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RE: Docket No. 45624; *Application of the City of Garland to Amend a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Rusk to Panola Double-Circuit 345-kV Transmission Line in Rusk and Panola Counties*

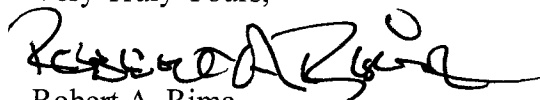
Dear Commissioners,

This letter is to inform you that Southern Cross Transmission LLC (SCT), as a precautionary measure, is today filing appeals in state and federal court to preserve its rights to challenge the Commission's September 8, 2016 order in the event that order is determined to be the final order in Docket No. 45624. This action is being taken to mitigate the risk that the Commission's December 1, 2016 Order Granting Rehearing was not effective to extend the Commission's jurisdiction in this Docket.

The applicable provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, Tex. Gov't Code Ann. § 2001.146, were recently amended and have not yet been subject to extensive judicial analysis, resulting in some uncertainty about the Commission's ability to extend the statutory deadlines contained in those provisions. Under the circumstances, and even though SCT is not opposed to the Commission's apparent construction of Texas Government Code section 2001.146, SCT was compelled to preserve its appellate rights by filing the state and federal court proceedings. In addition, SCT remains hopeful that a filing at FERC will be unnecessary and therefore no FERC filing is being made at this time.

SCT understands that the Commission is considering further action in this Docket and SCT intends to continue to participate fully. SCT has made it clear in both the state and federal suits that they are being filed at this time solely as protective measures. Please understand that SCT has taken these actions only to avoid a potential procedural trap that could jeopardize SCT's rights and not to detract from the Commission's continuing evaluation of the issues being addressed on rehearing in this proceeding.

Very Truly Yours,



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