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Regulatory Project Manager

August 26, 2021

Mr. John Silovsky – Director of Wildlife

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

4200 Smith School Road

Austin, Texas 78744

**Re: PUC Docket No.** **52455,** ***Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC to Amend Its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Old Country Switch 345-kV Tap Transmission Line Project in Ellis County, Texas***

Dear Mr. Silovsky:

Pursuant to the rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (“Commission”), please find enclosed a copy of the Environmental Assessment and Routing Study (“EA”) attached to the application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (“Oncor”) requesting certification for the above-referenced Old Country Switch 345 kilovolt (“kV”) tap transmission line project (“Proposed Transmission Line Project”), filed at the Commission on August 26, 2021, in Commission Docket No. 52455.

This docket concerns Oncor’s request for approval to construct and operate a new 345 kV transmission line between the proposed Oncor Old Country Switch station and the proposed Oystercatcher Solar Substation, both located in Ellis County. The proposed Oncor Old Country Switch station will be located along the existing Oncor Venus Switch – Navarro Switch 345 kV transmission line approximately two miles west of Interstate Highway 35 East (I-35E) and approximately 0.3 miles to the east of Farm to Market Road (FM) 876. The proposed Oystercatcher Solar Substation will be located proximal to the intersection of Iola Lane and L R Campbell Road, approximately 3.5 miles to the north-northwest of Italy, Texas. The Proposed Transmission Line Project will be approximately 5 miles northwest of downtown Italy, Texas. The proposed transmission line will be approximately 3.2 – 4.9 miles in length, depending upon the route approved by the Commission. The EA provides a detailed description of the data gathered and analyzed by Freese and Nichols, Inc., the environmental/routing consultant retained by Oncor for the Proposed Transmission Line Project.

Oncor respectfully requests to be copied on any correspondence that TPWD might send to the Commission regarding this project. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this transmittal or the Proposed Transmission Line Project.

Sincerely,

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cc w/o attachments:

Albert Esser, Public Utility Commission

Jaren Taylor, Vinson & Elkins