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**SOUTH TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.’S RESPONSE REGARDING ITS
PORTION OF THE SECOND CIRCUIT ADDITION TO THE SAN MIGUEL TO
PALMITO TRANSMISSION LINE**

TO THE HONORABLE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS:

South Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“STEC”) is making this filing concerning whether a certificate of convenience and necessity (“CCN”) for the second circuit of STEC’s portion of the double-circuit 345-kV transmission line and associated facilities in Atascosa, McMullen, La Salle, and Webb Counties is required at Commissioner Cobos’ request. No CCN Amendment is required.

The Commission’s final order issued in Docket No. 33033 grants STEC and AEP Texas Central Company, now AEP Texas, Inc., the authority to construct, own, and operate their respective shares of the 345-kV double-circuit transmission line in Atascosa, McMullen, La Salle, and Webb Counties.¹ Because the Commission’s Order explicitly authorized the construction of a double-circuit transmission line, no CCN application is required for the addition of a second circuit to this transmission line.

STEC appreciates the Commission’s review of these important issues and looks forward to continuing to work with the Commission to enhance reliability in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

¹ *Joint Application of AEP Texas Central Company and South Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. to Amend a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) for a Proposed Transmission Line in Atascosa, McMullen, La Salle, and Webb Counties, Texas*, Docket No. 33033, Order at Finding of Fact 1, Order Paragraph 1 (Jun. 13, 2007).

Respectfully submitted,

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