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APPLICATION OF SOUTH TEXAS §
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR §
INTERIM UPDATE OF WHOLESAL §
TRANSMISSION RATE §

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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ORDER NO. 1
ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On June 18, 2015, South Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. (STEC) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) for interim update of wholesale transmission rates pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 25.192(h)(1) (TAC). STEC requested an interim revision to its previously-approved transmission cost of service (TCOS) and wholesale transmission rate.

Together with the application, STEC filed the testimonies of Frances J. Nitschmann and Cory J. Allen and the interim TCOS filing package, schedules, and workpapers.

STEC's application compares the actual April 30, 2015, transmission net plant balances with the September 30, 2013, net plant balances established in Docket No. 42023.¹ The \$114,345,641 difference between these two balances provides the increase in STEC's rate base for this proceeding. The increase in invested capital of \$114,345,641 plus the increase in depreciation and property taxes results in a total revenue increase of \$13,245,949. STEC further requested that the Commission approve an interim wholesale transmission rate of \$1.163390 per kilowatt per year.

STEC proposed direct written notice to every distribution service provider listed in the last docket in which the Commission set the annual transmission service charges for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas.² Upon completion of the notice described, STEC will file an affidavit attesting to such notice by a date established by the presiding officer.

¹ *Application of South Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. for Interim Update of Wholesale Transmission Rate Pursuant to P.U.C. PROC. R. 25.192(h)(1), Docket No. 42023, Notice of Approval (Jan. 16, 2014).*

² *Commission Staff's Application to Set 2015 Wholesale Transmission Service Charges for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Docket No. 43881 (Mar. 27, 2015).*


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Pursuant to 16 TAC § 25.192(h)(4), an application for interim update of transmission rates shall be approved administratively within 60 days of the filing of the application provided that qualifying factors are met. Accordingly, the following procedural schedule shall apply to this proceeding.

Deadline for STEC to file affidavit of notice	June 25, 2015
Deadline to intervene	July 9, 2015
Deadline to file a motion to find the application materially deficient	July 9, 2015
Deadline for STEC's response to a motion to find the application materially deficient	July 16, 2015
Deadline for intervenors to file comments on the merits or request for hearing	July 23, 2015
Deadline for Commission Staff to request a hearing or to file a recommendation on final disposition	July 30, 2015
Deadline for STEC to request a hearing or respond to intervenor comments and Commission Staff's recommendation on final disposition; or if no disputed issues exist, deadline for parties to file proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law and ordering paragraphs	August 6, 2015

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS on the 18th day of June 2015.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



 JEFFREY J. HUHN
 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE