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RE: Project No. 45633, *Project to Identify Issues Pertaining to Lubbock Power & Light's Proposal to Become Part of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas*

Dear Commissioners:

At its July 28, 2017 Open Meeting, the Commission considered certain issues raised by Lubbock Power and Light ("LP&L") in a letter filed in this project on July 17, 2017 ("July 17 Letter"), specifically, whether LP&L may initiate a contested proceeding to determine if LP&L's transitioning a portion of its load to ERCOT is in the public interest. At that Open Meeting, the Commission postponed discussion of the procedural issues raised in LP&L's letter until the next Open Meeting, scheduled for August 17. As this matter was not posted to the agenda of the August 17 meeting, this letter will provide an update to the Commission regarding developments occurring since the previous letter, and to highlight the remaining points of guidance that LP&L requests.

Since the July 28 Open Meeting discussion, the Commission's Staff contacted LP&L to see if it would agree not to file its application before September 1 because of Staff's workload and staffing constraints. LP&L has agreed to Staff's request. However, LP&L notes the scheduling concern described in its July 17 Letter. The timeline for subsequent CCN proceedings, and the planning and construction of the relevant lines, requires a Commission decision in the public interest proceeding in early 2018.

For clarity, LP&L respectfully requests the Commission's guidance on the following issues, each of which was addressed in its July 17 Letter:

1. May LP&L initiate a contested proceeding to address its request to join a portion of its load with ERCOT?

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2. Will the Commission hear LP&L's public interest proceeding itself?
3. If not, will the Commission instruct SOAH to adopt a schedule that will accommodate a Commission final decision by February 28, 2018?

In the absence of further guidance to the contrary, LP&L will prepare an application to initiate the public interest proceeding on September 1, 2017. I will be present at the August 31, 2017 Open Meeting should you have questions regarding this matter. LP&L appreciates your consideration of this letter.

Respectfully,



Chris Brewster  
On Behalf of Lubbock Power & Light

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