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APPLICATION OF AEP TEXAS INC. TO ADJUST ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY COST RECOVERY FACTOR AND RELATED RELIEF

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF THE NOTICE

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On June 1, 2021, AEP Texas Inc. (AEP Texas) filed an application requesting to adjust its Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor (EECRF) and for other related relief under PURA § 39.905 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §§ 25.181 and 25.182.

On June 4, 2021, the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) administrative law judge (ALJ) issued SOAH Order No. 1, requiring the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff) to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of the proposed notice by June 9, 2021. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. COMMENTS ON THE SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

Staff has reviewed the proof of notice filed by AEP Texas and recommends that the notice satisfies the requirements under 16 TAC § 25.182(d)(13)–(14). AEP Texas filed its proof of notice within 14 days of filing the application as required by 16 TAC § 25.182(d)(14). The affidavit attesting to proof of notice states that AEP Texas completed its notice via email on June 1, 2021, which is within seven days of the application's filing date as required by 16 TAC § 25.182(d)(13).

Additionally, in accordance with 16 TAC § 25.182(d)(13), the affidavit attests that AEP Texas provided direct notice to: (1) all parties of record in AEP Texas's most recently completed base rate case, Docket No. 49494; (2) all parties of record in AEP Texas's most recent EECRF filing, Docket No. 50892; (3) all retail electric providers (REPs) who have been certified by the Commission to provide electric service in AEP Texas's service area; and (4) the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, the state agency that administers the federal weatherization program. Therefore, Staff recommends that notice be found sufficient.

Staff will provide a recommendation on the sufficiency of the application in accordance with the timeline established by SOAH Order No. 1.

II. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully recommends that the notice be deemed sufficient.

June 9, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

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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 June 9, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

<u>/s/ Daniel Moore</u> Daniel Moore