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PROJECT NO. 53198

PROJECT TO IDENTIFY ISSUES	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
PERTAINING TO LUBBOCK POWER	§	
AND LIGHT'S PROPOSAL TO	§	OF TEXAS
TRANSFER EXISTING FACILITIES	§	
AND LOAD INTO THE ELECTRIC	§	
RELIABILITY COUNCIL OF TEXAS	§	

**ORDER NO. 4
REQUIRING DRAFT PROPOSED ORDER**

In Docket No. 47576,¹ the Commission approved the application of the City of Lubbock acting by and through Lubbock Power & Light (LP&L) to connect roughly 470 MW of LP&L's load into the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) system. Integration of this load into the ERCOT system was completed on May 30, 2021.

On February 9, 2022, ERCOT instigated the opening of this project, Project No. 53198, by filing a letter with the Commission. In the letter, ERCOT explained that it and LP&L have begun discussions regarding the possibility of transferring LP&L's remaining roughly 190 MW of load into the ERCOT system. ERCOT further explained that the purpose of the letter was twofold. First, to provide notice that ERCOT intends to conduct an independent study to determine what, if any, transmission upgrades to the ERCOT transmission grid may be necessary to support the proposed integration of the remainder of LP&L's load, and to identify the most cost-effective transmission options, should upgrades be deemed necessary. Second, ERCOT sought the Commission's guidance as to the parameters of the study and the process by which the study would be evaluated.

In Order No. 3 filed on March 25, 2022, the administrative law judge (ALJ) invited interested persons to file comments on a number of specific questions. Those comments were due by April 29, 2022, and replies to comments were due by May 6, 2022. A number of interested persons provided comments and replies.

¹ *Application of the City of Lubbock Through Lubbock Power & Light for Authority to Connect a Portion of its System with the Electric Reliability Council of Texas*, Docket No. 47576, Order (Mar. 15, 2018).

By May 31, 2022, Commission Staff must file a draft Proposed Order that provides guidance to ERCOT as to what the parameters of the ERCOT study should be, determines whether any other studies are required, and defines the process by which the study or studies will be evaluated by the Commission. If Commission Staff does not believe a Proposed Order is appropriate it may, by the same date, suggest an alternate method for resolving this project. By June 7, 2022, any other interested person may suggest revisions to the draft Proposed Order or comment upon the alternate suggestion made by Commission Staff.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 12th day of May 2022.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



HUNTER BURKHALTER
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE