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<b>APPLICATION OF ONCOR ELECTRIC</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE</b>
<b>DELIVERY COMPANY LLC TO</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>OF</b>
<b>THE OLD COUNTRY SWITCH 345-KV</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>TAP TRANSMISSION LINE IN ELLIS</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS</b>

**SOAH ORDER NO. 2**  
**MEMORIALIZING PREHEARING CONFERENCE, REFERRING TO MEDIATION,**  
**ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE, AND SCHEDULING**  
**FINAL PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND HEARING ON THE MERITS**

**I. PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

On December 10, 2021, Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) Linda H. Brite and Katerina DeAngelo of the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) held an initial prehearing conference in this case through the Zoom videoconferencing platform. An official record of the hearing was taken by Kennedy Reporting. Oncor Electric Delivery LLC (Oncor), the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), Chambers Creek Ranch LLC, and Lone Star Texas Land & Cattle Company LLC appeared. All appearances of the parties will be reflected in the official transcript. At the prehearing conference, the parties did not identify any issues with the service list.

**II. REFERRING TO MEDIATION**

The parties indicated that they were open to mediation and requested that the ALJs refer this case for mediation. **IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:**

1. This case is referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) Alternative Dispute Resolution Team Leader, ALJ Holly Vandrovec, for appointment of a mediator. With the issuance of this Order, the official file in this case is transferred to Judge Vandrovec for assignment of a mediator. The mediator will be contacting the parties directly.

2. The mediator will schedule a mediation in consultation with the parties.
3. The parties are ordered to appear at the mediation with a party representative who has full authority to settle this case on behalf of that party.
4. Should the mediation be unsuccessful, the case shall be returned to the undersigned ALJ.

### III. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On December 6, 2021, Oncor submitted an Unopposed Proposed Procedural Schedule with the authorization to represent that all parties support or do not oppose the schedule. Accordingly, the ALJs adopt the following procedural schedule, which shall govern this case going forward:

Event	Deadline
<b>First Prehearing Conference</b>	<b>December 10, 2021</b>
Applicant's Direct Testimony	December 17, 2021
Objections to Applicant's Direct Testimony	December 30, 2021
Statement on Route Adequacy and Request for Route Adequacy Hearing	January 10, 2022
Replies to Objections to Applicant's Direct Testimony	January 14, 2022
Replies to Statement on Route Adequacy	January 20, 2022
Hearing on Route Adequacy (if necessary)	January 31, 2022
<b>Intervenor Direct Testimony or Statement of Position *</b>	<b>February 28, 2022</b>
Deadline to Serve Discovery on Applicant's Direct Testimony	March 1, 2022
<b>Staff Direct Testimony</b>	<b>March 7, 2022</b>
Objections to Intervenor Direct Testimony	March 10, 2022
<b>Intervenor Cross-Rebuttal *</b>	<b>March 14, 2022</b>
Replies to Objections to Intervenor Direct Testimony	March 17, 2022
Objections to Staff Direct Testimony	March 17, 2022
Deadline to Serve Discovery on Intervenor Direct Testimony	March 17, 2022
<b>Applicant's Rebuttal Testimony *</b>	<b>March 21, 2022</b>
Objections to Intervenor Cross-Rebuttal	March 21, 2022
Replies to Objections to Staff's Direct Testimony	March 24, 2022
Deadline to Serve Discovery on Staff Direct Testimony	March 24, 2022
Deadline to Serve Discovery on Intervenor Cross-Rebuttal	March 24, 2022
Objections to Applicant's Rebuttal Testimony	March 28, 2022
Identify Witnesses for Cross	March 28, 2022
Replies to Objections Intervenor Cross-Rebuttal	March 28, 2022
Deadline to Serve Discovery on Applicant's Rebuttal Testimony	March 31, 2022

Event	Deadline
Replies to Objections to Applicant's Rebuttal Testimony	April 4, 2022
<b>Final PHC via Zoom</b>	<b>April 8, 2022</b>
<b>Hearing on the Merits via Zoom (3-day Hearing)</b>	<b>April 11-13, 2022</b>
Initial Briefs	April 21, 2022
Record Close Date (Reply Briefs Due w/ Proposed FOF/COL)	May 6, 2022

**Any intervenor who does not file direct testimony or a statement of position by the deadline set out above is subject to being stricken as a party under 16 Texas Administrative Code §§ 22.124 and 22.161.**

Additionally, the ALJs **ADOPT** the following special provision agreed to by the parties, which shall be in effect in this proceeding: for discovery on Intervenor Direct, Intervenor Cross-Rebuttal, and Applicant Rebuttal, responses are due within 10 calendar days of the discovery request and objections are due within five working days of the discovery request.

#### **IV. NOTICE OF FINAL PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND HEARING ON THE MERITS**

It is **ORDERED** that the **final prehearing conference** will be convened via Zoom at **10:00 a.m. on April 8, 2022**. The **hearing on the merits** will convene via Zoom at **9:00 a.m. each day on April 11-13, 2022**. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic,<sup>1</sup> the ALJs will conduct the prehearing conference and the hearing on the merits **via the Zoom videoconferencing platform**.<sup>2</sup> The hearing on the merits is expected to last three days. Oncor shall be responsible for securing a court reporter to take a transcript of the proceeding, which will become the official record.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information about SOAH's adaptations to COVID-19, please see the most recent emergency order issued by SOAH's Chief Administrative Law Judge at <http://www.soah.texas.gov>. Parties should review this information and are encouraged to check SOAH's website for updates.

<sup>2</sup> Participants shall access the hearing at least 10 minutes before it begins to ensure their audio and microphone settings and connectivity are operational. Before or when the participant enters the hearing, the participant shall change their screen name to identify the participant's title and last name (for example, "Ms. Garza") without nicknames, digits, or abbreviations. Attorneys' screen names should additionally identify the represented party (for example, "Ms. Garza—for Applicant"). Attorneys are responsible for providing their party representatives and witnesses with the same instructions.

To participate via Zoom, you will need: (1) a computer with a functional webcam and microphone (preferred method); or (2) any mobile or smart device, such as a cellphone, iPad, iPhone, or Android phone; and (3) to have the latest version of Zoom installed (free installation).

You may access the prehearing conference and hearing on the merits by going to <https://soah-texas.zoomgov.com/> or the Zoom application on your mobile device, selecting “Join a Meeting,” and entering the following information when prompted:

**Meeting ID:** 160 615 7711  
**Passcode:** pd7NfC

If you do not have access to a device that would allow videoconferencing capabilities, you may join by telephone by calling either number below and entering the following Meeting ID and passcode. Note that the passcode to join by telephone is different than the passcode to join via a computer or smart device.

**Phone:** (669) 254-5252 or (646) 828-7666  
**Meeting ID:** 160 615 7711  
**Passcode:** 912913

You may access information for participating in a Zoom meeting at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) under the “support” tab. If you experience technical difficulties with joining the prehearing conference, you may contact SOAH’s Docketing Division at (512) 475-4993.

**SIGNED December 13, 2021.**



LINDA H. BRITE  
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STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS



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