including certain statements in the Direct Testimony of Thomas J. Payton
- 20 filed on behalf of Occidental.¹

21 Q. WHAT IS WETT'S POSITION ON WORKING WITH LANDOWNERS AFTER

22 **ROUTE SELECTION?**

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¹ "Occidental" refers collectively to Occidental Permian, LLC, Permian Basic Limited Partnership, and Oxy USA WTP LP.

1 WETT will attempt in all cases to work with all landowners, including mineral A. 2 interest owners such as Occidental, to minimize impact on their property to the extent it is 3 reasonable. Once the Public Utility Commission (PUC or Commission) determines that 4 the transmission line will be routed across a particular parcel of property, it is WETT's 5 hope that the landowner will work with WETT to identify potential concerns and make 6 suggestions as to how WETT can lessen the transmission line's impact on the 7 landowner's use of his or her property using reasonable minor routing adjustments. 8 Q. DOES WETT BELIEVE IT CAN WORK WITH OCCIDENTAL TO ROUTE THE 9 TRANSMISSION LINE THROUGH OCCIDENTAL'S FACILITIES WITH 10 MINIMAL IMPACT ON OCCIDENTAL'S OPERATIONS? 11 A. Yes. Stan Tessmer discusses various areas of flexibility that would permit WETT 12 to successfully route through Occidental's facilities with minimal impact. In other words,

Yes. Stan Tessmer discusses various areas of flexibility that would permit WETT to successfully route through Occidental's facilities with minimal impact. In other words, WETT is willing to make reasonable and necessary modifications to accommodate Occidental's facilities as well as other landowners' facilities.

15 Q. BASED ON THOMAS J. PAYTON'S TESTIMONY, DOES IT APPEAR THAT
16 OCCIDENTAL WILL EXTEND THAT SAME COURTESY TO WETT?

17 A. No. In several places throughout his direct testimony, Mr. Payton states that

WETT would be required to adjust its plans to avoid Occidental's operations.²

19 Q. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. PAYTON'S POSITION THAT OCCIDENTAL'S
20 LACK OF WILLINGNESS TO MAKE ANY MODIFICATION AFFECTS
21 WETT'S ABILITY TO CONSTRUCT THE TRANSMISSION LINE ACROSS
22 OCCIDENTAL'S PROPERTY?

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² All testimony discussed herein is addressed subject to the objections made by WETT on October 29, 2010. To the extent WETT's motions to strike are granted, any testimony addressing the stricken testimony may be disregarded.

As mentioned above, WETT would prefer to work collaboratively with landowners, including Occidental. However, once the Commission approves the route, it is my understanding that WETT shall have the authority to condemn Occidental's property within the ROW including any fixtures therein. However, it is still WETT's preference that all parties cooperate to identify mutually acceptable alternatives.

6 Q. ARE YOU TESTIFYING TO THIS POSITION IN A LEGAL CAPACITY?

A. No. I am only testifying that it is WETT's position that it will first work with landowners to avoid their facilities and that WETT believes it can avoid obstructions identified by landowners.

10 III. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

11 Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY.

12 A. WETT will attempt to work with all landowners to avoid obstructions on their 13 property. Given the flexibility and measures available to WETT, it is reasonable to 14 believe obstructions, including those identified by Occidental, can be avoided.

15 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?

16 A. Yes.

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STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TRAVIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Dr. Patsy Y. Baynard, having been placed under oath by me, did depose as follows:

My name is Patsy Y. Baynard. I am of legal age and a resident of the State of Texas. The foregoing testimony and exhibit offered by me are true and correct, and the opinions stated therein are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, accurate, true and correct.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME by the said Patsy Y. Baynard this 2 day

of November, 2010.

CARRIE LYNNE MARCHESE Notary Public STATE OF TEXAS My Commission Expires 06/05/2013

Notary Public, State of Texas

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