

Filing Receipt

Received - 2022-08-19 09:12:50 AM Control Number - 53758 ItemNumber - 37

PUC DOCKET NO. 53758

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

GRID UNITED TEXAS LLC'S SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED TEXAS REGISTER NOTICE

COMES NOW, Grid United Texas LLC (Grid United Texas), and timely files this proposed notice for publication in the Texas Register consistent with PUC Order No. 5 issued by the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) on August 12, 2022. Attachment 1 to this filing contains the notice that Grid United Texas proposes be published in the Texas Register by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission). Grid United Texas respectfully requests that the Commission publish the attached notice in the Texas Register.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk/D. Rasmussen State Bar No. 24013374 <u>krasmussen@jw.com</u> Craig R. Bennett State Bar No. 00793325 <u>cbennett@jw.com</u> Alisha Adams State Bar No. 24102190 <u>aadams@jw.com</u> Jackson Walker LLP 100 Congress Avenue, Suite 1100 Austin, Texas 78701 (512) 236-2000 (512) 691-4427 (fax)

ATTORNEYS FOR GRID UNITED TEXAS LLC

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document was served on all parties of record on August 19, 2022 via the Commission's Interchange in accordance with the Commission's order in Docket No. 50664 suspending PUC Procedural Rule 22.74.

Craig R. Bennett

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given to the public that Grid United Texas LLC (Grid United Texas) has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC or Commission) in Docket No. 53758 - Application of Grid United Texas LLC for Partial Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Rights Pursuant to PURA §§ 37.051(c-1) and 37.056(b)(2) to Interconnect an HVDC Facility to the ERCOT Transmission Grid (Application). By its Application, Grid United Texas seeks findings from the Commission related to the proposed Pecos West Intertie Project (Proposed Project), which is a proposed 1,500 MW high voltage direct current (HVDC) interconnection between ERCOT and the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC).

The Proposed Project is proposed to connect at the LCRA Transmission Services Corporation (LCRA TSC) Bakersfield Switching Station in Pecos County, Texas, and at an El Paso Electric Company (EPE) Station in El Paso County, Texas. Grid United Texas has evaluated interconnection at EPE's Caliente Station and Newman Station, but the specific station alternatives and routes will be addressed in a subsequent application by Grid United Texas for the Proposed Project. An approximately 250 to 300 mile \pm 525 kilovolt (kV) overhead HVDC tie line (Tie Line) will connect the HVDC converter stations at each end of the Proposed Project. The Proposed Project's HVDC technology allows ERCOT to maintain electrical isolation from the WECC system.

In this application, Grid United Texas is requesting a finding by the Commission that the public convenience and necessity require, or will require, the interconnection of facilities from an EPE Station to the LCRA TSC Bakersfield Station by Grid United Texas to allow the import of power into, and the export of power out of, the ERCOT transmission grid. Further, Grid United Texas seeks a finding that the Proposed Project is in the public interest. The PUC's findings will be limited to the interconnection and will not grant rights to Grid United Texas to construct and operate the Proposed Project at this time. Rather, the PUC's order will require Grid United Texas to file a subsequent application, satisfying all requirements of PURA § 37.056 (especially related to routing and environmental impacts), and obtain full CCN rights from the PUC prior to constructing and operating the Proposed Project.

Persons with questions about the Proposed Project may contact Project Director Ben Semmes at (346) 206-1674 or email the project at <u>info@pecoswest.com</u>.

Persons who wish to intervene in this proceeding may do so via electronic filing through the "PUC Filer" on the Commission's website found here: <u>https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer</u>. Instructions for using the PUC Filer are available at <u>http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/filings/E-Filing%20Instructions.pdf</u>. For assistance with your electronic filing, please contact the Commission's Help Desk at (512) 936-7100 or <u>helpdesk@puc.texas.gov/</u>. Interested persons can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: <u>http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/</u>.

If you are unable to file a request for intervention electronically, you may file with the PUC by mailing an original and 10 copies of your request to:

Public Utility Commission of Texas Central Records Attn: Filing Clerk 1701 N. Congress Avenue P. O. Box 13326 Austin, Texas 78711-3326

Persons who wish to intervene in the docket must also mail or email a copy of their request for intervention to all parties in the docket and to all persons who have pending motions to intervene at or before the time the request for intervention is filed with the PUC.

The PUC emphasizes that the only way to fully participate in the PUC's decision on this application is to intervene in the docket. It is important for an affected person to intervene because the utility is not obligated to keep affected persons informed of the PUC's proceedings.

The PUC has a brochure titled "Landowners and Transmission Line Cases at the PUC." Copies of the brochure are available from Grid United Texas by emailing the project at <u>info@pecoswest.com</u>, calling Ben Semmes at (346) 206-1674, or may be downloaded from the PUC's website at <u>www.puc.state.tx.us</u>. To obtain additional information about this docket, you may contact the PUC's Customer Assistance Hotline at (512) 936- 7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the PUC's Customer Assistance Hotline at (512) 936-7136 or toll free at (800) 735-2989.