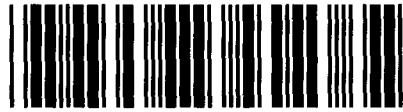


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ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. TO §
AMEND A CERTIFICATE OF §
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR §
A SERVICE AREA EXCEPTION IN §
LAMPASAS COUNTY §

OF TEXAS

**COMMISSION STAFF’S COMMENTS ON SUFFICIENCY
OF APPLICATION AND NOTICE**

COMES NOW the Commission Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this response to Order No. 1, Commission Staff’s Comments on Sufficiency of Application and Notice. Staff recommends that the application be deemed sufficient for further review. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On April 3, 2019, Hamilton County Electric Cooperative Association, Inc. (Hamilton) and Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Pedernales) (collectively Applicants) filed an application for a service area exception for Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 30138 in Lampasas County, pursuant to Public Utility Regulatory Act §§ 37.053-37.056 (PURA) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 25.101. Specifically, Pedernales seeks approval to extend its electric facilities to provide electric service to a residence and water well located within Hamilton's singly-certificated service area. Hamilton has agreed to relinquish its rights to provide service to the requested area.

Order No. 1, issued April 8, 2019, gave Staff a deadline of April 19, 2019, to file comments on the sufficiency of the application, the need for additional notice, and whether the Commission should regard this case as a service area exception. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. STAFF COMMENTS ON SUFFICIENCY

After reviewing the application filed in this docket, Staff recommends that Applicants have provided all information required by the application and 16 TAC § 25.101(b)(1)(B) and that the application is sufficient and complete for further review. This recommendation does not address

the merits of the application; such a recommendation will be filed according to the procedural schedule established in Order No. 1.

III. STAFF COMMENTS ON SERVICE AREA EXCEPTION

Staff recommends that this case should be processed as a service area exception, pursuant to 16 TAC § 25.101(b)(1)(B).

IV. STAFF COMMENTS ON NOTICE

Staff notes that the affected parties have been given notice, as demonstrated in Attachments A and B of the application, and recommends that no additional notice be required.

V. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with the above recommendations.

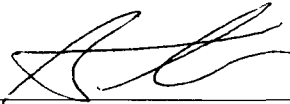
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Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on April 16, 2019, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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