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JOINT APPLICATION OF WIND	§	PUBLIC CHILITY COMMISSION
ENERGY TRANSMISSION TEXAS, LLC	_§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
AND ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY	§	FILING CLERK
COMPANY LLC TO AMEND THEIR	§	
RESPECTIVE CERTIFICATES OF	§	
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR	§	OF TEXAS
THE PROPOSED BEARKAT	§	
SWITCHING STATION TO	§	
LONGSHORE SWITCHING STATION	§	
345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN	§	
GLASSCOCK AND HOWARD	§	
COUNTIES.	§	

COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR HEARING AND REFERRAL TO THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest and files this response to Order No. 2, Commission Staff's Request for Hearing and Referral to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). In support thereof, Commission Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On January 14 2020, Wind Energy Transmission Texas, LLC (WETT) and Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (Oncor)(collectively, Applicants) filed an application to amend their respective Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to allow them to build a new single-circuit, double-circuit capable, 345 kV electric transmission line of approximately 29.8 miles to 44.3 miles to be built between a new 345 kV bay at WETT's existing Bearkat 345 kV high-voltage Switching Station and a new 345 kV bay at Oncor's existing Longshore Switching Station.

On February 14, 2020, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 2, setting a deadline of March 13, 2020, for Staff to request a hearing on the merits. This pleading is therefore timely filed.

II. REQUEST FOR REFERRAL

On February 26, 2020, Citation Oil and Gas Corp. filed a Request for Hearing at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.¹ Since then, additional parties have requested a hearing on the merits, including Joyful Joyful Holdings.² Consequently, in lieu of filing a recommendation on final disposition, Staff respectfully requests that this case be referred to SOAH for a hearing on the merits.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff respectfully recommends an order be issued referring the case to SOAH for a hearing on the merits.

¹ Citation & Gas Corp. Motion to Intervene and Request for Hearing (February 26, 2020).

² Motion to Intervene and Request for Hearing (February 28, 2020).

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Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on March 10,

2020, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

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