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Dear Public Utility Commission of Texas:

The Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce is writing to express our support for Entergy Texas' two EV-related proposals and to urge the Commission to exercise its regulatory authority to approve them.

The proposed Transportation Electrification and Charging Infrastructure (TECI) and charging Transportation Electrification and Charging Demand Adjustment (TEDCA) Riders are voluntary solutions funded by customers seeking them, which alongside, not in place of, all other options the market might provide. These proposals will better meet Entergy Texas' customers' transportation electrification needs and support the Governor's priority of equitable access to electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

The TECI Rider will partner with interested non-residential customers to construct, own, and maintain TE-related infrastructure and equipment on the customer-owned property for their use or for public use. The costs incurred by Entergy Texas for the equipment, installation, and ongoing operations and maintenance will be added to each TEDCI Rider customer's monthly bill as a fixed by well-established cost causation principles. Thus, no costs associated with Entergy Texas' investment will be imposed on the Company's other customers.

The TEDCA rider is a temporary and self-correcting measure that reduces electric bill uncertainty caused by low adoption rates and standard utility demand charges for non-residential customers installing metered charging equipment separately. Stabilizing the effective cost per kWh for electric services to new separately metered TE infrastructure and equipment would facilitate investment and foster greater EV adoption by customers, which in turn is expected to provide significant economic, environmental, and societal benefits to the residents of Texas. Additionally, the EV charging will increase Entergy Texas's revenues contributing to the recovery of the utility's fixed costs and putting downward pressure on electric rates, thereby benefiting all Entergy Texas Customers.

In summary, the Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce believes that the approval of Entergy Texas' two EV-related proposals will further the goal of equitable access to electric vehicle charging infrastructure and contribute to significant economic, environmental, and societal benefits to the residents of Texas. Therefore, we urge the Commission to exercise its regulatory authority and approve these proposals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebekah Maxwell".

Rebekah Maxwell
Chair, Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce