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Peter Lake, Chairman
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Public Utility Commission of Texas
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Austin, Texas 78711-3326

Re: Docket No. 53578, *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*

Dear Chairman Lake and Commissioners:

Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) files this letter to inform the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) that ERCOT is currently in the process of preparing, with input from Commission Staff, an initial draft study-scope proposal for an assessment of Grid United Texas LLC's (Grid United) proposed Pecos West project, as required under 16 Texas Administrative Code § 25.101(b)(4), including both the minimally required reliability assessment as well as options for an economic assessment should the Commission direct ERCOT to perform such an economic assessment. ERCOT's intent is that the initial draft study-scope proposal will provide a starting point for discussion of, and input from, Grid United and other stakeholders for ERCOT's submission of a study-scope proposal to the Commission that will inform an ultimate determination by the Commission regarding the appropriate study scope. This determination could be made as part of this proceeding or a separate proceeding to consider the appropriate scope of studies for any future tie line that connects to the ERCOT region.¹ ERCOT's intent is to file the initial draft study scope by the end of January 2023, unless otherwise directed by the Commission.

Sincerely,

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¹ ERCOT notes that the application at issue in this proceeding is subject to a pending motion to dismiss.