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REVIEW OF TRANSMISSION RATES
FOR EXPORTS FROM ERCOT

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS

STAFF DISCUSSION DRAFT
PROPOSED CHANGES TO §25.192(e)

The Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission Staff) requests comments on the attached discussion draft, which proposes to amend 16 TAC §25.192, relating to Transmission Service Rates. The proposed amendment to §25.192(e) would eliminate the seasonal component of the transmission charge for exporting power outside the ERCOT region by eliminating an increased charge for the months of June, July, August, and September. If adopted, the proposed amendments would result in a consistent export charge for exporting power from the ERCOT region throughout the year. Commission Staff requests comments on the effects the proposed amendments would have on ratepayers, market participants, electric utilities, and system reliability. Interested persons may also propose alternative language as a part of their filed comments. Filed comments will assist the Commission to determine if it should proceed with a proposal for publication addressing this issue.

Interested persons may submit written comments on this discussion draft by **March 3, 2022** and reply comments by **March 14, 2022**. Comments should be organized in a manner consistent with the organization of the draft rule amendments. Comments may be filed through the interchange on the Commission's website or by sending a copy to commission's Filing Clerk, Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 North Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. **Commission Staff strongly encourages commenters to include a bulleted executive summary to assist Commission Staff in reviewing the filed comments in a timely fashion.**

Questions concerning this notice should be referred to David Smeltzer, Division Director of Rules and Projects, (512) 936-7132. Deaf and hard of hearing individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission through Relay Texas by dialing 7-1-1.

1 **§25.192(e) Transmission Rates for Exports from ERCOT.**

2 **(e) Transmission rates for exports from ERCOT.** Transmission service charges for exports
3 of power from ERCOT will be assessed to transmission service customers for transmission
4 service within the boundaries of the ERCOT region, in accordance with this section and
5 the ERCOT protocols.

6 (1) A transmission service customer shall be assessed a transmission service charge for
7 the use of the ERCOT transmission system in exporting power from ERCOT based
8 on the megawatts that are actually exported, the duration of the transaction and the
9 rates established under subsections (c) and (d) of this section. Billing intervals shall
10 consist of a year, month, week, day, or hour.

11 (2) ~~The monthly on-peak transmission rate will be one-fourth the TSP's annual rate,~~
12 ~~and the monthly off-peak transmission rate will be one-twelfth the TSP's annual~~
13 ~~rate. The peak period used to determine the applicable transmission rate for such~~
14 ~~transactions shall be the months of June, July, August, and September.~~

15 (3) ~~The DSP or an~~ entity scheduling the export of power over a DC tie is solely
16 responsible to the TSP for payment of transmission service charges under this
17 subsection.

18 ~~(4) A transmission service customer's charges for use of the ERCOT transmission~~
19 ~~system for export purposes on a monthly basis shall not exceed the annual~~
20 ~~transmission charge for the transaction.~~