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APPLICATION OF GRID UNITED	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
TEXAS, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF	§	
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY	§	OF TEXAS
UNDER PURA §§ 37.051(C-1) AND	§	
37.056(B)(2)	§	

COMMISSION STAFF’S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 3

I. INTRODUCTION

On July 5, 2022, Grid United Texas, LLC (Grid United) filed an application under PURA¹ §§ 37.051(c-1) and 37.056(b)(2) for partial certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) rights and a declaration that the public convenience and necessity require, or will require, the interconnection of high voltage direct current (HVDC) converter facilities to LCRA Transmission Services Corporation’s (LCRA TSC) Bakersfield Switching Station with an appropriate end-point station in EL Paso Electric Company’s (EPE) system that will allow the import of power into, and the export of power out of, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) transmission grid by Grid United. Further, Grid United seeks a finding that the proposed interconnection is in the public interest. Grid United’s application includes neither specific locations for the stations that would serve as the end points of the proposed tie line nor any routes for the proposed tie line.

On August 8, 2022, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 3, establishing a deadline of August 15, 2022 for the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to clarify whether it is recommending that ERCOT provide a market notice and notice to utilities in or near the relevant areas, or if it is recommending that ERCOT provide market notice and Grid United provide notice to utilities in or near the relevant areas. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. CLARIFICATION TO RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE

Staff clarifies that Staff’s recommendation on notice follows the latter interpretation from the ALJ’s request for clarification. Specifically, in Staff’s recommendation on notice, Staff stated that it “agrees with Grid United’s proposal to provide notice to ERCOT and for ERCOT to provide

¹ Public Utility Regulatory Act, Tex. Util. Code Ann. §§ 11.001–66.016 (PURA).

a market notice as well as to provide notice to utilities in or near the areas in which the stations that would serve as the end points of the proposed tie line would be located.” To clarify, Staff revises its statement to indicate that Staff agrees with Grid United’s proposal to provide notice to ERCOT and for ERCOT to provide a market notice, as well Grid United’s proposal to provide notice to utilities in or near the areas in which the stations that would serve as the end points of the proposed tie line would be located.

III. CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Staff respectfully clarifies its recommendation on notice.

Dated: August 9, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on August 9, 2022 in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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