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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 EXISITING FACILITIES	§	
AND LOAD INTO THE ELECTRIC	§	
RELIABILITY COUNCIL OF TEXAS	§	

ORDER NO. 1 REQUIRING COMMISSION STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

In Docket No. 47576, 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 (constituting roughly 70% of its total 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 explains that it and LP&L have begun discussions regarding the possibility of transferring LP&L's remaining roughly 190 MW of load (constituting roughly 30% of LP&L's total load) into the ERCOT system. ERCOT explains that the purpose of the letter is 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 seeks the Commission's guidance as to the parameters of the study and the process by which the study would be evaluated.

By March 23, 2021, Commission Staff must recommend a process for the further processing of this project, make a recommendation as to what notice should be provided, and propose a procedural schedule.

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).

Signed at Austin, Texas the 9th day of March 2022.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

HUNTER BURKHALTER

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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