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APPLICATION OF ENTERGY TEXAS, § STATE OFFICE INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE § OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

# RESPONSE OF ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. TO CHARGEPOINT'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: CHARGEPOINT 1:1

Entergy Texas, Inc. ("ETI" or the "Company") files its Response to ChargePoint's First Request for Information. The response to such request is attached and is numbered as in the request.

An additional copy is available for inspection at the Company's office in Austin, Texas.

ETI believes the foregoing response is correct and complete as of the time of the response, but the Company will supplement, correct or complete the response if it becomes aware that the response is no longer true and complete, and the circumstance is such that failure to amend the answer is in substance misleading. The parties may treat this response as if it were filed under oath.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: **CHARGEPOINT 1:1** 

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Response of Entergy Texas, Inc. to ChargePoint's First Request for Information has been sent by either hand delivery, electronic delivery, facsimile, overnight delivery, or U.S. Mail to the party that initiated this request in this docket on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

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# ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS DOCKET NO. 53719

Response of: Entergy Texas, Inc. to the First Set of Data Requests of Requesting Party: CHARGEPOINT

Prepared By: Samantha F. Hill Sponsoring Witness: Samantha F. Hill Beginning Sequence No. LR931 Ending Sequence No. LR933

Question No.: CHPT 1-1 Part No.: Addendum:

#### Question:

Regarding ETI's proposed Rider TECI:

- a. Please explain whether customers participating in Rider TECI may choose any EV charging equipment and any network service provider for any EV chargers installed on their property.
- b. If customers participating in Rider TECI will be limited in their choices of EV charging equipment or network service provider, please specify and explain all applicable limitations.
- c. Does ETI intend to preselect or prequalify EV charging equipment vendors or network service providers for Rider TECI?
- d. If your response to subpart (c) above is "yes," please explain the process through which ETI selected or intends to select vendors for Rider TECI.
- e. Will any technical standards apply to EV charging equipment installed through Rider TECI?
- f. If your response to subpart (e) above is "yes," please specify all technical standards that would apply to EV charging equipment installed through Rider TECI.
- g. Will ETI provide customers that participate in Rider TECI with vendor recommendations for EV charging equipment installed on their property through Rider TECI?
- h. If your response to subpart (g) above is "yes," please explain how ETI will determine which vendors to recommend to customers participating in Rider TECI.

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- a. Customers choosing to participate in Entergy Texas, Inc.'s ("ETI") proposed Rider TECI-1 will have the option to select vendors from a prequalified list for the equipment installed under Rider TECI-1. A customer may choose not to participate in Rider TECI-1, in which case that customer may use any vendor for its charging infrastructure.

  See also the Direct Testimony of Samantha F. Hill at pages 22-25.
- b. ETI will have a pre-qualified list of vendors available from which customers can choose. The pre-qualified list will be determined in compliance with ETI's standard Request for Quotes ("RFQ") process.
- c. See ETI's responses to subparts a. and b.
- d. ETI will use an RFQ process, which will follow the standard procurement policy used for all of the Entergy Operating Companies. ETI's procedures for obtaining competitive bids through an RFQ process include the following:
  - A minimum of three bids shall be requested for competitive bidding.
  - The Electronic Bidding System should be utilized for competitive bidding.
  - Scope statements and specifications are gathered for preparation of RFOs.
  - All RFQs must be issued to bidders by Entergy Services, LLC ("ESL")<sup>2</sup> Supply Chain using customary methods of solicitation. Such methods may be accomplished by written or electronic means.
  - All bids must be received, opened, and recorded by ESL Supply Chain.
  - Along with ESL Supply Chain, ETI will execute an evaluation process, providing any required technical evaluations. ESL Supply Chain will evaluate and negotiate any associated commercial terms.
  - Supply Chain reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
  - The final evaluation will also include various quantitative and qualitative considerations.

Questions in the RFQ process are generated based on two phases. During the Pre-Award phase, bidding teams engage in market research and planning activities that may generate questions within the bidding package, and bidders raise questions about the RFQ. During the Award Phase, once bidding responses are submitted, the evaluation team reviews and, from time to time, generates questions based on the bidder response deliverable.

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The Entergy Operating Companies ("EOCs") include Entergy Arkansas, LLC; Entergy Louisiana, LLC; Entergy Mississippi, LLC; Entergy New Orleans, LLC; and Entergy Texas, Inc.

ESL is a subsidiary of Entergy Corporation that provides technical and administrative services to all of the EOCs.

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- e. ETI is in the process of determining the necessary technical standards to be applied to Electric Vehicle charging equipment installed through Rider TECI-1.
- f. See response to subpart e.
- g. ETI will provide customers a list of pre-qualified vendors from which customers will make their selections.
- h. ETI anticipates that customers will select the vendors to provide services under Rider TECI-1 based on their weighing of a variety of factors, including price, customer charging needs (including speed), desired location of the chargers, and desired functionality.

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