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

SOAH ORDER NO. 2
FINDING NOTICE SUFFICIENT, ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE, AND
CANCELING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

I. SUFFICIENCY

On June 9, 2021, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) staff (Staff) filed its recommendation that the notice filed by AEP Texas Inc. (AEP Texas), as evidenced by its June 4, 2021 proof of notice, be found sufficient. No party opposed Staff's recommendation. AEP Texas's proposed notice is deemed to be sufficient.

II. CANCELATION OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE; PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On June 15, 2021, AEP Texas filed an agreed proposed procedural schedule and unopposed motion to cancel the June 16, 2021 telephonic prehearing conference. The motion is **GRANTED**; the prehearing conference is **CANCELED**, and the following procedural schedule **SHALL** apply to this case:

Event	Deadline
Notice Completed	June 8, 2021
Proof of Notice	June 15, 2021
Intervention Deadline	July 6, 2021
Request for Hearing	July 6, 2021
	<u>If No Hearing Requested</u>
Staff Recommendation	July 21, 2021

Event	Deadline
Parties' Proposed Order	August 11, 2021
	<u>If Hearing Requested</u>
End of Discovery on AEP Texas Direct	July 20, 2021
Intervenor Direct Testimony	July 21, 2021
Objections to AEP Texas and Intervenor Direct Testimony	July 28, 2021
Staff Direct Testimony	July 28, 2021
End of Discovery on Intervenor Direct	July 28, 2021
End of Discovery on Staff Direct	August 4, 2021
Replies to Objections to AEP Texas and Intervenor Direct Testimony	August 4, 2021
Objections to Staff Direct Testimony	August 4, 2021
AEP Texas Rebuttal and Staff and Intervenor Cross-Rebuttal Testimony	August 9, 2021
Objections to AEP Texas Rebuttal and Staff and Intervenor Cross-Rebuttal	August 16, 2021
Replies to Objections to AEP Texas and Staff and Intervenor Cross-Rebuttal	August 23, 2021
Deadline for Taking Depositions	August 24, 2021
Hearing on the Merits (by Zoom)	September 13, 2021
Initial Briefs	September 27, 2021
Reply Briefs, Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law	October 11, 2021


In addition, as agreed by the parties, the following procedures apply to this proceeding:

1. Workpapers for all testimony are due **one working day after the testimony is filed.**
2. Except as otherwise set forth in the procedural schedule, responses to requests for information (RFIs) shall be filed **within 10 calendar days of receipt.**
3. Objections to RFIs shall be filed **within five working days of receipt.**

4. Motions to compel shall be filed **within two working days of receipt of objections.**
5. Responses to motions to compel shall be filed **within two working days of receipt of the motion to compel.**
6. Responses to any motion or other pleading shall be filed **within three working days from the receipt of the pleading to which the response is made.**
7. Drafts of testimony and emails transmitting drafts of testimony are not discoverable.
8. E-mail is an acceptable form of service for filings.
9. RFIs that are received after 12:00 noon on Friday shall be deemed to have been received the following business day.
10. Parties will provide their written discovery requests (RFI questions, requests for production of documents, and requests for admission—but not the pleading, instructions, etc.) in Word format.

If a hearing on the merits is requested by the July 6, 2021 deadline, the ALJ will convene the hearing at **9:00 a.m. on September 13, 2021**, using the Zoom videoconference platform, and will issue an order providing the instructions to dial into the Zoom hearing.

SIGNED June 15, 2021.


CHRISTIAAN SIANO
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS