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COMPLIANCE FILING OF ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. RELATING TO PARTICIPATION IN SMART METER TEXAS AND CHANGES TO ITS ADVANCED METERING SYSTEM	§ § § § § § §	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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FILING CLERK**COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 2**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Commission Staff's Response to Order No. 2 and would show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On October 9, 2018, Entergy Texas, Inc. (Entergy) filed an application to initiate a proceeding to determine: (1) whether and to what extent it will participate in Smart Meter Texas; (2) what changes, if any, should be made to its web-based customer interface; and (3) whether and to what extent it should provide third-party direct access to customer advanced metering system data.

On November 16, 2018, the Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC) requested a hearing.

On October 29, 2018, Order No. 2 was issued requiring Staff to file a final recommendation or request a hearing 20 days after the November 30, 2018 intervention date. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 2

Because OPUC requested a hearing on November 16, 2018, the matter should be referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings. Staff notes that it needs additional time to conduct discovery to develop a position in this case.

III. CONCLUSION

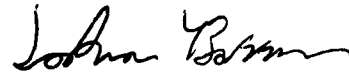
Because an intervening party has already requested a hearing, the case should be referred to SOAH for continued processing.

Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
TEXAS LEGAL DIVISION**

Margaret Uhlig Pemberton
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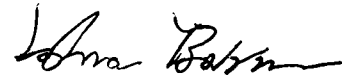
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on December 20, 2018 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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