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APPLICATION OF EL PASO §
ELECTRIC COMPAY TO AMEND §
ITS CERTIFICATE OF §
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY §
FOR THE SEABECK-TO-SAN FELIPE §
115-KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN EL §
PASO COUNTY §

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COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO AMENDED ORDER NO. 1

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and in response to Amended Order No. 1, files this Recommendation on El Paso Electric Company's (EPE) Response to Order No. 1. In support thereof, Staff respectfully shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On November 16, 2020, EPE filed an application to amend its certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) No. 30050 for the construction and operation of the proposed Seabeck-to-San Felipe 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line in El Paso County.

On November 18, 2020, the administrative law judge filed Amended Order No. 1, requiring Staff to file recommendations or comments on EPE's responses to the four standard electric CCN questions regarding alternatives to the project by December 10, 2020. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. RECOMMENDATION

On November 30, 2020, EPE filed its responses to the four standard electric CCN questions posed in Amended Order No. 1. Staff has reviewed the responses and recommends that EPE's responses are sufficient and in accordance with Staff's understanding of the application.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests that EPE's responses to the four electric CCN questions be deemed sufficient for further processing of this docket.

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Dated: December 10, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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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 December 10, 2020, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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