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TO: Chairman Peter M. Lake
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FROM: Office of Policy and Docket Management

RE: September 23, 2021 Open Meeting

DATE: September 14, 2021

Please find enclosed a memorandum by Commissioner Cobos. Please file this in Project No. 51617, open meeting agenda items without an associated control number.

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Public Utility Commission of Texas

Memorandum

TO: Chairman Peter M. Lake
Commissioner Will McAdams
Commissioner Jimmy Glotfelty

FROM: Commissioner Lori Cobos 

DATE: September 14, 2021

RE: Potential Near-Term Transmission Solutions for the Rio Grande Valley

Pursuant to Chairman Lake's request for additional information regarding potential near-term transmission solutions in the Rio Grande Valley at the Open Meeting on September 2, 2021, I am requesting information from the transmission service providers (TSPs) that would be responsible for building the following transmission facilities:

- New second circuit on the double-circuit capable 345-kV transmission line that runs from San Miguel to Palmito; and
- New transmission facilities to close the loop from Palmito to North Edinburgh.

Specifically, I would like for the TSPs to submit by September 20, 2021 in Project No. 51617 the following information regarding the new transmission facilities listed above:

- The estimated timeline required to place into service their respective portion of the new second circuit and new transmission facilities to close the loop (i.e., how many total estimated months it will take to place these new transmission facilities into service), including:
 - The timeline required to obtain a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) from the Commission;
 - The estimated timeline for constructing the new transmission facilities; and
 - Any other assumptions factored into the estimated timeline to place the new transmission facilities into service.
- The total estimated cost to place into service their respective portion of the new second circuit and new transmission facilities to close the loop.

I am also requesting that representatives from the TSPs be available at the Open Meeting on September 23, 2021 to address any questions that the Commission may have regarding their submitted information.

I look forward to discussing this information with you at next week's open meeting.