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**APPLICATION OF ELECTRIC §
RELIABILITY COUNCIL OF TEXAS, § PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INC. FOR A DEBT OBLIGATION §
ORDER TO FINANCE UPLIFT § OF TEXAS
BALANCES UNDER PURA CHAPTER §
39, SUBCHAPTER N, AND FOR A §
GOOD CAUSE EXCEPTION**

STATEMENT OF POSITION OF AEP ENERGY PARTNERS

COMES NOW AEP Energy Partners, Inc. (AEP Energy Partners) and files this Statement of Position in the above referenced proceeding. Pursuant to Order No. 2, this Statement of Position is timely filed.

Although AEP Energy Partners will not be filing direct testimony in this proceeding, AEP Energy Partners reserves its right to continue to participate in this docket, including the hearing on the merits and briefing. As a market participant, AEP Energy Partners urges the Commission to approve a recovery mechanism for the uplift amounts that creates a level playing field for all market participants. Whether market participants were active during the winter storm or new entrants to the market after the storm, all entities should bear a proportionate share of the burden of the costs of the uplift to avoid creating a competitive advantage to only certain market participants.

Dated: August 12, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 28, 2021, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served on all parties of record in this proceeding by email in accordance with the Commission's Second Order Suspending Rules issued on July 16, 2020, in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Melissa Gage

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