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APPLICATION OF CITY OF SAN
ANTONION TO AMEND ITS
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND

NECESSITY FOR THE SCENIC LOOP 138-KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

IN BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

**OF TEXAS** 

# COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR HEARING

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**COMES NOW** the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest and files this Response to Order No. 5, Staff's Request for Hearing. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

#### I. BACKGROUND

On July 22, 2020, the City of San Antonio, acting by and through the City Public Service Board (CPS Energy) filed an application to amend its certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) for the Scenic Loop 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line project in Bexar County, Texas.

On August 21, 2020, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 5, requiring Staff to file a recommendation on final disposition or request a hearing on the merits by September 15, 2020. This pleading is therefore timely filed.

### II. REQUEST FOR HEARING

On August 5, 2020 Intervenor Clearwater Ranch POA filed its Request for Hearing at the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).\(^1\) Subsequently, additional parties have requested a hearing on the merits, including Anaqua Springs HOA.\(^2\) Consequently, Staff will not

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Clearwater Ranch POA's Request for Hearing on the Merits (AIS Item No. 19) (August 5, 2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 51023 Anaqua Springs HOA Motion to Intervene and Request for Hearing (AIS Item No. 202) (September 3, 2020).

be filing a recommendation on final disposition and requests that this case be referred to SOAH for a hearing on the merits.

#### III. CONCLUSION

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

Dated: September 14, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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# DOCKET NO. 51023 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on September 14, 2020, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Rustin Tawater Rustin Tawater