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APPLICATION OF AEP TEXAS INC. § BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
TO ADJUST ENERGY EFFICIENCY §
COST RECOVERY FACTOR AND § OF
RELATED RELIEF § ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**AEP TEXAS INC.'S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION STAFF'S
SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

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Question No. Staff 2-1:

Please refer to Table 13 and Table 14 of Schedule S attached to AEP's application (bates page 225-226). Please provide the following information:

- a. A detailed breakdown of the administrative and research and development costs outlined in Table 13 and Table 14 for the 2020 program year; and
- b. Copies of applicable invoices and contracts.

Response No. Staff 2-1:

Counsel for Staff has agreed to extend the deadline for responding to this request until July 15, 2021.

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Question No. Staff 2-2:

Please refer to Table 6 and Table 7 of Schedule S attached to AEP's application (bates page 214-215). Please provide the following information:

- a) A detailed breakdown of the research and development costs proposed for the 2021 and 2022 program years; and
- b) Copies of applicable contracts.

Response No. Staff 2-2:

- a) AEP Texas has included \$67,000 for the projected costs associated with its program-tracking database for 2021. The Company also utilizes R&D for staff development, including attending energy efficiency related conferences, workshops, and/or training to stay current with industry trends. Program coordinators conduct research each year for the upcoming program year to adjust their assigned programs as necessary to meet program objectives. AEP Texas allots approximately \$75,000 for staff research and development. This includes research of program design and/or measure and/or re-development of the programs for 2021 based upon EM&V recommendations. AEP Texas will be spending approximately \$16,000 in 2021 for updates to the Technical Reference Manual (TRM) based on the statewide evaluator recommendations. In 2021, AEP Texas is continuing research projects on electric vehicles and foodservice equipment for potential programs.

AEP Texas' projections for 2022 R&D expenses include the items listed above. Additionally for 2022, AEP Texas is planning to review its residential SOP programs and determine potential adjustments to those programs based on the recommendations from the statewide EM&V as a result of the residential consumption analysis. AEP Texas has budgeted \$40,000 for this study. AEP Texas has budgeted \$70,000 for the cost of the tracking databases as well as approximately \$20,000 for any updates to the TRM.

- b) See Staff 2-2 HIGHLY SENSITIVE Attachment 1.

Staff 2-2 HIGHLY SENSITIVE Attachment 1 responsive to this request is HIGHLY SENSITIVE PROTECTED MATERIAL under the terms of the Protective Order. Due to current restrictions associated with COVID-19, this information is being provided electronically and a secure login to access the information will be provided upon request to individuals who have signed the Protective Order Certification.

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