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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PARTIAL CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY RIGHTS

Notice is given to the public of an application filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (commission) on July 5, 2022, for partial certificate of convenience and necessity rights according to Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) §§ 37.051(c-1) and 37.056(b)(2) to interconnect an HVDC Facility to the Electric Reliability Transmission of Texas (ERCOT) transmission grid.

Docket Style and Number: Application of Grid United Texas LLC for A Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Rights Under PURA §§ 37.051(c-1) and 37.056(b)(2), Docket Number 53758.

The 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 info@pecoswest.com.

Persons wishing to intervene or comment on the action sought should contact the commission by mail at P. O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or by phone at (512) 936-7120 or toll-free at (888) 782-8477. A deadline for intervention in this proceeding will be established. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephone (TTY) may contact the commission through Relay Texas by dialing 7-1-1. All comments should reference Docket Number 53758.



**ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
ON THE 22nd DAY OF AUGUST 2022**