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RE: Project No. 53385 : *Emergency Operations Plans and Related Documents*

Activation of Emergency Operations Plan

To whom it may concern:

This letter is to notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") that Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("SEC") activated its Emergency Operations Plan ("EOP") on February 26th, 2023. Rule 16 TAC § 25.53(f) requires an entity that has activated its EOP in response to an emergency is not required to conduct a drill in the calendar year which the EOP was activated.

On February 26, 2023, SEC activated its' EOP due to projected sustained winds of 45+ mph with gusts between 60-80 mph, and many areas having little or no visibility. The severe wind affected portions of our system, creating 16 distinct outages across our territory, and resulting in replacement of 49 distribution structures. The EOP was activated Sunday evening, and included initial communication with County Emergency Management personnel, along with our Line and Dispatch crews. Members were notified via social media and our website, and were kept updated as damaged structures were repaired and services were restored.

With this EOP activation on February 26th, 2023, SEC has fulfilled its obligation related to annual drills pursuant to 16 TAC § 25.53(f) and will therefore not be performing further drills in 2023.

Please direct any questions regarding this EOP activation to Dwain Tipton, dtipton@swisherec.org, (806) 995-3567.

Sincerely,

Dwain Tipton
General Manager and Executive Vice President
Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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