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**APPLICATION OF NORTH PLAINS
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. TO
AMEND A CERTIFICATE OF
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
FOR A 69-KV TRANSMISSION LINE
IN HANSFORD COUNTY** §
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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS**

**ORDER NO. 2
ADDRESSING SUFFICIENCY AND NOTICE;
ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On September 9, 2011, North Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NPEC) filed an application to amend a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) for a proposed 69-kV transmission line within Hansford County, Texas.

I. Application Sufficiency

On October 4, 2011, Commission Staff filed comments stating that NPEC's application is sufficient and complete as filed. Consistent with Staff's recommendation, NPEC's application is deemed sufficient and materially complete.

II. Notice

According to Commission Staff's recommendation, NPEC has complied with Commission rules regarding published notice and notice sent to affected landowners, neighboring utilities, and county and municipal officials. Consistent with Staff's recommendation, NPEC's text and provision of notice is approved.

III. Procedural Schedule

Commission Staff's recommendation included a proposed procedural schedule. The following procedural schedule is approved and shall apply to this proceeding:

Intervention Deadline (45 days after filing)	October 24, 2011
Deadline for Intervenor to request a hearing on the merits and deadline for Intervenor comments if no hearing is requested	October 31, 2011

<i>If Qualified for Informal Disposition:</i>	
Deadline for Commission Staff to request a hearing on the merits; deadline for Commission Staff recommendation on final disposition, if no hearing requested	November 7, 2011
Deadline for Applicant to request a hearing or respond to Intervenor comments and Staff recommendation on final disposition or deadline for Parties to file a proposed order including joint proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs	November 14, 2011
If applicable, administrative review completed - 80 days from date of filing	November 28, 2011

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 12th day of October 2011.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



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