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**JOINT APPLICATION OF ELECTRIC § BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE**  
**TRANSMISSION TEXAS, LLC AND §**  
**SHARYLAND UTILITIES TO AMEND §**  
**THEIR CERTIFICATES OF §**  
**CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR § OF**  
**THE NORTH EDINBURG TO LOMA §**  
**ALTA DOUBLE-CIRCUIT 345-KV §**  
**TRANSMISSION LINE IN HIDALGO §**  
**AND CAMERON COUNTIES, TEXAS § ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

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**SOAH ORDER NO. 10**  
**ESTABLISHING BRIEFING DEADLINES AND**  
**ADMITTING EVIDENCE**

The Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) convened the hearing on the merits on December 3, 2013, and the hearing concluded the next day. Evidence was admitted and witnesses were cross-examined. The ALJ will now write a Proposal for Decision (PFD), which is the ALJ's decision and recommendation to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission). The Commission makes the final decision in this case.

The ALJ will likely issue the PFD on January 30, 2014, and the Commissioners will discuss the PFD and decide the case at an open meeting. The meeting date will be determined by the Commission, and the Commission will send notice of the open meeting date to the parties.<sup>1</sup> At the open meeting, the Commissioners may take comment from the parties or may have questions; therefore, the ALJ encourages the parties to attend the open meeting although attendance is not required.

In order to assist the ALJ in writing the PFD, any party may file initial briefs.<sup>2</sup> Initial briefs are due on **December 18, 2013**. A brief is simply a party's closing argument; new evidence will not be considered. Reply briefs are due **January 8, 2014**. Reply briefs are not

<sup>1</sup> The Commission will also set deadlines for filing: (1) exceptions to the PFD; and (2) replies to any exceptions. Exceptions note any legal and factual errors in the PFD.

<sup>2</sup> Joint Applicants shall file proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law with their initial briefs. Any other party that wishes to file proposed findings of fact and conclusion of law shall do so in initial briefs.

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required and should not raise new argument. Rather, reply briefs respond to any argument raised in initial briefs. Intervenor parties who have filed testimony and/or comment are not required to file briefs.

The ALJ requests that parties filing extensive briefs also provide the ALJ a copy of such in Word format. Please forward the Word document to the ALJ's assistant, Ms. Erin Hurley at [erin.hurley@soah.texas.gov](mailto:erin.hurley@soah.texas.gov).

The ALJ admitted the testimony of a large number of intervenors but failed to admit all pre-filed testimony. The direct testimony of the parties listed below is also admitted as evidence.

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SIGNED December 5, 2013.

  
LILO D. POMERLEAU  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS