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APPLICATION OF AEP TEXAS CENTRAL § **COMPANY TO AMEND A CERTIFICATE** OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR A SERVICE AREA EXCEPTION WITHIN FRIO COUNTY

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STAFF'S COMMENTS ON SUFFICIENCY OF APPLICATION AND NOTICE AND PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

The Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) files these comments on sufficiency and notice regarding the February 27, 2013 filing by AEP Texas Central Company (AEP TCC) to provide service to a specific customer located within the certificated service area of Karnes Electric Cooperative, Inc. (KEC).

PURA/Substantive Rule Requirements

PURA §37.053 requires the applicant to submit an application to obtain or amend a CCN. P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.101(b)(1) requires a certificate, or certificate amendment for a service area exception. The factors to consider in granting a certificate, as well as the requirements for granting amendments to a CCN, are outlined in PURA § 37.056 and P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.101(b).

Staff Comments on Sufficiency

Applicant has provided all information required by the application. Staff finds the application to be sufficient and complete as filed.

Staff Comments on Notice

P.U.C. PROC. R. 22.52 does not require customer notice in minor boundary change proceedings. Accordingly, Staff finds no additional notice (beyond Texas Register notice) is required.

Staff respectfully requests that an order be issued consistent with this recommendation.

Dated: March 13, 2013

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on March 13,

2013, in accordance with P.U.C. Procedural Rule 22.74.

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