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CORPORATION TO AMEND ITS §
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PROPOSED LEANDER TO ROUND §
ROCK 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE §
PROJECT IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY, §
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OF TEXAS

**LCRA TRANSMISSION SERVICES CORPORATION'S
RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 1**

TO THE HONORABLE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS:

COMES NOW LCRA Transmission Services Corporation (LCRA TSC) and files this, its Response to Order No. 1 issued by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) on April 29, 2016. This response is timely filed. The Commission requested that the following issues be addressed by LCRA TSC:

- 1. Has the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) Independent System Operator (ISO) recommended the proposed transmission project as necessary to alleviate “existing and potential transmission and distribution constraints and system needs within ERCOT” in the annual report filed pursuant to PURA¹ § 39.155(b)? If not, is there a need for the proposed transmission project?**

In accordance with PURA § 39.155(b), ERCOT Nodal Protocols Section 3.11, and ERCOT Planning Guide Section 3, LCRA TSC submitted the proposed project as a Tier 1 project for ERCOT’s review in December 2013. After review by the ERCOT Regional Planning Group and ERCOT’s subsequent independent review, ERCOT System Planning staff recommended the proposed project to the ERCOT Technical Advisory Committee and to the ERCOT Board of Directors. In June 2014, the ERCOT Board of Directors recommended the proposed Leander to Round Rock 138-kV transmission line project (Proposed Project) as needed to support the reliability of the ERCOT regional

¹ Public Utility Regulatory Act, TEX. UTIL. CODE ANN. §§ 11.001-66.017 (West 2007 & Supp. 2015) (PURA).

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transmission system (see Attachment 2 to LCRA TSC's application that was filed in this docket on April 28, 2016 ("Application")).

The Proposed Project is included in ERCOT's December 2015 report on Existing and Potential Electric System Constraints and Needs in the database titled "Transmission Project Information Tracking (TPIT)" and referenced at page 5 of the report.

- 2. If such a need exists, is the proposed transmission project the best option to meet the need, based on an analysis taking into account considerations of efficiency, reliability, costs, and benefits?**

Yes, the Proposed Project is the best option to address the specified need for electric service based on several analyses taking into account considerations of efficiency, reliability, costs, and benefits. Information supporting this response is provided in the responses to Questions 14 and 15 in the Application and incorporated herein by reference. The analyses were conducted by multiple entities including LCRA TSC and ERCOT.

- 3. For utilities subject to the unbundling requirements of PURA § 39.051, is the proposed transmission project the best option when compared to employing distribution facilities to meet the specified need?**

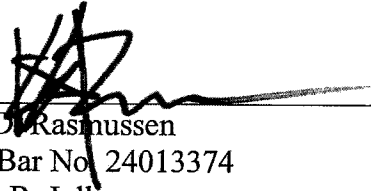
The Proposed Project is the best option when compared to employing distribution facilities to meet the specified need. Information supporting this response is provided in the response to Question 15 in the Application and incorporated herein by reference.

- 4. For utilities not subject to the unbundling requirements of PURA § 39.051, is the proposed transmission project the best option when compared to employing distribution facilities, distributed generation, and/or energy efficiency to meet the specified need?**

LCRA TSC is subject to the unbundling requirements of PURA § 39.051.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document was served on all parties of record on this date, May 12, 2016, in accordance with P.U.C. Procedural Rule 22.74.



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