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NOTICE OF VIOLATION BY SHELL	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OIL COMPANY FOR VIOLATIONS OF	§	
16 TAC § 25.55 AND ERCOT NODAL	§	OF TEXAS
PROTOCOLS § 3.21(3), CONCERNING	§	
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH	§	
WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCY	§	
PREPAREDNESS REPORTING	§	
REQUIREMENTS	§	

JOINT STATUS REPORT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED ABATEMENT

On December 8, 2021, the Executive Director of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) filed a formal Notice of Violation (NOV) against Shell Oil Company (Shell) in the above-styled proceeding. Commission Staff and Shell are referred to herein as “the Parties.” On December 23, 2021, Shell filed a request for hearing. On January 7, 2022, Shell filed an agreed request to abate the proceeding pending settlement negotiations with Commission Staff.

On January 13, 2022, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 1, abating the proceeding. The proceeding has remained in abatement since that time and through subsequent orders to allow the parties sufficient time to discuss settlement. On April 8, 2022, the Parties indicated in a status report that a settlement had been reached in principle. On May 23, 2022, the Parties indicated in an additional status report that they had exchanged drafts of the settlement agreement and were actively negotiating the settlement language. On May 24, 2022, the ALJ filed Order No. 7, requiring the Parties to file a completed settlement package, or alternatively, a Joint Status Report regarding the Parties’ progress in preparing the settlement documents by July 1, 2022. Therefore, this report is timely filed.

I. STATUS REPORT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED ABATEMENT

Commission Staff and Shell have exchanged additional drafts of settlement documents and continue to actively negotiate regarding the language therein. The Parties have made significant progress on coming to terms on a near-final version of the settlement. Accordingly, Shell respectfully requests that the abatement of this proceeding be continued and that a deadline of August 1, 2022 be established for the Parties to file either a completed settlement package or, alternatively, a joint status report regarding the Parties’ progress in preparing the settlement

documents. Shell has conferred with Commission Staff regarding the substance of this filing and is authorized to represent that the filing be made jointly.

II. CONCLUSION

The Parties respectfully request that the abatement of this proceeding be continued and that a deadline of August 1, 2022 be established for the parties to file a settlement package or a joint status report and whether continued abatement of this docket is appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of this pleading has been forwarded to all parties of record via electronic mail on the 1st day of July 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Alaina Zermeno

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