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APPLICATION OF ELECTRIC
TRANSMISSION TEXAS, LLC FOR
INTERIM UPDATE OF WHOLESALE
TRANSMISSION RATES

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COMMISSION STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest and files this Recommendation on Sufficiency and would show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On October 26, 2017, Electric Transmission Texas, LLC (ETT) 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). In its application, ETT requested an interim revision to its previously approved transmission cost of service (TCOS) and wholesale transmission rate. ETT proposes its new rates become effective no later than the 60th day following the filing of the Application. ETT’s application compares the actual September 30, 2017 transmission net plant balances with transmission net plant balances established in Docket No. 44550.¹ The difference between those two balances provides the basis for the increase in invested capital for ETT in this proceeding. ETT requested an increase in total transmission rate base of \$47,231,751 with a revenue requirement increase of \$5,469,225. ETT further requested that the Commission approve an interim wholesale transmission rate of \$4.909907 per kW-year.

On October 27, 2017, the administrative law judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 1 which set November 16, 2017 as the deadline to file a motion finding ETT’s application materially deficient. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

¹ Year-End 2014 Electric Utility Earnings Report Pursuant to Subst. R. § 25.73, Project No. 44550, Letter to Commissioners Regarding Open Meeting (Jan. 4, 2017).

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II. SUFFICIENCY OF APPLICATION

Staff has reviewed ETT's application and has determined that there are no material deficiencies. Therefore, Staff recommends ETT's application be deemed sufficient for a review on the merits.

III. SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

On October 27, 2017, ETT filed an affidavit attesting to the provision of notice. The affidavit indicated that ETT had provided written notice to all the parties that had participated in ETT's last complete review of its TCOS in Docket No. 33734² and to all distribution service providers listed in Docket No. 46604³, in which the Commission set the annual transmission service charges for ERCOT. Staff has reviewed ETT's proof of notice and has determined that it satisfies the requirements of 16 TAC § 25.192(h)(4)(A).

IV. CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that ETT's notice and application be deemed sufficient for further review on the merits.

² Application of Electric Transmission Texas, LLC for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, For Regulatory Approvals, and Initial Rates, Docket No. 33734, Order on Rehearing (Dec. 21, 2007).

³ *Commission Staff's Application to Set 2017 Wholesale Transmission Service Charges for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas*, Docket No. 46604, Final Order (Mar. 30, 2017).

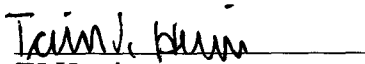
Dated: November 16, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
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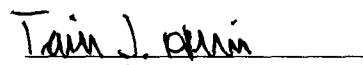
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on November 16, 2017 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.


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