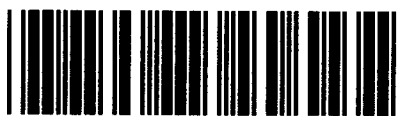




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The Commission through this Order establishes this docket to determine whether the Commission should modify the Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ) transmission plan (CTP) approved by the Commission in Docket No. 33672¹ and further clarified as to implementation and modification in Docket Nos. 37902² and 37928.³

The Commission also orders the Electric Reliability Council of Texas to file in this docket within 30 days of this Order a summary and brief discussion of the re-evaluation of the need for the Gillespie-to-Newton CREZ transmission line and the analysis of the alternative solutions needed to limit curtailment of wind energy.⁴

This docket shall be limited to determining whether the Gillespie-to-Newton transmission line is necessary or whether there are more cost-effective solutions than this specific line to accomplish the goals of the CTP in conformance with PURA § 39.904(g)(2) and P.U.C. SUBST. R.25.174(c).

¹ *Commission Staff's Petition for the Designation of Competitive Renewable Energy Zones*, Docket No. 33672, Order on Rehearing (Nov. 6, 2007).

² *Remand of Docket No. 35665 (Commission Staff's Petition for Selecting Entities Responsible for Transmission Improvements Necessary to Deliver Renewable Energy from Competitive Renewable Energy Zones)*, Docket No. 37902, Order on Remand (Mar. 30, 2010).

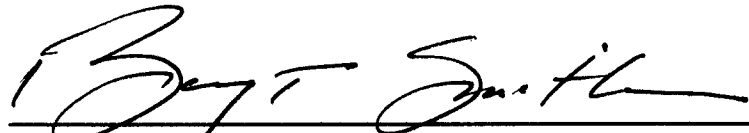
³ *Priority Projects Severed from Docket No. 37902 (Remand of Docket No. 35665 (Commission Staff's Petition for Selecting Entities Responsible for Transmission Improvements Necessary to Deliver Renewable Energy from Competitive Renewable Energy Zones))*, Docket No. 37928, Order on Remand (Feb. 25, 2010).

⁴ Docket No. 33772 and *Application of LCRA Transmission Services Corporation to Amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Gillespie to Newton 345-kV CREZ Transmission Line in Gillespie, Llano, San Saba, Burnet, and Lampasas Counties, Texas*, Docket No. 37448, Letter from H.B. "Trip" Doggett, President and Chief Executive Officer of ERCOT, to Barry Smitherman, Chairman (Aug. 17, 2010).

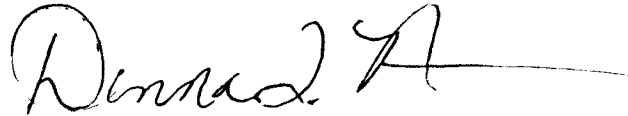
The Commission Advising and Docket Management Division shall provide notice of this docket and establish a procedural schedule to allow the Commission to issue a final order in this docket before the end of this year.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 24th day of August 2010

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



BARRY T. SMITHERMAN, CHAIRMAN



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