

ATTACHMENT NO. 2

LANDOWNER CONSENT

TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTE CONSENT

Padua Grid, LLC (Padua) is the owner of the Padua Grid Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). The Padua Grid BESS consists of two 138/34.5/13.8 kV main power transformers with each main power transformer connecting to 35 BESS blocks each rated for 3.15 MVA for a combined gross output of 202.6 MW.

Padua acknowledges that it has requested that CPS Energy provide facilities necessary to interconnect the Padua Grid BESS facilities to CPS Energy's transmission system and the ERCOT grid. Padua has submitted ERCOT Standard Generation Interconnection Agreement 22INR0368, dated **November 5, 2021**, as amended **May 13, 2022**, to CPS Energy. Padua acknowledges that generation of this capacity requires transmission-level facilities to interconnect the Padua Grid BESS facilities to the grid.

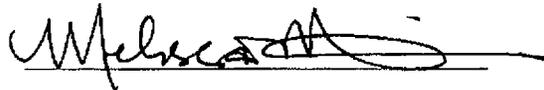
To provide service in response to Padua's interconnection request and need for service, CPS Energy has prepared an application for the amendment of its certificate of convenience and necessity for the Proposed Project, which consists of a new single circuit 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line located wholly in Bexar County, Texas. Specifically, the Proposed Project consists of constructing a new single circuit 138 kV transmission line connecting the new Padua Grid BESS to the electric grid from CPS Energy's existing O.W. Sommers Switchyard, located at the O.W. Sommers Power Plant (also owned by CPS Energy). The new transmission line will be approximately two miles (1.96 miles) in length and will cross, in part, property owned by Padua.

To accommodate the Proposed Project, Padua acknowledges and agrees to the following:

- a) Padua is the owner of tract(s) 338888 and 338887 as reflected on the current Bexar County tax rolls, which is directly affected by the proposed transmission line;
- b) Padua understands that it is not obligated to sign this consent form but does so voluntarily; and
- c) Padua requests, consents, and agrees to the routing of the transmission line across its property for purposes of the Proposed Project.

The signature below constitutes Padua's acknowledgement, agreement, and consent to paragraphs a) through c) above.

Acknowledged, Agreed, and
Consented to by:



Name: Melissa Miller

Date: October 28, 2022

ATTACHMENT NO. 3a

**ERCOT STANDARD
GENERATION
INTERCONNECTION
REQUEST 22INR0368**

**ERCOT STANDARD GENERATION
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

BY AND BETWEEN

PADUA GRID, LLC

AND

THE CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD OF SAN ANTONIO, TX (CPS ENERGY)

FOR

PADUA GRID BESS

DATE: November 5, 2021

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GENERATION INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

This Generation Interconnection Agreement (“Agreement”) is made and entered into on November 16, 2021 (“Effective Date”), by and between the City of San Antonio, Texas, acting by and through the City Public Service Board (“CPS Energy”) and Padua Grid, LLC (“Generator”), hereinafter individually referred to as “Party,” and collectively referred to as “Parties.” In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

CPS Energy represents that it is a public utility that owns and operates facilities for the transmission and distribution of electricity. “Generator” represents that it will own and operate the Plant, unless and until this Agreement is assigned pursuant to its terms and conditions. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, CPS Energy shall interconnect “Generator’s” Plant with CPS Energy’s System, as set forth herein.

This Agreement applies only to the Parties’ interconnection facilities as identified in Exhibit “C”.

This Agreement shall become effective on the Effective Date and shall continue in full force and effect until terminated in accordance with Exhibit “A”.

This Agreement will be subject to the following, all of which are incorporated herein:

- A. The “Terms and Conditions” attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and,
 - B. The ERCOT Requirements (unless expressly stated herein, where the ERCOT Requirements are in conflict with this Agreement, the ERCOT Requirements shall prevail);
 - C. The PUCT Rules (where the PUCT Rules are in conflict with this Agreement, the PUCT Rules shall prevail);
 - D. The “Time Schedule” attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and,
 - E. The “Interconnection Details” attached hereto as Exhibit “C”; and,
 - F. The “Security Arrangement Details” attached hereto as Exhibit “D”; and,
- The “Notice Information” attached hereto as Exhibit “E”;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement by electronic signature with an electronic copy serving as the original effective Agreement between the Parties.

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS,
ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE
CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

PADUA GRID, LLC

By: 
Print: Paul Barham
Title: Chief Grid Optimization & Resiliency Officer
Date: November 16, 2021

By: 
Print: Eric Stoutenburg
Title: Vice President
Date: November 9, 2021

EXHIBIT “A”: TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS

Capitalized terms shall have the meanings as set forth below, except as otherwise specified in the Agreement:

- 1.1 “CCN” shall mean a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity issued by the PUCT.
- 1.2 “Commercial Operation” shall mean the date on which “Generator” declares that the construction of the Plant has been substantially completed, Trial Operation of the Plant has been completed, and the Plant is ready for dispatch.
- 1.3 “Control Area” shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in PUCT Rule 25.5 or its successor.
- 1.4 “ERCOT” shall mean the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc., or its successor in function.
- 1.5 “ERCOT Requirements” shall mean the ERCOT Nodal Protocols, ERCOT Nodal Operating Guide, ERCOT Planning Guide, other ERCOT Binding Documents, and any other documents adopted by ERCOT relating to the interconnection and operation of generators and transmission systems in ERCOT, all of which are amended from time to time, and any successors thereto. Any requirement in the foregoing documents imposed upon generation entities or generation facilities shall become the responsibility of “Generator”, and any requirements imposed on transmission providers or transmission facilities shall become the responsibility of CPS Energy.
- 1.6 “Facilities Study” shall have the meaning as described in PUCT Rule 25.198(d) or its successor, and demonstrated through the facility study portion of the Full Interconnection Study report.
- 1.7 “Facilities Study Agreement” shall mean an agreement executed by the Parties relating to the mutually agreed upon full interconnection study scope.
- 1.8 “Full Interconnection Study” shall mean the studies performed, pursuant to Facilities Study the Agreement, consisting of a steady-state study, a short-circuit study, a transient-stability study, a Facilities Study, and, as determined by ERCOT, a Sub-synchronous Resonance Study.
- 1.9 “GIF” shall mean the Generator’s interconnection facilities as described in Exhibit “C”.
- 1.10 “Good Utility Practice” shall have the meaning described in PUCT Rule 25.5 or its successor.

- 1.11 “Governmental Authority(ies)” shall mean any federal, state, local or municipal body having jurisdiction over a Party.
- 1.12 “In-Service Date” shall be the date, as reflected in Exhibit “B,” that the TIF will be ready to connect to the GIF, provided that the In-Service Date may be modified pursuant to this Agreement.
- 1.13 “ISO” shall mean the ERCOT Independent System Operator.
- 1.14 “NERC” shall mean the North American Electric Reliability Corporation or its successor in function.
- 1.15 “NERC Requirements” shall mean those applicable requirements in NERC reliability standards relating to the interconnection and operation of generators and transmission systems.
- 1.16 “Plant” shall mean the electric generation facility owned and operated by “Generator”, as specified in Exhibit “C.”
- 1.17 “Point of Interconnection” shall mean the location(s) where the GIF connects to the TIF as negotiated and defined by the Parties and as shown on Exhibit “C” of this Agreement.
- 1.18 “PUCT” shall mean the Public Utility Commission of Texas or its successor in function.
- 1.19 “PUCT Rules” shall mean the Substantive Rules of the PUCT.
- 1.20 “Reasonable Efforts” shall mean the use of Good Utility Practice and the exercise of due diligence (pursuant to PUCT Rule 25.191(d) and 25.198(e)).
- 1.21 “System Protection Equipment” shall mean those facilities located within the TIF and the GIF as described in Section 5.6 and Exhibit “C”.
- 1.22 “System Security Screening Study” shall have the meaning as described in PUCT Rule 25.198(c) or its successor.
- 1.23 “TCOS” shall mean the TSP’s transmission cost of service as allowed by the applicable Governmental Authority.
- 1.24 “TIF” shall mean the TSP’s interconnection facilities as described in Exhibit “C” to this Agreement.
- 1.25 “Trial Operation” shall mean the process by which “Generator” is engaged in on-site test operations and commissioning of the Plant prior to Commercial Operation.
- 1.26 “TSP” shall mean the Transmission Service Provider (CPS Energy).

1.27 “TSP System” shall mean the electric transmission facilities, including the TIF, and all associated equipment and facilities owned and/or operated by CPS Energy.

ARTICLE 2. TERMINATION

- 2.1 Termination Procedures. This Agreement may be terminated as follows:
- A. “Generator” may terminate this Agreement after giving CPS Energy thirty (30) days advance written notice; or
 - B. CPS Energy may terminate this Agreement after thirty (30) days advance written notice to “Generator”, if “Generator’s” Plant has not achieved Commercial Operation within one (1) year after the scheduled Commercial Operation date reflected in Exhibit “B”. If “Generator’s” Plant has not achieved Commercial Operation after one (1) year and up to 18 months after scheduled Commercial Operation date reflected in Exhibit “B”, CPS Energy will take into consideration whether the “Generator” is showing good faith and effort to achieving commercial operability prior to terminating this Agreement; or
 - C. CPS Energy may terminate this Agreement in accordance with Section 4.6; or
 - D. Either Party may terminate this Agreement in accordance with Section 10.6.
- 2.2 Termination Costs. If a Party elects to terminate the Agreement pursuant to Section 2.1 above, “Generator” shall pay all costs incurred (or irrevocably committed to be incurred) by CPS Energy, including any cancellation costs relating to orders or contracts, in association with interconnection of the GIF and construction of the TIF, as of the date of the other Party’s receipt of such notice of termination, except if this Agreement is terminated by either Party in accordance with Section 10.6 by reasons of the other Party’s default. In the event of termination by either Party, both Parties shall use commercially Reasonable Efforts to mitigate the damages and charges that they may incur as a consequence of termination. The provisions of Sections 2.2 and 2.3 shall survive termination of the Agreement.
- 2.3 Disconnection. Upon termination of this Agreement, the Parties will disconnect the GIF from the TIF.

ARTICLE 3. REGULATORY FILINGS

- 3.1 Filing. CPS Energy shall file this executed Agreement with the appropriate Governmental Authority, if required. Any portions of this Agreement asserted by “Generator” to contain competitively sensitive commercial or financial information shall be filed by CPS Energy and identified as “confidential” under seal stating, for CPS Energy’s showing of good cause, that “Generator” asserts such information is confidential information and has requested such filing under seal. If requested by CPS Energy, “Generator” shall provide to CPS Energy, in writing, “Generator’s” basis for asserting that the information referred to in this Article 3 is competitively sensitive information, and CPS Energy may disclose such writing to the appropriate Governmental Authority.
- 3.2 Regulatory Approvals. Unless exempt, CPS Energy shall timely request ISO and all regulatory approvals necessary for it to carry out its responsibilities under this Agreement. Such approvals shall include any CCN required for the construction of the TIF.

ARTICLE 4. ENGINEERING, PROCUREMENT, AND CONSTRUCTION

- 4.1 CPS Energy shall design, procure, and construct the TIF, using Reasonable Efforts to complete the TIF by the In-Service Date reflected in Exhibit “B”. Subject to the pre-existing superior real property rights and interests of third persons and subject to the requirements of Section 6.2, “Generator” shall acquire all necessary right-of-way property and switchyard property necessary for the interconnection of the GIF and for construction of the TIF and will furnish to CPS Energy any rights of use, licenses, rights of way, and easements to the extent necessary to enable CPS Energy to obtain appropriate land rights (including ingress and egress) to install, construct, own, operate, repair, maintain, and demolish any of the TIF, and to otherwise perform its obligations under this Agreement. CPS Energy is responsible for costs associated with owning the necessary property. CPS Energy is hereby given the contractual right to enter upon the lands owned or controlled by “Generator” or any of its affiliates on a temporary basis as necessary to enable CPS Energy to perform its obligations under this Agreement. CPS Energy will utilize its own resources and will contract for additional resources, as reasonably necessary, in its Reasonable Efforts to meet the In-Service Date. Such resources shall include, as CPS Energy believes is reasonable, use of other contractors, other equipment suppliers, other material suppliers, additional contract personnel, additional payments to contractors for expedited work, and premiums paid to equipment and material suppliers for expedited delivery. CPS Energy shall not be required to undertake any initiative which is inconsistent with its standard safety practices, its material and equipment specifications, its design criteria and construction procedures, its labor agreements, applicable laws and regulations, and ERCOT and NERC Requirements. In the event CPS Energy reasonably expects that it will not be able to complete the TIF by the In-Service Date, CPS Energy will promptly provide written notice to “Generator” and will undertake Reasonable Efforts to meet the earliest date thereafter.
- 4.2 Equipment Procurement. CPS Energy shall commence design of the TIF and procure necessary equipment within a reasonable time after all the following conditions are satisfied:
- A. CPS Energy has completed the Facilities Study pursuant to the Facilities Study Agreement; and

- B. CPS Energy has received written authorization to proceed with design and procurement from “Generator” by the date specified in Exhibit “B”; and
- C. “Generator” has provided financial security to CPS Energy in accordance with Section 8.3 by the dates specified in Exhibit “B.”

4.3 Construction Commencement. CPS Energy shall commence construction of the TIF as soon as practicable after the following additional conditions are satisfied:

- A. “Generator” has obtained approval of the appropriate Governmental Authority for any facilities requiring regulatory approval;
- B. Any necessary real property rights have been obtained and transferred to CPS Energy;
- C. CPS Energy has received written authorization to proceed with construction from “Generator” by the date specified in Exhibit “B; and
- D. “Generator” has provided financial security to CPS Energy in accordance with Section 8.3 by the dates specified in Exhibit “B.”.

4.4 Work Progress. The Parties will keep each other advised periodically as to the progress of their respective design, procurement and construction efforts. If, at any time, “Generator” becomes aware that the completion of the TIF will not be required until after the specified In-Service Date, “Generator” will promptly provide written notice to CPS Energy of a new, later In-Service Date.

4.5 Conditions Precedent Delay. To the extent this Agreement incorporates a specified In-Service Date and “Generator” fails to satisfy any of its conditions precedent under Sections 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 such that CPS Energy may not meet the In-Service Date, the Parties will negotiate in good faith to establish a new schedule for completion of the TIF.

4.6 Suspension. “Generator” shall have the right, upon written notice to CPS Energy, to suspend at any time all work and activities by CPS Energy under this Agreement, with the condition that the TSP System shall be left in a safe and reliable condition in accordance with Good Utility Practice and CPS Energy’s safety and reliability criteria. In such event, CPS Energy shall suspend work and activities as requested, and “Generator” shall be responsible for all reasonable and necessary costs which CPS Energy incurs as a direct result of suspending such work, including any costs incurred to perform such work as may be necessary to ensure the safety of persons and property and the integrity of the TSP

System during such suspension. CPS Energy will provide “Generator” with documentation outlining any such costs after receiving notice of suspension and all necessary work has been performed. CPS Energy shall use commercially Reasonable Efforts to minimize such costs. If “Generator”, subsequent to any such suspension notice, requests CPS Energy to resume work and activities under this Agreement, CPS Energy shall thereafter resume such work and activities under this Agreement. In the event “Generator” suspends work and/or activities by CPS Energy pursuant to this Section 4.6, and has not requested CPS Energy to recommence the work or has not itself recommenced work required under this Agreement on or before the expiration of three (3) years following commencement of such suspension, CPS Energy shall have the right to terminate this Agreement. The three (3) year period referenced in the preceding sentence shall begin on the date the suspension is requested.

ARTICLE 5. FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 Information Exchange. The Parties shall exchange information, in accordance with Section 10.21, *Confidentiality*, and mutually agree upon the design and compatibility of the Parties' interconnection facilities. The Parties shall work diligently and in good faith to make any necessary design changes to ensure compatibility of the GIF to the TSP System.
- 5.2 GIF Construction. "Generator" agrees to cause the GIF to be designed and constructed in accordance with Good Utility Practice, ERCOT and NERC Requirements and the National Electrical Safety Code in effect at the time of construction. Within one-hundred twenty (120) days after Commercial Operation, unless the Parties agree on another mutually acceptable deadline, "Generator" shall deliver to CPS Energy the following "as-built" drawings, information and documents for the GIF: a one-line diagram, a site plan showing the Plant and the GIF, plan and elevation drawings showing the layout of the GIF, generator unit control models, a relay functional diagram, relaying AC and DC schematic wiring diagrams and relay settings for all facilities associated with "Generator's" main-power transformers, the facilities connecting the Plant to the main power transformers and the GIF, and the impedances (determined by factory tests) for the associated main power transformers and the generators.
- 5.3 TIF Construction. CPS Energy agrees to cause the TIF to be designed and constructed in accordance with Good Utility Practice, ERCOT and NERC Requirements and the National Electrical Safety Code in effect at the time of construction.
- 5.4 Equipment Changes. For facilities not described in Exhibit "C," if either Party makes equipment changes to the Plant, the GIF, or the TIF which may affect the operation or performance of the other Party's interconnection facilities, the Parties agree to notify the other Party, in writing, of such changes. Such changes shall be made in accordance with ERCOT and NERC Requirements and coordinated between the Parties.
- 5.5 Metering, Telemetry and Communications Requirements.
- A. Metering and telemetry of data will be accomplished in accordance with ERCOT and NERC Requirements.
 - B. The Point of Interconnection and Wholesale Storage Load metering and telemetry equipment shall be owned by CPS Energy.

- C. CPS Energy will provide reasonable notice to “Generator” of any planned maintenance, inspection, testing, or calibration of the metering equipment, unless otherwise agreed to in writing. “Generator”, or its designated representative, shall have the right to be present for these activities and to receive copies of any documents related to the procedures and results.
- D. Scheduling for changes to the meters, telemetry equipment, voltage transformers, current transformers, and associated panels, hardware, conduit and cable, which will affect the data being received by the other Party must be mutually agreed to by the Parties.
- E. Each Party will promptly advise the other Party if it detects or otherwise learns of any metering, telemetry or communications equipment errors or malfunctions that require the attention of and/or correction by the other Party. The Party owning such equipment shall correct such error or malfunction as soon as reasonably feasible in accordance with ERCOT and NERC Requirements.

5.6 System Protection and Other Controls Requirements.

- A. Each Party will install System Protection Equipment in accordance with ERCOT and NERC Requirements. “Generator” will be responsible to install all ERCOT Generation Resource Owner Requirements. “Generator” will provide fault disconnecting equipment to provide primary protection of the “Generator” owned main power transformer/s.
- B. Each Party will test, operate and maintain System Protection Equipment in accordance with ERCOT and NERC Requirements. Each Party will provide reasonable notice to the other Party of any testing of its System Protection Equipment, allowing such other Party the opportunity to have representatives present during testing of its System Protection Equipment.
- C. Prior to the In-Service Date, each Party or its agent shall perform a complete calibration test and functional trip test of the System Protection Equipment. At intervals described in ERCOT or NERC Requirements, if so defined therein, each Party shall perform both calibration and functional trip tests of its System Protection Equipment and any other testing as required of each respective Party by

ERCOT or NERC. These tests do not require the tripping of any in-service generation unit.

- 5.7 No Annexation. Any and all equipment placed on the premises of a Party shall be and remain the property of the Party providing such equipment regardless of the mode and manner of annexation or attachment to real property, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties.

ARTICLE 6. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

- 6.1 Operation and Maintenance of Interconnection Facilities. The Parties agree to operate and maintain their systems in accordance with Good Utility Practice, National Electrical Safety Code, the ERCOT and NERC Requirements, PUCT Rules and all applicable laws and regulations. Subject to any necessary ERCOT approval, each Party shall provide necessary equipment outages to allow the other Party to perform periodic maintenance, repair or replacement of its facilities. Such outages shall be scheduled at mutually agreeable times, unless conditions exist which a Party believes, in accordance with Good Utility Practice, may endanger persons or property. No changes will be made in the normal operation of the Point of Interconnection without the mutual agreement of the Parties except as otherwise provided herein. All testing of the Plant that affects the operation of the Point of Interconnection shall be coordinated between CPS Energy and “Generator” and will be conducted in accordance with ERCOT and NERC Requirements.
- 6.2 Land Rights and Easements. Terms and conditions addressing the rights of CPS Energy and “Generator” regarding any facilities located on the other Party’s property shall be addressed in a separate, duly executed and recorded easement agreement between the Parties (or such other instruments as the Parties may agree). Prior to Commercial Operation, the Parties will mutually agree upon procedures to govern access to each other’s property as necessary for the Parties to fulfill their obligations under this Agreement.
- 6.3 Service Interruption. The Parties recognize that the interruption of service provisions of the PUCT Rules give CPS Energy the right to disconnect the TSP System from the Plant under the conditions specified therein. “Generator” will promptly disconnect the Plant from the TSP System when required by and in accordance with the PUCT Rules, ERCOT and NERC Requirements.
- 6.4 Switching and Clearance. Any switching or clearances needed on the TIF or the GIF will be done in accordance with ERCOT and NERC Requirements.

- 6.5 *Start-Up and Synchronization.* Consistent with ERCOT and NERC Requirements and the Parties' mutually acceptable procedure, "Generator" is responsible for the proper synchronization of the Plant to the TSP System.
- 6.6 *Routine Operational Communications.* On a timely basis, the Parties shall exchange all information necessary to comply with ERCOT Requirements.
- 6.7 *Black-Start Operations.* If the Plant is capable of black-start operations, "Generator" will coordinate individual Plant start-up procedures consistent with ERCOT and NERC Requirements. Any black-start operations shall be conducted in accordance with the black-start criteria included in the ERCOT and NERC Requirements and CPS Energy's black-start plan on file with ERCOT. Notwithstanding this section, "Generator" is not required to have black-start capability by virtue of this Agreement. If "Generator" will have black-start capability, then "Generator" shall provide and maintain an emergency communication system that will interface with CPS Energy during a black-start condition.
- 6.8 *Power System Stabilizers.* "Generator" shall procure, install, maintain and operate power system stabilizers if required to meet ERCOT and NERC Requirements.

ARTICLE 7. DATA REQUIREMENTS

- 7.1 Data Supplementation. Prior to Commercial Operation, the Parties shall supplement their initial data submissions with any and all “as-built” Plant data or “as-tested” performance data which differs from the initial submissions or, alternatively, written confirmation that no such differences exist. Subsequent to Commercial Operation, “Generator” shall provide CPS Energy any data changes, to include generator unit control planning models, due to equipment replacement, repair, or adjustment. For Generator Step-Up transformers connecting the generators to the BES, “Generator” will provide complete Positive, Negative, and Zero Sequence GSU transformer impedances for all windings so as to accurately model the equipment in Planning and Short-Circuit cases. This requirement may be greater than what is currently required by ERCOT Resource Asset Registration Forms. CPS Energy shall provide “Generator” any data changes due to equipment replacement, repair, or adjustment in the directly connected switchyard or any adjacent CPS Energy-owned substation that may affect the GIF equipment ratings, protection or operating requirements. The Parties shall provide such data no later than 30 days after the date of the actual change in equipment characteristics.
- 7.2 Initial Data Submission by CPS Energy. CPS Energy shall provide relevant data to “Generator” by no later than 120 days prior to Trial Operation, including transmission system data necessary to allow the “Generator” to select equipment and meet any system protection and stability requirements.

ARTICLE 8. PERFORMANCE OBLIGATION

- 8.1 “Generator’s” Cost Responsibility. “Generator” will acquire, construct, operate, test, maintain and own the Plant and the GIF at its sole expense. In addition, “Generator” may be required to make a contribution in aid of construction in the amount set out in and for the facilities described in Exhibit “C,” if any, in accordance with PUCT Rules.
- 8.2 CPS Energy’s Cost Responsibility. CPS Energy will acquire, own, construct, design, procure, install, repair, operate, test, and maintain the TIF at its expense, subject to the provisions of Section 4.1 and the contribution in aid of construction provisions of Section 8.1 of this Agreement.
- 8.3 Financial Security Arrangements. CPS Energy requires “Generator” provide a deposit, parent guarantee, a letter of credit, or other acceptable form of financial security investment grade or better that is deemed acceptable by CPS Energy in an amount equal to the costs of planning, licensing, procuring equipment and materials, and constructing the TIF, prior to the notice to proceed with design and procurement date specified in Exhibit “B”. The deposit, parent guarantee, letter of credit, or other acceptable financial security (as applicable) provided by “Generator” is intended to cover termination costs that may be owed by “Generator” pursuant to Section 2.2. Within a reasonable time after the Plant achieves Commercial Operation, CPS Energy shall return or release the security to “Generator”.

ARTICLE 9. INSURANCE

- 9.1 Upon “Generator” providing notice to proceed with design, by date specified in Exhibit “B”, each Party shall, at its own expense, maintain in force throughout the period of this Agreement and until released by the other Party the following minimum insurance coverage, with insurers authorized to do business in Texas:
- A. Employer’s Liability and Worker’s Compensation Insurance providing statutory benefits in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Texas. The minimum limits for the Employer’s Liability insurance shall be One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each accident bodily injury by accident, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each employee bodily injury by disease, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) policy limit bodily injury by disease.
 - B. Commercial General Liability Insurance including premises and operations, personal injury, broad form property damage, broad form blanket contractual liability coverage (including coverage for the contractual indemnification), products and completed operations coverage, coverage for explosion, collapse and underground hazards, independent contractors coverage, coverage for pollution to the extent normally available and punitive damages to the extent normally available and a cross liability endorsement, with minimum limits of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence/One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) aggregate combined single limit for personal injury, bodily injury, including death and property damage.
 - C. Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance for coverage of owned, non-owned and hired vehicles, trailers or semi-trailers designed for travel on public roads, with a minimum combined single limit of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence for bodily injury, including death, and property damage.
 - D. Excess Public Liability Insurance over and above the Employer’s Liability, Commercial General Liability and Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance coverage, with a minimum combined single limit of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) per occurrence/Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) aggregate.
 - E. The Commercial General Liability Insurance, Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance, and Excess Public Liability Insurance policies shall name the

other Party, its parent, associated and affiliated companies and their respective directors, officers, agents, servants and employees (“Other Party Group”) as additional insured. All policies shall contain provisions whereby the insurers waive all rights of subrogation in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement against the Other Party Group and provide thirty (30) days advance written notice to the Other Party Group prior to the anniversary date of cancellation or any material change in coverage or condition.

- F. The Commercial General Liability Insurance, Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance and Excess Public Liability Insurance policies shall contain provisions that specify that the policies are primary and shall apply to such extent without consideration for other policies separately carried and shall state that each insured is provided coverage as though a separate policy had been issued to each, except the insurer’s liability shall not be increased beyond the amount for which the insurer would have been liable had only one insured been covered. Each Party shall be responsible for its respective deductibles or retentions.
- G. The Commercial General Liability Insurance, Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance and Excess Public Liability Insurance policies, if written on a Claims First Made basis, shall be maintained in full force and effect for two (2) years after termination of this Agreement, which coverage may be in the form of tail coverage or extended reporting period coverage if agreed by the Parties.
- H. The requirements contained herein as to the types and limits of all insurance to be maintained by the Parties are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by the Parties under this Agreement.
- I. Within ten (10) days following execution of this Agreement, and as soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year or at the renewal of the insurance policy and in any event within ninety (90) days thereafter, each Party shall provide certification of all insurance required in this Agreement, executed by each insurer or by an authorized representative of each insurer.
- J. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Party may self-insure to the extent it maintains a self-insurance program; provided that such Party’s senior secured debt is rated at investment grade, or better, by Standard & Poor’s. For any period of time that a

Party's senior secured debt is unrated by Standard & Poor's or is rated at less than investment grade by Standard & Poor's, such Party shall comply with the insurance requirements applicable to it under Sections 9.1.A through 9.1.I. In the event that a Party is permitted to self-insure pursuant to this Section 9.1.J, it shall not be required to comply with the insurance requirements applicable to it under Sections 9.1.A through 9.1.I.

- K. The Parties agree to report to each other in writing as soon as practical all accidents or occurrences resulting in injuries to any person, including death, and any property damage arising out of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 10. MISCELLANEOUS

10.1 Governing Law and Applicable Tariffs.

- A. This Agreement for all purposes shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Texas, excluding conflicts of law principles that would refer to the laws of another jurisdiction. The Parties submit to the jurisdiction of the federal and state courts in the State of Texas.
- B. This Agreement is subject to all valid, applicable rules, regulations and orders of, and tariffs approved by, duly constituted Governmental Authorities.
- C. Each Party expressly reserves the right to seek changes in, appeal, or otherwise contest any laws, orders, rules, or regulations of a Governmental Authority.
- D. Each Party agrees to abide by, Presidential Executive Order 13920, signed May 1, 2020, prohibiting certain transactions involving bulk-power system electric equipment developed, manufactured or supplied by a foreign adversary.

10.2 No Other Services. This Agreement is applicable only to the interconnection of the Plant to TSP System at the Point of Interconnection and does not obligate either Party to provide, or entitle either Party to receive, any service not expressly provided for herein. Each Party is responsible for making the arrangements necessary for it to receive any other service that it may desire from the other Party or any third party. This Agreement does not address the sale or purchase of any electric energy, transmission service or ancillary services by either Party, either before or after Commercial Operation.

10.3 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including all Exhibits, Attachments and Schedules attached hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with reference to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings or agreements, oral or written, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. There are no other agreements, representations, warranties, or covenants which constitute any part of the consideration for, or any condition to, either Party's compliance with its obligations under this Agreement. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section, the Full Interconnection Study reports are unaffected by this Agreement.

10.4 Notices. Except as otherwise provided in Exhibit "E", any formal notice, demand or request provided for in this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed properly

served, given or made if delivered in person, or sent by either registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, overnight mail, electronic mail or fax to the address or number identified on Exhibit “E” attached to this Agreement. Either Party may change the notice information on Exhibit “E” by giving five business days written notice prior to the effective date of the change.

10.5 Force Majeure.

- A. The term “Force Majeure” as used herein shall mean causes or events beyond the reasonable control of, and without the fault or negligence of, the Party claiming a Force Majeure event, including, without limitation, acts of God or the public enemy; sudden actions of the elements such as floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes or volcanoes; sabotage; vandalism beyond that which could reasonably be prevented by the Party claiming the Force Majeure event; terrorism; war; blockade; insurrection; riots; fire; explosion; pandemic or epidemic; extreme or severe weather conditions; national, regional or local strikes, lockouts and other labor disputes other than those involving only employees of “Generator” or of its contractors with respect to the Plant; or Governmental Delays. Force Majeure shall not be based on (i) lack of financial resources of a Party; (ii) material cost increases in commodities or labor; (iii) changes in currency exchange rates or other economic difficulties unless such economic difficulties were themselves caused solely by a Force Majeure event; (iv) the unavailability of equipment which would have been avoided by compliance with Good Utility Practice by the Party claiming the Force Majeure event; (v) changes in market conditions that affect the price of energy, capacity or credits; (vi) the loss of either Party’s markets; (vii) “Generator’s” inability to use the Plant economically; or (viii) increased cost of performance by CPS Energy. For purposes of this section 10.5A, “Governmental Delay” means, despite commercially Reasonable Efforts of a Party and absent such Party’s negligence or fault, delays in the issuance of any permits for the Plant due solely to action or inaction of a Governmental Authority.
- B. Neither Party shall be considered to be in Default (as hereinafter defined) with respect to any obligation hereunder (including obligations under Article 4), other than the obligation to pay money when due, if prevented from fulfilling such

obligation by Force Majeure. A Party unable to fulfill any obligation hereunder (other than an obligation to pay money when due) by reason of Force Majeure shall give notice and the full particulars of such Force Majeure to the other Party in writing or by telephone as soon as reasonably possible after the occurrence of the cause relied upon. Telephone notices given pursuant to this Section shall be confirmed in writing as soon as reasonably possible and shall specifically state full particulars of the Force Majeure, the time and date when the Force Majeure occurred and when the Force Majeure is reasonably expected to cease. The Party affected shall exercise due diligence to remove such disability with reasonable dispatch, but shall not be required to accede or agree to any provision not satisfactory to it in order to settle and terminate a strike or other labor disturbance.

10.6 Default

- A. The term “Default” shall mean the failure of either Party to perform any obligation in the time or manner provided in this Agreement. No Default shall exist where such failure to discharge an obligation (other than the payment of money) is the result of Force Majeure as defined in this Agreement or the result of an act or omission of the other Party. Upon a Default, the non-defaulting Party shall give written notice of such Default to the defaulting Party. Except as provided in Section 10.6.B, the defaulting Party shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of the Default notice within which to cure such Default; provided however, if such Default is not capable of cure within 30 days, the defaulting Party shall commence such cure within 30 days after notice and continuously and diligently complete such cure within 90 days from receipt of the Default notice; and, if cured within such time, the Default specified in such notice shall cease to exist.
- B. If a Default is not cured as provided in this Section, or if a Default is not capable of being cured within the period provided for herein, the non-defaulting Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by written notice at any time until cure occurs, and be relieved of any further obligation hereunder and, whether or not that Party terminates this Agreement, to recover from the defaulting Party all amounts due hereunder, plus all other damages and remedies to which it is entitled at law or

in equity. The provisions of this Section will survive termination of this Agreement.

- 10.7 Intrastate Operation. The operation of the Plant by “Generator” shall not cause there to be a synchronous or an asynchronous interconnection between ERCOT and any other transmission facilities operated outside of ERCOT unless ordered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under Section 210 of the Federal Power Act. The Parties recognize and agree that any such interconnection will constitute an adverse condition giving CPS Energy the right to immediately disconnect the TIF from the GIF, until such interconnection has been disconnected. “Generator” will not be prohibited by this Section from interconnecting the Plant with facilities operated by the Comision Federal de Electricidad of Mexico, unless such interconnection would cause ERCOT utilities that are not “public utilities” under the Federal Power Act to become subject to the plenary jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- 10.8 No Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is not intended to and does not create rights, remedies, or benefits of any character whatsoever in favor of any persons, corporations, associations, or entities other than the Parties, and the obligations herein assumed are solely for the use and benefit of the Parties, their successors in interest and, where permitted, their assigns.
- 10.9 No Waiver. The failure of a Party to this Agreement to insist, on any occasion, upon strict performance of any provision of this Agreement will not be considered a waiver of obligations, rights, or duties imposed upon the Parties. Termination or Default of this Agreement for any reason by “Generator” shall not constitute a waiver of “Generator’s” legal rights to obtain an interconnection from CPS Energy under a new interconnection agreement.
- 10.10 Headings. The descriptive headings of the various articles and sections of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and are of no significance in the interpretation or construction of this Agreement.
- 10.11 Multiple Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all constitute one and the same instrument.
- 10.12 Amendment. This Agreement may be amended only upon mutual agreement of the Parties, which amendment will not be effective until reduced to writing and executed by the Parties.

- 10.13 No Partnership. This Agreement shall not be interpreted or construed to create an association, joint venture, agency relationship, or partnership between the Parties or to impose any partnership obligation or liability upon either Party. Neither Party shall have any right, power or authority to enter into any agreement or undertaking for, or act on behalf of, or to act as or be an agent or representative of, or to otherwise bind, the other Party.
- 10.14 Further Assurances. The Parties agree to (i) furnish upon request to each other such further information, (ii) execute and deliver to each other such other documents, and (iii) do such other acts and things, all as the other Party may reasonably request for the purpose of carrying out the intent of this Agreement and the documents referred to in this Agreement.
- 10.15 Indemnification and Liability. The indemnification and liability provisions of PUCT Rule 25.202(b)(2) or its successor shall govern this Agreement.
- 10.16 Consequential Damages. IN NO EVENT SHALL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE UNDER ANY PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT FOR ANY LOSSES, DAMAGES, COSTS OR EXPENSES FOR ANY SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LOSS OF PROFIT OR REVENUE, LOSS OF THE USE OF EQUIPMENT, COST OF CAPITAL, COST OF TEMPORARY EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES, WHETHER BASED IN WHOLE OR IN PART IN CONTRACT, IN TORT, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY, OR ANY OTHER THEORY OF LIABILITY; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT DAMAGES FOR WHICH A PARTY MAY BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY UNDER ANOTHER AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES HEREUNDER.
- 10.17 Assignment. This Agreement may be assigned by either Party only with the written consent of the other; provided that either Party may assign this Agreement without the consent of the other Party to any affiliate of the assigning Party who has an equal or greater credit rating as the assigning Party or who provides security as required by 8.3, and who has the legal authority and operational ability to satisfy the obligations of the assigning Party under this Agreement; and provided further that “Generator” shall have the right to assign this Agreement, with the consent of CPS Energy, for collateral security purposes to aid in providing financing for the Plant, provided that “Generator” will require any secured party,

trustee or mortgagee to notify CPS Energy of any such assignment. Any financing arrangement entered into by “Generator” pursuant to this Section 10.17 will provide that prior to or upon the exercise of the secured Party’s, trustee’s or mortgagee’s assignment rights pursuant to said arrangement, the secured creditor, the trustee or mortgagee will notify CPS Energy of the date and particulars of any such exercise of assignment right(s). Any attempted assignment that violates this Section 10.17 is void and ineffective. Any assignment under this Agreement shall not relieve a Party of its obligations, nor shall a Party’s obligations be enlarged, in whole or in part, by reason thereof. Where required, consent to assignment will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

10.18 Severability. If any provision in this Agreement is finally determined to be invalid, void or unenforceable by any court having jurisdiction, such determination shall not invalidate, void or make unenforceable any other provision, agreement or covenant of this Agreement.

10.19 Comparability. The Parties will comply with all applicable comparability and code of conduct laws, rules and regulations, as amended from time to time.

10.20 Invoicing and Payment. Unless the Parties otherwise agree (in a manner permitted by applicable PUCT Rules), invoicing and payment rights and obligations under this Agreement shall be governed by PUCT Rules or applicable Governmental Authority. Invoices shall be rendered to the paying Party at the address specified on Exhibit “D”, and payments shall be made as agreed upon by the Parties.

10.21 Confidentiality.

A. Subject to the exception in Section 10.21.B, any information that a Party claims is competitively sensitive, commercial or financial information under this Agreement (“Confidential Information”) shall not be disclosed by the other Party to any person not employed or retained by the other Party, except to the extent disclosure is (i) required by law; (ii) reasonably deemed by the disclosing Party to be required to be disclosed in connection with a dispute between or among the Parties, or the defense of litigation or dispute; (iii) otherwise permitted by consent of the other Party, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld; or (iv) necessary to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement or as a transmission service provider or a Control Area operator including disclosing the Confidential Information to the ISO. The Party asserting confidentiality shall notify the other Party in writing of the information it

claims is confidential. Prior to any disclosures of the other Party's Confidential Information under this subsection, or if any third party or Governmental Authority makes any request or demand for any of the information described in this subsection, the disclosing Party agrees to promptly notify the other Party in writing and agrees to assert confidentiality and cooperate with the other Party in seeking to protect the Confidential Information from public disclosure by confidentiality agreement, protective order or other reasonable measures.

- B. This provision shall not apply to any information that was or is hereafter in the public domain (except as a result of a breach of this provision).

EXHIBIT “B”: TIME SCHEDULE

Date by which “Generator” must provide notice to proceed with design and procurement and provide security, as specified in Section 4.2 so that CPS Energy may maintain schedule to meet the In-Service Date: **March 1, 2022.**

Date by which “Generator” must provide notice to proceed with construction and provide security, as specified in Section 4.2 so that CPS Energy may maintain schedule to meet the In-Service Date: **August 1, 2022.**

In-Service Date: **August 18, 2023**

Trial Operation date: **September 1, 2023**

Commercial Operation date: **December 31, 2023**

Due to the nature of the subject of this Agreement, the Parties may mutually agree to change the dates and times of this Exhibit B, through an amendment to this Agreement. CPS Energy shall make Reasonable Efforts to obtain the ERCOT approvals necessary for TSP System outages required to interconnect the Plant to the TSP System pursuant to this Agreement (“ERCOT Outage Approvals”). In the event CPS Energy is unable to obtain the ERCOT Outage Approvals necessary to meet the Time Schedule dates set forth in this Exhibit B, said dates shall be extended for the number of days it takes CPS Energy to obtain the ERCOT Outage Approvals, provided that CPS Energy shall continue to diligently pursue the ERCOT Outage Approvals.

EXHIBIT “C”: INTERCONNECTION DETAILS

1. **Name:** Padua Grid BESS (the “Plant”)
2. **Point of Interconnection Location:** The Point of Interconnection is located approximately 1.85 miles (North) from the existing CPS Energy substation (O.W. Sommers). The “Point of Interconnection” shown on Exhibit C1 shall be defined as the point at which the CPS Energy transmission facilities are connected to the “Generator” facilities. This point is generally stated as where the first four-hole jumper terminal that connects on the CPS Energy owned dead-end structure adjacent to the GIF.
3. **Delivery Voltage:** 138 kV (nominal)
4. **Type of Generating Unit:** Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
5. **Number and Size of Generating Units:** The Plant is a BESS consisting of two 138/34.5/13.8 kV main power transformers with each main power transformer connecting to thirty-five (35) BESS blocks each rated for 3.15 MVA for a combined gross output of 202.6 MW.
6. **Telemetry Equipment Inputs:** “Generator” shall provide and maintain telemetry originating at the Plant to CPS Energy.
7. **System Protection and Coordination at the Point of Interconnection:** At Generators cost, “Generator” will own, design, install, operate, maintain, and provide settings for protective devices and communication equipment at the “Generators” facilities for the protection scheme that protects the interconnection between the GIF and the TIF. CPS Energy will own, design, install, operate, maintain, and provide settings for protective devices and communication equipment at CPS Energy facilities for the protection scheme that protects the interconnection between the GIF and the TIF. “Generator” and CPS Energy will provide fully redundant protection systems. “Generator” interconnection protection shall use protective relays, communication equipment and other protection devices compatible with CPS Energy protective relays, communication equipment and other protection devices. CPS Energy reserves the right to specify relay types, communication equipment and protection setting requirements for interconnection with the CPS Energy BES. CPS Energy may require submittal of operational and relay one-line diagrams, relaying schematics, relay types, proposed settings and equipment short circuit parameters for review and approval. The Parties will review the applicable protection

settings to verify proper coordination between “Generator” and CPS Energy. If “Generator” or CPS Energy finds that any settings do not coordinate, “Generator” and CPS Energy agree to make changes so that settings coordinate. Once the Parties are satisfied that the settings coordinate, the Parties will provide each other an email or written statement stating that the protection system settings coordinate between the Parties. Once the plant is in operation, the Parties agree to notify each other in advance of any protection equipment, design, or setting changes that may impact the protection system coordination between the Parties. The Parties may request to review existing protection schemes and settings to verify continued coordination. Each Party should respond to the data request within 30 days.

8. **ERCOT Polled Settlement (EPS) metering equipment for the BESS for Point of Interconnect (POI) Metering**

EPS metering shall be located at a mutually agreed upon location and reside in a standalone cabinet provided and accessible by CPS Energy.

The following TSP metering equipment will be provided by TSP and installed by Generator:

Inside Generator switchyard:

(3 ea.) Metering PT’s, 138 kV. To be mounted by Generator on Generator supplied structure.

(3 ea.) Metering CT’s, 138kV. To be mounted by Generator on Generator supplied structure.

Location of metering PT’s and CT’s shall be made accessible to TSP for routine maintenance and testing. Location of metering PT’s and CT’s shall have protection against vegetation overgrowth.

Outside Generator switchyard:

(1 ea.) Metering cabinets to be mounted by Generator on Generator supplied structure. Metering cabinet will include meters, SCADA, communication equipment, and battery backup system.

(1 lot) Multi-fiber, fiber optic cabling, from the TSP metering cabinets located outside the Generator switchyard fence to the TSP fiber splice box located at TSP’s dead-end structure located outside the Generator switchyard fence. The fiber optic cabling shall be installed in conduit provided and installed by Generator and shall be terminated by TSP.

The following TSP metering equipment will be provided and installed by Generator:

Inside Generator switchyard:

(Minimum 1 ea.) Metering stand for TSP supplied metering PT's. PTs may be mounted on single stand for 3 PTS or individual stands for each PT.

(Minimum 1 ea.) Metering stand for TSP supplied metering CT's. CTs may be mounted on single stand for 3 CTs or individual stands for each CT.

(Minimum 1 ea.) CT Metering junction box, lockable type, including two (2) CT shorting blocks. CT Metering junction box required for each stand.

(Minimum 1 ea.) PT Metering junction box and one (1) PT fuse block. PT Metering junction box required for each stand.

Metering junction box to be locked with TSP lock. Location and requirements of the metering junction box to be finalized during detailed design and provided by TSP to Generator.

Outside Generator switchyard:

(1 ea.) Metering cabinet mounting structure. Generator to provide a structure to mount TSP provided metering equipment cabinet. This cabinet will be located outside of Generator switchyard fence and shall be accessible by vehicle. The metering cabinet shall be grounded to the Generator switchyard grid. Details of equipment to be mounted on the structure will be finalized during detailed design and provided by TSP to Generator.

Inside and Outside Generator switchyard:

(1 lot) Wiring and conduit for the metering stand to include:

Conductor from CT's to metering junction box. Terminated by TSP

Conductor from PT's to metering junction box. Terminated by TSP

(1 lot) Wiring and conduit from the metering junction box to the TSP metering cabinet to include:

Conduit

Conductor for CT's. Terminated by TSP

Conductor for PT's. Terminated by TSP

(1 lot) Wiring and conduit from Generator 120 VAC source to external load panel separate from metering cabinets to provide power to metering cabinet equipment to include:

Conductor for power supply to external load panel

(1 lot) Conduit from the TSP metering cabinets to the TSP fiber splice box at TSP's dead-end structure located outside the Generator switchyard for TSP provided fiber optic cable.

Details of conductor and conduit will be finalized during detailed design and provided by TSP to Generator.

9. **ERCOT Polled Settlement (EPS) metering equipment for the BESS for Wholesale**

Storage Load (WSL) Metering

The EPS metering to include WSL metering for the BESS, shall be located at a mutually agreed upon location and will reside in a standalone cabinet(s) accessible by CPS Energy.

The following TSP metering equipment will be provided by TSP and installed by Generator:

Inside Generator switchyard:

(6 ea.) Metering PT's, 34.5 kV. To be mounted by Generator on Generator supplied structure.

(6 ea.) Metering CT's, 34.5 kV. To be mounted by Generator on Generator supplied structure.

Location of metering PT's and CT's shall be made accessible to TSP for routine maintenance and testing. Location of metering PT's and CT's shall have protection against vegetation overgrowth.

Outside Generator switchyard:

(2 ea.) Metering cabinets to be mounted by Generator on Generator supplied structure. Metering cabinet will include meters, SCADA, communication equipment, and battery backup system.

(1 lot) Multi-fiber, fiber optic cabling, from the TSP metering cabinets located outside the Generator switchyard fence to the TSP fiber splice box located at TSP's dead-end structure located outside the Generator switchyard fence. The fiber optic cabling shall be installed in conduit provided and installed by Generator and shall be terminated by TSP.

The following TSP metering equipment will be provided and installed by Generator:

Inside Generator switchyard:

(2 ea.) Metering stand, pole, or cabinet for TSP supplied metering PT's and metering CT's. TSP prefers ability to visually inspect PT's and CT's without the need to open any enclosure.

(2 ea.) Metering junction box, lockable type, including two (2) CT shorting blocks and one (1) PT fuse block. Metering junction box to be locked with TSP lock. Location and requirements of the metering junction box to be finalized during detailed design and provided by TSP to Generator.

Outside Generator switchyard:

(1 ea.) Metering cabinet mounting structure. Generator to provide a structure to mount TSP provided metering equipment cabinet. This cabinet will be located outside of Generator switchyard fence and shall be accessible by vehicle. The metering cabinet shall be grounded to the Generator switchyard grid. Details of equipment to be mounted on the structure will be finalized during detailed design and provided by TSP to Generator.

Inside and Outside Generator switchyard:

(1 lot) Wiring and conduit for the metering stand to include:

Conductor from CT's to metering junction box. Terminated by TSP

Conductor from PT's to metering junction box. Terminated by TSP

- (1 lot) Wiring and conduit from the metering junction box to the TSP metering cabinet to include:
Conduit
Conductor for CT's. Terminated by TSP
Conductor for PT's. Terminated by TSP
- (1 lot) Wiring and conduit from Generator 120 VAC source to external load panel separate from metering cabinets to provide power to metering cabinet equipment to include:
Conductor for power supply to external load panel
- (1 lot) Conduit from the TSP metering cabinets to the TSP fiber splice box at TSP's dead-end structure located outside the Generator switchyard for TSP provided fiber optic cable.
- Details of conductor and conduit will be finalized during detailed design and provided by TSP to Generator.

10. **Generator Interconnection Facilities to be furnished by "Generator":** At "Generator's" cost, "Generator" will operate and maintain a complete generation facility including, but not limited to, BESS blocks, two three-winding main power transformers, protective devices, and other transformers and associated foundations, the terminating structure(s), all relays necessary for the protection, synchronization and coordination of the generators, generator auxiliary equipment and all facilities up to the Point of Interconnection, including 138 kV disconnect switches and/or breakers and ground grid connections.
11. **Site work and service to be furnished by "Generator":**
- All necessary federal, state, local permits and platting requirements of the county.
 - Geotechnical Testing (for foundation design and soil resistivity) in accordance to CPS Energy's specifications.
 - "Generator" must provide boundary survey and topographical survey CADD files to CPS Energy for use in design by CPS Energy or CSP Energy Engineering Consultants. "Generator" will provide all meets and bound descriptions, exhibits, and maps necessary for creation of all easements and required for transfer of the land to CPS Energy.
 - Access road constructed with compacted base material in accordance with "Generator's" Geotechnical recommendations and with CPS Energy's acceptance prior to and during construction.

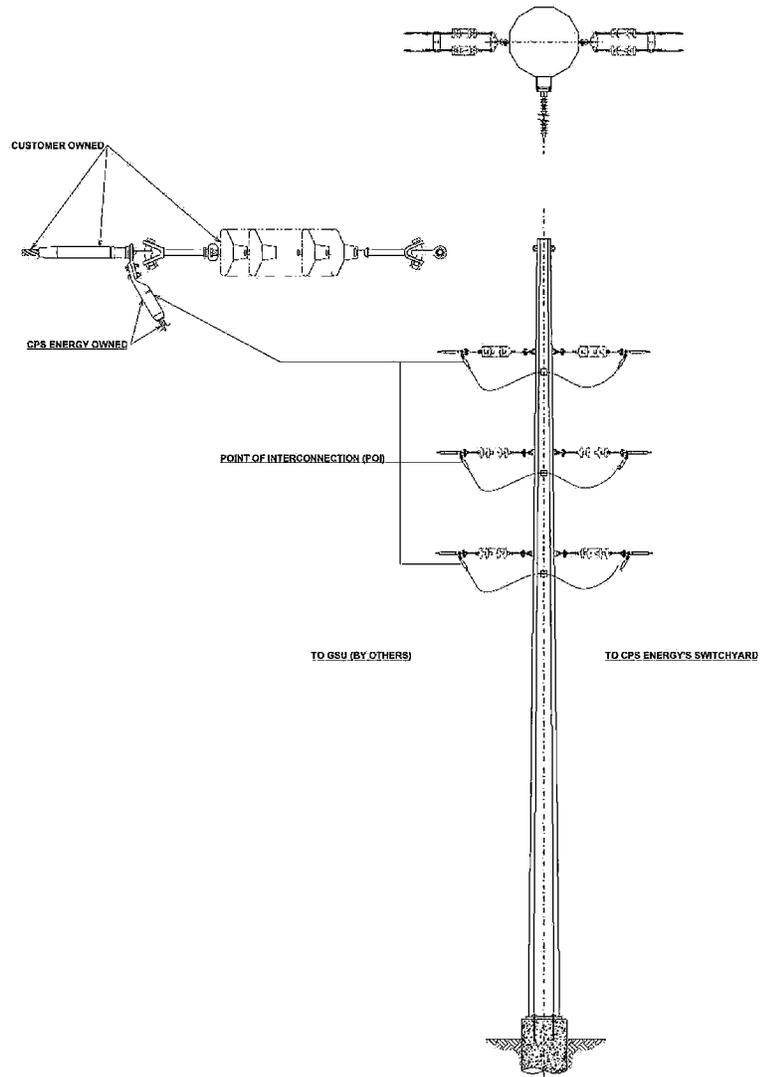
- “Generator” will be responsible for maintenance of the access road and all CPS Energy easements for TSP’s ingress and egress to and from the TIF located adjacent to the Generator switchyard, including but not limited to, TSP’s POI, ERCOT Polled Settlement metering to include WSL metering facilities, and that they are accessible 24/7 and safely traversable in all weather conditions.

12. **Transmission Service Provider Interconnection Facilities to be furnished by CPS**

Energy: At CPS Energy’s cost, CPS Energy shall own, construct, design, procure, install, repair, operate, test, and maintain the expansion of the existing O.W. Sommers 138 kV switchyard including, but not limited to, bus-work, supports, structures, ground grid covering the switchyard, security fencing surrounding the switchyard, circuit breakers, disconnect switches, Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) and ERCOT Polled Settlement (EPS) metering, telemetry and communication facilities, relays and other equipment necessary for protection and coordination, controls, and wiring all as necessary to provide an interconnection between “Generator’s” generation facilities and the TSP System. At CPS Energy’s cost, CPS Energy will own, construct, design, procure, install, repair, operate, test, and maintain the approximately 1.85 mile 138 kV generation tie-line from CPS Energy’s O.W. Sommers 138 kV substation to the Point of Interconnection, to include all hardware assemblies associated with the connection from the GIF to the TIF that is owned by CPS Energy, such as the single circuit pole line from the 138 kV TIF to the four-hole jumper terminal on the last CPS Energy owned dead-end structure adjacent to the GIF or before the GIF.

13. **Access to Transmission Service Provider Facilities:** “Generator” does not require access to the TIF.

EXHIBIT "C1": POINT OF INTERCONNECTION DETAILS



CPS Energy's last structure before Generator's facility

EXHIBIT “D”: SECURITY ARRANGEMENT DETAILS

In accordance with the dates in Exhibit “B” “Generator” shall cause to be established pursuant to Section 8.3 of Exhibit “A”, and shall at all times through the earlier of (i) five (5) Business Days after the date upon which CPS Energy receives written notification from “Generator” that Commercial Operation has been achieved or (ii) ninety (90) days after the termination of the Agreement in accordance with its terms (the earlier of which shall be the “Final Expiration Date”), cause to be maintained in full force and effect a Letter of Credit (as defined below) or other security reasonably acceptable to CPS Energy (“Security Instrument”) for the benefit of CPS Energy in the amounts and for the periods set forth below.

Business Day means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, or a holiday on which national banking associations in the State of Texas are permitted or required to be closed.

In accordance with Section 8.3 of Exhibit “A”, any repayment or return of such cash deposit shall include interest at a rate applicable to Federal Funds Effective Rate - the rate for that day opposite the caption “Federal Funds (Effective)” as set forth in the weekly statistical release designated as H.15 (519), or any successor publication, published by the of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, minus ½%.

“Generator” may replace a cash deposit with a Letter of Credit after review and acceptance of a Letter of Credit from a bank acceptable to CPS Energy. CPS Energy shall return the cash deposit to “Generator” in exchange for the Letter of Credit once the Letter of Credit is fully acceptable to CPS Energy.

Notwithstanding the Expiration Dates there shall be no obligation by “Generator” to establish or maintain the Security Instrument after the Final Expiration Date and any Security Instrument outstanding as of the Final Expiration Date shall be immediately surrendered by CPS Energy.

The maximum stated amounts, Effective Dates, and Expiration Dates of the Security Instrument(s) shall be as follows:

Maximum Stated Amount	Effective Date	Expiration Date
Initial amount of \$2,247,000 for Design and Procurement	March 1, 2022	5 business days after notification of commercial operations
Additional amount of \$1,989,638 for Construction to bring total to \$4,236,638	August 1, 2022	5 business days after notification of commercial operations

Failure to deliver or maintain the Security Instruments in the amounts and for the periods set forth above shall be deemed a Default under Section 10.6 of the Agreement, notwithstanding any cure period otherwise provided for in Section 10.6.

“Letter of Credit” shall mean an irrevocable, transferable letter of credit, issued by a Generator-selected and CPS Energy-approved (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld), major U.S. commercial bank or a major foreign commercial bank with a U.S. branch office with a credit rating of at least “A-” by Standard & Poor’s or “A3” by Moody’s Investor Service (“Bank”). A Bank approved by CPS Energy for the initial Letter of Credit shall be deemed approved for a subsequent Letter of Credit absent any adverse change in credit rating between the initial Effective Date and the Effective Date for such subsequent Letter of Credit. An adverse change in credit rating shall be deemed to have occurred if the issuer of the then current Letter of Credit has a credit rating of less than “A-” by Standard & Poor’s or “A3” by Moody’s Investor Service. If the issuer of the current Letter of Credit suffers such adverse change in credit rating, it shall no longer be a TSP-approved Bank for purposes of issuing commercially acceptable security for this Agreement until its rating has been increased to at least “A-” by Standard & Poor’s or “A3” by Moody’s Investor Service.

If at any time during the term of this Agreement, the CPS Energy-approved bank which has issued the then current Letter of Credit(s) suffers a credit rating reduction to less than “A-” by Standard & Poor’s or “A3” by Moody’s Investor Service, “Generator” shall replace that Letter of Credit(s) with another Letter of Credit(s) of the same amount and with the same beneficiary from another CPS Energy-approved bank of “Generator’s” choice within fifteen Business Days of the date of such reduction in rating. Failure to deliver a replacement Letter of Credit(s) within fifteen Business Days of the date of a reduction in rating shall be deemed a Default under Section 10.6 of the Agreement, notwithstanding any cure period otherwise provided for in Section 10.6.

EXHIBIT “E”: NOTICE INFORMATION

(a) All notices of an <u>operational nature</u> shall be in writing and/or may be sent between the Parties via electronic means including facsimile as follows:	
<p>If to</p> <p>Company Name: Padua Grid, LLC Attn: Bree Maria Address: 4845 Pearl East Cir Ste 118 PMB 83662 City, State, Zip: Boulder, CO 80301-6112 24 Hour Telephone () - Operational/Confirmation Fax () - [Phone and fax updated 120 days prior to energization] E-mail bmaria@ablegridenergy.com</p>	<p>If to</p> <p>Company Name: CPS Energy Attn: System Operations Shift Supervisor Address: 500 McCullough Ave. City, State, Zip: San Antonio, TX 78215 24 Hour Telephone (210) 353-4362, ext.0 Operational/Confirmation Fax (210) 353-3949 E-mail ZDLyle@cpsenergy.com</p>
(b) Notices of an <u>administrative nature</u> :	
<p>If to</p> <p>Company Name: Padua Grid, LLC Attn: Bree Maria Address: 4845 Pearl East Cir Ste 118 PMB 83662 City, State, Zip: Boulder, CO 80301-6112 Phone: (323) 872-8093 E-mail: bmaria@ablegridenergy.com</p>	<p>If to</p> <p>Company Name: CPS Energy Attn: LeeRoy Perez Address: 500 McCullough Ave. City, State, Zip: San Antonio, TX 78215 Telephone (210) 353-4976 E-mail LPerez@CPSEnergy.com</p>
(c) Notice for statement and billing purposes:	
<p>If to</p> <p>Company Name: Padua Grid, LLC Attn: Bree Maria Address: 4845 Pearl East Cir Ste 118, PMB 83662 City, State, Zip: Boulder, CO 80301-6112 Phone: (323) 872-8093 E-mail: bmaria@ablegridenergy.com</p>	<p>If to</p> <p>Company Name: CPS Energy Attn: Maricela Benavides Address: 500 McCullough Ave. City, State, Zip: San Antonio, TX 78215 Telephone: (210) 353-2622 E-mail: MCBenavides@CPSEnergy.com</p>
(d) Notices of an ERCOT/NERC <u>compliance nature</u> :	
<p>If to</p> <p>Company Name: Padua Grid, LLC Address: 4845 Pearl East Cir Ste 118, PMB 83662 City, State, Zip: Boulder, CO 80301-6112 Phone: (323) 872-8093 E-mail: bmaria@ablegridenergy.com</p>	<p>If to</p> <p>Company Name: CPS Energy Attn: Kenneth Bowen Address: 500 McCullough Ave. City, State, Zip: San Antonio, TX 78215 Telephone: (210) 353-4142 E-mail: KBowen@CPSEnergy.com</p>

ATTACHMENT NO. 3b

FIRST AMENDMENT TO GENERATION INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

FIRST AMENDMENT
TO
GENERATION INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

This First Amendment modifies Exhibit "B" and Exhibit "D" of the Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement"), dated November 16, 2021 by and between the City of San Antonio acting by and through the City Public Service Board ("CPS Energy") and Padua Grid, LLC. This First Amendment is made and entered into on May 13, 2022 ("Effective Date") between CPS Energy and Padua Grid, LLC, hereinafter individually referred to as "Party" and collectively referred to as "Parties". In consideration of the mutual promises and undertakings herein set forth, the Parties agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

1. Exhibit "B" attached to the original Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced by Exhibit "B" attached to this First Amendment and is hereby added to the Agreement in lieu thereof.
2. Exhibit "D" attached to the original Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced by Exhibit "D" attached to this First Amendment and is hereby added to the Agreement in lieu thereof.

Except as otherwise expressly provided for herein, the Agreement will continue in full force and effect in accordance with its terms and exhibits.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this First Amendment to be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all shall constitute one and the same instrument.

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS,
ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE
CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

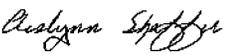
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Print: Rick Maldonado

Title: VP T&D Engineering and Grid Transformation

Date: May 13, 2022

PADUA GRID, LLC

By: 

Print: Aislynn Shaffer

Title: Vice President

Date: 4/29/2022

EXHIBIT “B”: TIME SCHEDULE

Date by which “Generator” must provide notice to proceed with design and procurement and provide security, as specified in Section 4.2 so that CPS Energy may maintain schedule to meet the In-Service Date: **May 31, 2022.**

Date by which “Generator” must provide notice to proceed with construction and provide security, as specified in Section 4.2 so that CPS Energy may maintain schedule to meet the In-Service Date: **October 31, 2022.**

In-Service Date: **November 17, 2023**

Trial Operation date: **December 1, 2023**

Commercial Operation date: **March 31, 2024**

Due to the nature of the subject of this Agreement, the Parties may mutually agree to change the dates and times of this Exhibit B, through an amendment to this Agreement. CPS Energy shall make Reasonable Efforts to obtain the ERCOT approvals necessary for TSP System outages required to interconnect the Plant to the TSP System pursuant to this Agreement (“ERCOT Outage Approvals”). In the event CPS Energy is unable to obtain the ERCOT Outage Approvals necessary to meet the Time Schedule dates set forth in this Exhibit B, said dates shall be extended for the number of days it takes CPS Energy to obtain the ERCOT Outage Approvals, provided that CPS Energy shall continue to diligently pursue the ERCOT Outage Approvals.

EXHIBIT “D”: SECURITY ARRANGEMENT DETAILS

In accordance with the dates in Exhibit “B” “Generator” shall cause to be established pursuant to Section 8.3 of Exhibit “A”, and shall at all times through the earlier of (i) five (5) Business Days after the date upon which CPS Energy receives written notification from “Generator” that Commercial Operation has been achieved or (ii) ninety (90) days after the termination of the Agreement in accordance with its terms (the earlier of which shall be the “Final Expiration Date”), cause to be maintained in full force and effect a Letter of Credit (as defined below) or other security reasonably acceptable to CPS Energy (“Security Instrument”) for the benefit of CPS Energy in the amounts and for the periods set forth below.

Business Day means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, or a holiday on which national banking associations in the State of Texas are permitted or required to be closed.

In accordance with Section 8.3 of Exhibit “A”, any repayment or return of such cash deposit shall not include interest.

“Generator” may replace a cash deposit with a Letter of Credit after review and acceptance of a Letter of Credit from a bank acceptable to CPS Energy. CPS Energy shall return the cash deposit to “Generator” in exchange for the Letter of Credit once the Letter of Credit is fully acceptable to CPS Energy.

Notwithstanding the Expiration Dates there shall be no obligation by “Generator” to establish or maintain the Security Instrument after the Final Expiration Date and any Security Instrument outstanding as of the Final Expiration Date shall be immediately surrendered by CPS Energy.

The maximum stated amounts, Effective Dates, and Expiration Dates of the Security Instrument(s) shall be as follows:

Maximum Stated Amount	Effective Date	Expiration Date
Initial amount of \$2,247,000 for Design and Procurement	May 31, 2022	5 business days after notification of commercial operations
Additional amount of \$1,989,638 for Construction to bring total to \$4,236,638	October 31, 2022	5 business days after notification of commercial operations

Failure to deliver or maintain the Security Instruments in the amounts and for the periods set forth above shall be deemed a Default under Section 10.6 of the Agreement, notwithstanding any cure period otherwise provided for in Section 10.6.

“Letter of Credit” shall mean an irrevocable, transferable letter of credit, issued by a Generator-selected and CPS Energy-approved (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld), major U.S. commercial bank or a major foreign commercial bank with a U.S. branch office with a credit rating of at least “A-” by Standard & Poor’s or “A3” by Moody’s Investor Service (“Bank”). A Bank approved by CPS Energy for the initial Letter of Credit shall be deemed approved for a

subsequent Letter of Credit absent any adverse change in credit rating between the initial Effective Date and the Effective Date for such subsequent Letter of Credit. An adverse change in credit rating shall be deemed to have occurred if the issuer of the then current Letter of Credit has a credit rating of less than "A-" by Standard & Poor's or "A3" by Moody's Investor Service. If the issuer of the current Letter of Credit suffers such adverse change in credit rating, it shall no longer be a TSP-approved Bank for purposes of issuing commercially acceptable security for this Agreement until its rating has been increased to at least "A-" by Standard & Poor's or "A3" by Moody's Investor Service.

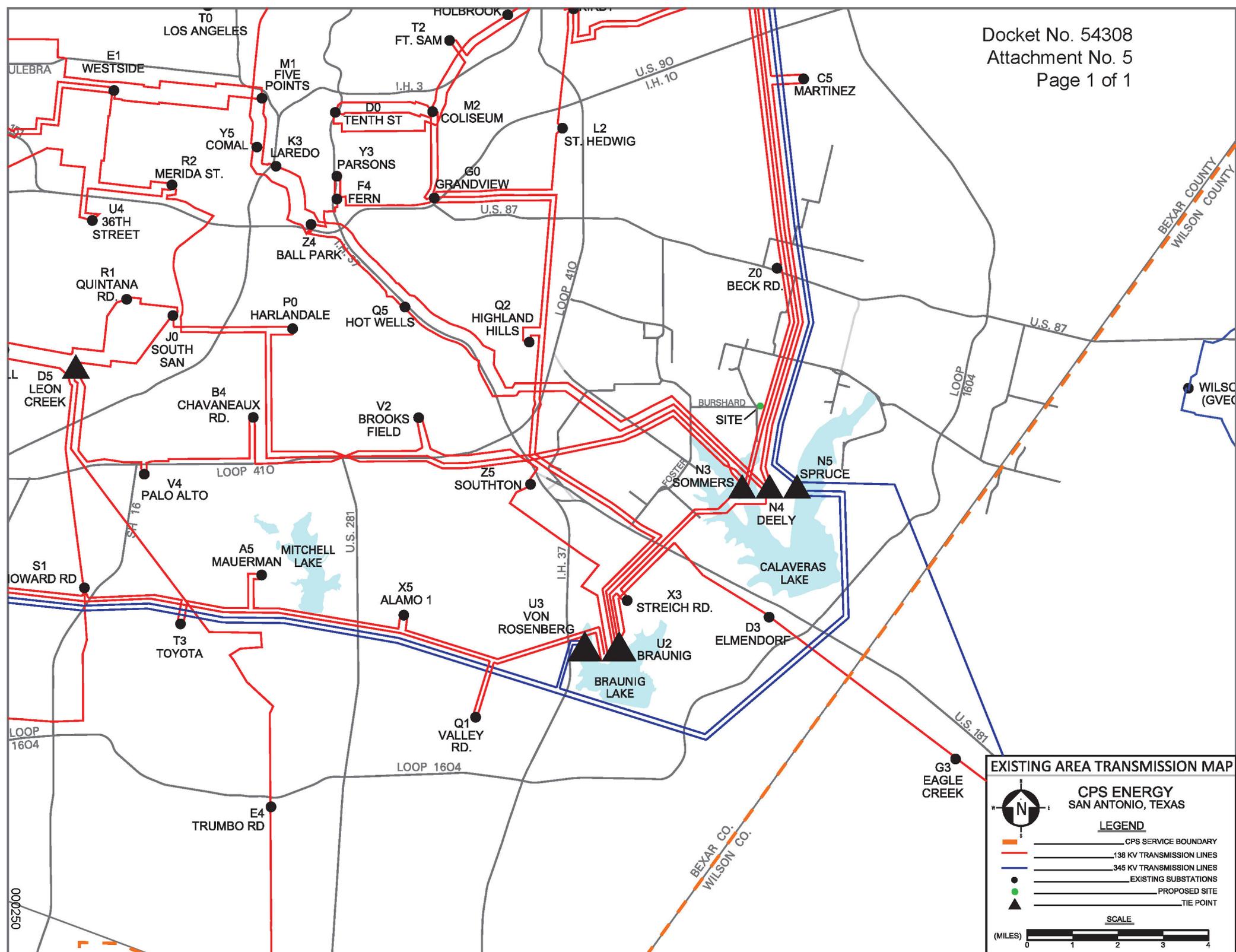
If at any time during the term of this Agreement, the CPS Energy-approved bank which has issued the then current Letter of Credit(s) suffers a credit rating reduction to less than "A-" by Standard & Poor's or "A3" by Moody's Investor Service, "Generator" shall replace that Letter of Credit(s) with another Letter of Credit(s) of the same amount and with the same beneficiary from another CPS Energy-approved bank of "Generator's" choice within fifteen Business Days of the date of such reduction in rating. Failure to deliver a replacement Letter of Credit(s) within fifteen Business Days of the date of a reduction in rating shall be deemed a Default under Section 10.6 of the Agreement, notwithstanding any cure period otherwise provided for in Section 10.6.

ATTACHMENT NO. 4

**FACILITY STUDY REPORT
FOR PADUA GRID BESS
IS CONFIDENTIAL
AND IS FILED UNDER
SEPARATE COVER**

ATTACHMENT NO. 5

AREA TRANSMISSION SYSTEM



EXISTING AREA TRANSMISSION MAP
CPS ENERGY
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

LEGEND

- CPS SERVICE BOUNDARY
- 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINES
- 345 KV TRANSMISSION LINES
- EXISTING SUBSTATIONS
- PROPOSED SITE
- TIE POINT

SCALE

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ATTACHMENT NO. 6

DOD NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE CCN APPLICATION – PADUA BESS



Mr. Steven Sample
Executive Director
Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse
3400 Defense Pentagon, Room 5C646
Washington, DC 20301-3400

Re: Proposed Transmission Interconnect - Padua Grid BESS Project, Bexar County, Texas

Dear Mr. Sample:

This letter is to advise you that the City of San Antonio, acting by and through the City Public Service Board (CPS Energy), intends to file an application to amend its certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) to construct a new single circuit 138 kV transmission line in Bexar County, Texas. The proposed 138 kV line will extend approximately two miles from the CPS Energy O. W. Sommers Switchyard located at the O. W. Sommers Power Plant at the southern end of Gardner Road, to the proposed Padua Grid Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Switchyard located at the intersection of Burshard Road and Gardner Road. The preliminary proposed routing is shown on the enclosed Figure 4-2.

POWER Engineers, Inc. (POWER) is nearing the conclusion of preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to support CPS Energy's internal and external regulatory activities associated with the project. The EA will identify environmental, cultural, and land use constraints within the study area, and POWER will also evaluate the route(s) between the end points, taking into consideration the identified constraints and the need to serve increasing electrical load in the area. As you can see from the enclosed Figure 4-2, the preliminary proposed route will run parallel and adjacent to existing transmission lines and, thus, is not anticipated to present any new or unusual concerns.

We are notifying you, pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.52(a)(4), of CPS Energy's intent to file the CCN amendment application, because no public meeting is being held in regard to the project. Once the routing study is completed and the application is filed, we will provide you notice of that as well.

Please know that CPS Energy welcomes any input or information your office would like to provide regarding this project. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam R. Marin".

Adam R. Marin

ATTACHMENT NO. 7

**COPY OF WRITTEN
DIRECT NOTICE
PROVIDED TO LANDOWNER
PADUA GRID, LLC**



November 9, 2022

Padua Grid, LLC
c/o Ms. Melissa Miller
988 Howard Ave., Suite 200
Burlingame, California 94010

RE: Application of the City of San Antonio, Acting By and Through City Public Service Board (CPS Energy) to Amend a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Proposed O.W. Sommers Switchyard to Padua Grid BESS 138-kV Transmission Line Project in Bexar County, Texas

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS (PUC) DOCKET NO. 54308

Tract ID: 338887 and 338888

Dear Landowner:

This letter is to inform you that the City of San Antonio, acting by and through City Public Service Board (CPS Energy) is requesting approval from the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to construct the proposed O.W. Sommers Switchyard to Padua Grid BESS 138-kV Transmission Line Project in Bexar County. The Proposed Project consists of constructing a new single circuit 138 kV transmission line connecting the new Padua Grid Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) to the electric grid from CPS Energy's existing O.W. Sommers Switchyard, located at the O.W. Sommers Power Plant (also owned by CPS Energy). The new transmission line will be approximately two miles (1.96 miles) in length, and is estimated to cost approximately \$4,312,638, depending upon the final approval of the PUC.

Your land will be directly affected in this docket if CPS Energy's proposed route is approved by the PUC. If the PUC approves the application, CPS Energy will have the right to build the facilities, which will directly affect your land. This docket will not determine the value of your land or the value of an easement if one is needed by CPS Energy to build the facilities.

If you have questions about the transmission line or this project in general, please call Antonio DeMendonca at 210-353-5318. A description of the proposed project is set out below, and a map showing the proposed routing is enclosed for your convenience:

Route Description

The proposed route, composed of one segment, begins in the existing O.W. Sommers Switchyard, located at the O.W. Sommers Power Plant at the southern end of Gardner Road. The segment proceeds north for approximately 0.46 mile exiting the north side of the O.W. Sommers Switchyard, crossing three existing 138 kV transmission lines. The segment then angles northeast for approximately 0.08

mile. The segment then angles north-northeast for approximately 0.66 mile, paralleling the west side of an existing 138 kV transmission line. The segment then angles northwest for approximately 0.53 mile, continuing to parallel the west side of an existing 138 kV transmission line and crossing Hondo Creek. The segment then angles north-northeast for approximately 0.23 mile, continuing to parallel the west side of an existing 138 kV transmission line. The segment terminates at the proposed Padua Grid BESS switchyard, located east of the intersection of Burshard Road and Gardner Road.

The CCN application, including a detailed routing map illustrating the proposed transmission line project, may be reviewed at the CPS Energy offices at 500 McCullough Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78215.

Any route(s) or route segment(s) included in this notice are available for selection and approval by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

The enclosed brochure entitled “Landowners and Transmission Line Cases at the PUC” provides basic information about how you may participate in this docket, and how you may contact the PUC. Please read this brochure carefully. The brochure includes sample forms for making comments and for making a request to intervene as a party in this docket. The only way to fully participate in the PUC’s decision on where to locate the transmission line 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 and cannot predict which route may or may not be approved by the PUC. CPS Energy will place updates on the project site listed above however all affected persons are encouraged to participate in the process.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, your request for intervention should be filed electronically and you will be required to serve the request on other parties by email. Therefore, please include your own email address on the intervention form. Instructions for electronic filing via the “PUC Filer” on the Commission’s website can be found here: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer> Instructions for using the PUC Filer are available at:

<https://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/filings/e-filing%20instructions.pdf>.

For assistance with your electronic filing, please contact the Commission’s Help Desk at (512) 936-7100 or helpdesk@puc.texas.gov. You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>.

In addition to the contacts listed in the brochure, you may call the PUC’s Customer Assistance Hotline at (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. If you wish to participate in this proceeding by becoming an intervenor, the deadline for intervention in the proceeding is December 27, 2022, and the PUC should receive a letter from you requesting intervention by that date.

While the preferred method is for you to submit your request for intervention electronically, if you are unable to do so you may mail 10 copies of the request to:

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

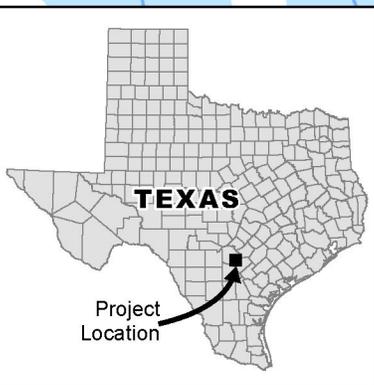
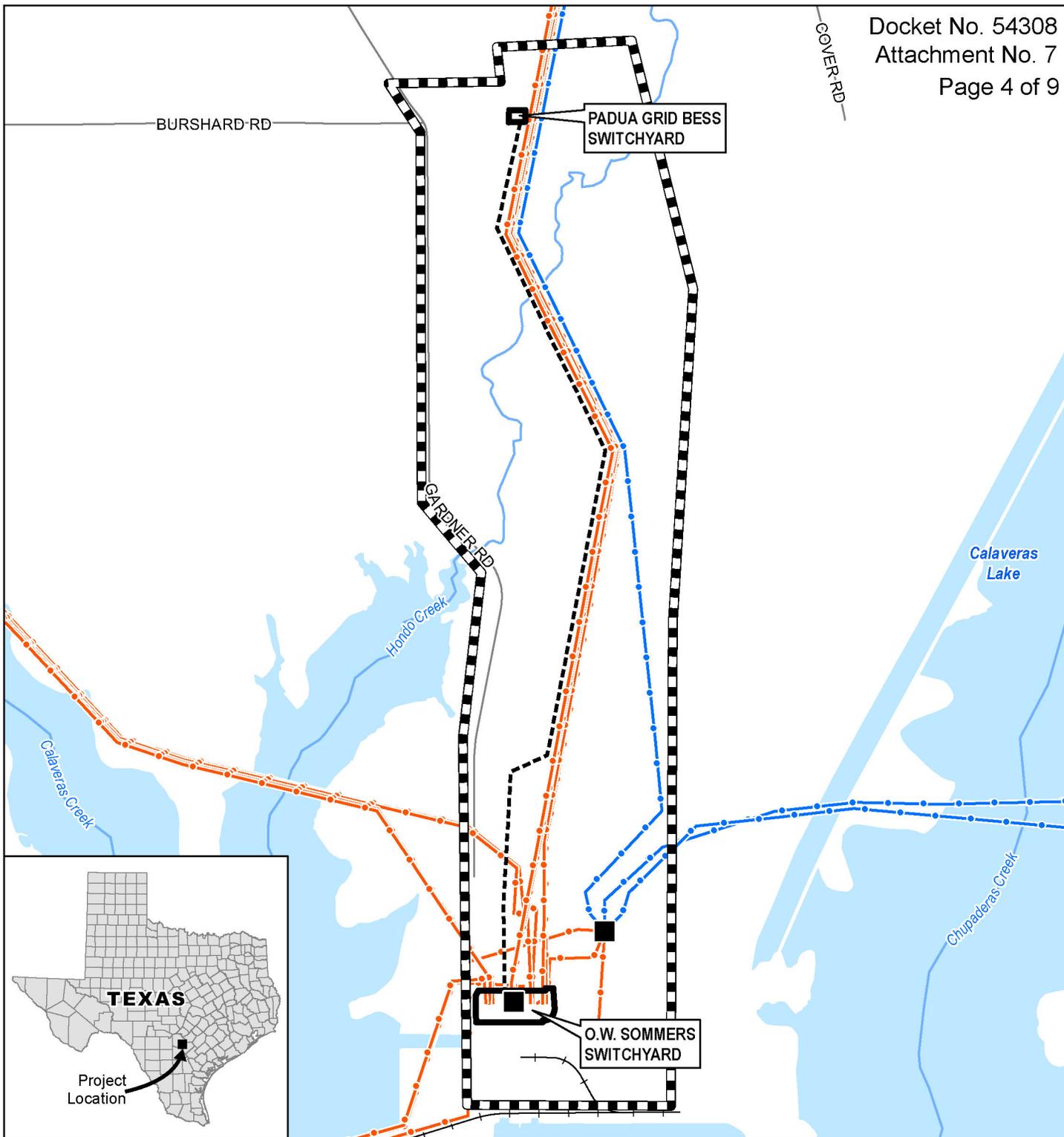
Persons who wish to intervene in the docket must also mail or email a copy of their request for intervention to all parties in the docket and all persons that have pending motions to intervene, at or before the time the request for intervention is mailed to the PUC. In addition to the intervention deadline, other important deadlines may already exist that affect your participation in this docket. You should review the orders and other filings already made in the docket. The enclosed brochure explains how you can access these filings.

Sincerely,

Antonio DeMendonca

Antonio DeMendonca
EDS Project Manager
CPS Energy
500 McCullough Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78215
210.353.5318

Enclosures



Project Components	Existing Utility Features	Transportation Features	Surface Waters
Switchyard	Existing Substation	Local Road	River / Stream
Proposed Route	138 kV Transmission Line	Railroad	Waterbody
Study Area Boundary	345 kV Transmission Line		

**TRANSMISSION INTERCONNECT
 - PADUA GRID BESS PROJECT**

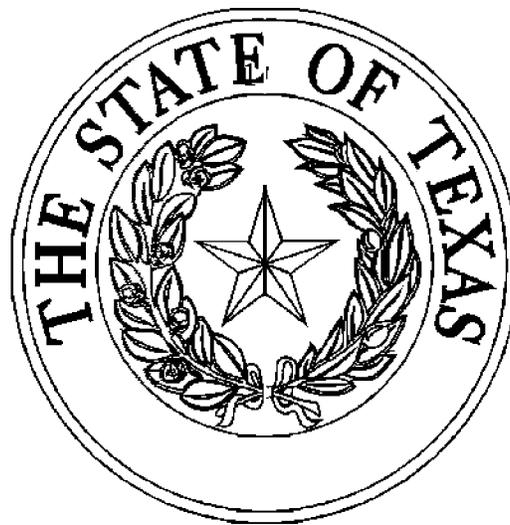
Proposed Route

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Date: 9/27/2022

Landowners and Transmission Line Cases at the PUC

Public Utility Commission of Texas



1701 N. Congress Avenue
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, Texas 78711-3326
(512) 936-7260
www.puc.state.tx.us

Effective: June 1, 2011

Purpose of This Brochure

This brochure is intended to provide landowners with information about proposed new transmission lines and the Public Utility Commission's ("PUC" or "Commission") process for evaluating these proposals. At the end of the brochure is a list of sources for additional information.

The following topics are covered in this brochure:

- How the PUC evaluates whether a new transmission line should be built,
- How you can participate in the PUC's evaluation of a line, and
- How utilities acquire the right to build a transmission line on private property.

You are receiving the enclosed formal notice because one or more of the routes for a proposed transmission line may require an easement or other property interest across your property, or the centerline of the proposed project may come within 300 feet of a house or other habitable structure on your property. This distance is expanded to 500 feet if the proposed line is greater than 230 kilovolts (kV). For this reason, your property is considered **directly affected land**. This brochure is being included as part of the formal notice process.

If you have questions about the proposed routes for a transmission line, you may contact the applicant. The applicant also has a more detailed map of the proposed routes for the transmission line and nearby habitable structures. The applicant may help you understand the routing of the project and the application approval process in a transmission line case but cannot provide legal advice or represent you. *The applicant cannot predict which route may or may not be approved by the PUC. The PUC decides which route to use for the transmission line, and the applicant is not obligated to keep you informed of the PUC's proceedings. The only way to fully participate in the PUC's decision on where to locate the transmission line is to intervene, which is discussed below.*

The PUC is sensitive to the impact that transmission lines have on private property. At the same time, transmission lines deliver electricity to millions of homes and businesses in Texas, and new lines are sometimes needed so that customers can obtain reliable, economical power.

The PUC's job is to decide whether a transmission line application should be approved and on which route the line should be constructed. The PUC values input from landowners and encourages you to participate in this process by intervening in the docket.

PUC Transmission Line Case

Texas law provides that most utilities must file an application with the PUC to obtain or amend a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) in order to build a new transmission line in Texas. The law requires the PUC to consider a number of factors in deciding whether to approve a proposed new transmission line.

The PUC may approve an application to obtain or amend a CCN for a transmission line after considering the following factors:

- Adequacy of existing service;
- Need for additional service;
- The effect of approving the application on the applicant and any utility serving the proximate area;
- Whether the route utilizes existing compatible rights-of-way, including the use of vacant positions on existing multiple-circuit transmission lines;
 - Whether the route parallels existing compatible rights-of-way;
 - Whether the route parallels property lines or other natural or cultural features;
 - Whether the route conforms with the policy of prudent avoidance (which is defined as the limiting of exposures to electric and magnetic fields that can be avoided with reasonable investments of money and effort); and
 - Other factors such as community values, recreational and park areas, historical and aesthetic values, environmental integrity, and the probable improvement of service or lowering of cost to consumers in the area.

If the PUC decides an application should be approved, it will grant to the applicant a CCN or CCN amendment to allow for the construction and operation of the new transmission line.

Application to Obtain or Amend a CCN:

An application to obtain or amend a CCN describes the proposed line and includes a statement from the applicant describing the need for the line and the impact of building it. In addition to the routes proposed by the applicant in its application, the possibility exists that additional routes may be developed, during the course of a CCN case, that could affect property in a different manner than the original routes proposed by the applicant.

The PUC conducts a case to evaluate the impact of the proposed line and to decide which route should be approved. Landowners who would be affected by a new line can:

- informally file a protest, or
- formally participate in the case as an intervenor.

Filing a Protest (informal comments):

If you do not wish to intervene and participate in a hearing in a CCN case, you may file **comments**. An individual or business or a group who files only comments for or against any aspect of the transmission line application is considered a “protestor.”

Protestors make a written or verbal statement in support of or in opposition to the utility’s application and give information to the PUC staff that they believe supports their position.

Protestors are **not** parties to the case, however, and do not have the right to:

- Obtain facts about the case from other parties;
- Receive notice of a hearing, or copies of testimony and other documents that are filed in the case;
- Receive notice of the time and place for negotiations;
- File testimony and/or cross-examine witnesses;
- Submit evidence at the hearing; or
- Appeal P.U.C. decisions to the courts.

If you want to make comments, you may either send written comments stating your position, or you may make a statement on the first day of the hearing. If you have not intervened, however, you will not be able to participate as a party in the hearing. Only parties may submit evidence and ***the PUC must base its decision on the evidence.***

Intervening in a Case:

To become an intervenor, you must file a statement with the PUC, no later than the date specified in the notice letter sent to you with this brochure, requesting intervenor status (also referred to as a party). This statement should describe how the proposed transmission line would affect your property. Typically, intervention is granted only to directly affected landowners. However, any landowner may request to intervene and obtain a ruling on his or her specific fact situation and concerns. A sample form for intervention and the filing address are attached to this brochure, and may be used to make your filing. A letter requesting intervention may also be used in lieu of the sample form for intervention.

If you decide to intervene and become a party in a case, you will be required to follow certain procedural rules:

- You are required to timely respond to requests for information from other parties who seek information.
- If you file testimony, you must appear at a hearing to be cross-examined.
- If you file testimony or any letters or other documents in the case, you must send copies of the documents to every party in the case and you must file multiple copies with the PUC.

If you intend to participate at the hearing and you do not file testimony, you must at least file a statement of position, which is a document that describes your position in the case.

Failure to comply with these procedural rules may serve as grounds for you to be dismissed as an intervenor in the case.

If you wish to participate in the proceedings it is very important to attend any prehearing conferences.

Intervenors may represent themselves or have an attorney to represent them in a CCN case. If you intervene in a case, you may want an attorney to help you understand the PUC’s procedures and the laws and rules that the PUC applies in deciding whether to approve a transmission line. The PUC encourages landowners to intervene and become parties.

Stages of a CCN Case:

If there are persons who intervene in the case and oppose the approval of the line, the PUC may refer the case to an administrative law judge (ALJ) at the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) to conduct a hearing, or the Commission may elect to conduct a hearing itself. The hearing is a formal proceeding, much like a trial, in which testimony is presented. In the event the case is referred to SOAH, the ALJ makes a recommendation to the PUC on whether the application should be approved and where and how the line should be routed.

There are several stages of a CCN case:

- The ALJ holds a prehearing conference (usually in Austin) to set a schedule for the case.
- Parties to the case have the opportunity to conduct discovery; that is, obtain facts about the case from other parties.
- A hearing is held (usually in Austin), and parties have an opportunity to cross-examine the witnesses.
- Parties file written testimony before the date of the hearing. Parties that do not file written testimony or statements of position by the deadline established by the ALJ may not be allowed to participate in the hearing on the merits. Parties may file written briefs concerning the evidence presented at the hearing, but are not required to do so.

In deciding where to locate the transmission line and other issues presented by the application, the ALJ and Commission rely on factual information submitted as evidence at the hearing by the parties in the case. In order to submit factual information as evidence (other than through cross-examination of other parties' witnesses), a party must have intervened in the docket and filed written testimony on or before the deadline set by the ALJ.

The ALJ makes a recommendation, called a **proposal for decision**, to the Commission regarding the case. Parties who disagree with the ALJ's recommendation may file exceptions.

The Commissioners discuss the case and decide whether to approve the application. The Commission may approve the ALJ's recommendation, approve it with specified changes, send the case back to the ALJ for further consideration, or deny the application. The written decision rendered by the Commission is called a **final order**. Parties who believe that the Commission's decision is in error may file motions for rehearing, asking the Commission to reconsider the decision.

After the Commission rule on the motion for rehearing, parties have the right to appeal the decision to district court in Travis County.

Right to Use Private Property

The Commission is responsible for deciding whether to approve a CCN application for a proposed transmission line. If a transmission line route is approved that impacts your property, the electric utility must obtain the right from you to enter your property and to build, operate, and maintain the transmission line. This right is typically called an easement.

Utilities may buy easements through a negotiated agreement, but they also have the power of eminent domain (condemnation) under Texas law. Local courts, not the PUC, decide issues concerning easements for rights-of-way. The PUC does not determine the value of property.

The PUC final order in a transmission case normally requires a utility to take certain steps to minimize the impact of the new transmission line on landowners' property and on the environment. For example, the order normally requires steps to minimize the possibility of erosion during construction and maintenance activities.

HOW TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION

The PUC's online filings interchange on the PUC website provides free access to documents that are filed with the Commission in Central Records. The docket number, also called a control number on the PUC website, of a case is a key piece of information used in locating documents in the case. You may access the Interchange by visiting the PUC's website home page at www.puc.state.tx.us and navigate the website as follows:

- Select "Filings."
Select "Filings Search."
Select "Filings Search."
Enter 5-digit Control (Docket) Number. *No other information is necessary.*
Select "Search." *All of the filings in the docket will appear in order of date filed.*
Scroll down to select desired filing.
Click on a blue "Item" number at left.
Click on a "Download" icon at left.

Documents may also be purchased from and filed in Central Records. For more information on how to purchase or file documents, call Central Records at the PUC at 512-936-7180.

PUC Substantive Rule 25.101, Certification Criteria, addresses transmission line CCNs and is available on the PUC's website, or you may obtain copies of PUC rules from Central Records.

Always include the docket number on all filings with the PUC. You can find the docket number on the enclosed formal notice. Send documents to the PUC at the following address.

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

The information contained within this brochure is not intended to provide a comprehensive guide to landowner rights and responsibilities in transmission line cases at the PUC. This brochure should neither be regarded as legal advice nor should it be a substitute for the PUC's rules. However, if you have questions about the process in transmission line cases, you may call the PUC's Legal Division at 512-936-7260. The PUC's Legal Division may help you understand the process in a transmission line case but cannot provide legal advice or represent you in a case. You may choose to hire an attorney to decide whether to intervene in a transmission line case, and an attorney may represent you if you choose to intervene.

Communicating with Decision-Makers

Do not contact the ALJ or the Commissioners by telephone or email. They are not allowed to discuss pending cases with you. They may make their recommendations and decisions only by relying on the evidence, written pleadings, and arguments that are presented in the case.

ATTACHMENT NO. 8

**REPRESENTATIVE COPY OF
WRITTEN DIRECT NOTICE
PROVIDED TO NEIGHBORING
UTILITY WITHIN 5 MILES AND
AGENCIES/GOV'T OFFICIALS**



November 9, 2022

«Title» «First_Name» «Last_Name»
«Company_Name»
«Address_Line_1»
«City»,«State» «ZIP_Code»

RE: Application of the City of San Antonio, Acting By and Through City Public Service Board (CPS Energy) to Amend Its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Proposed O.W. Sommers Switchyard to Padua Grid BESS 138 kV Transmission Line Project in Bexar County, Texas

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS (PUC) DOCKET NO. 54308

Dear «Greeting»:

As part of our efforts to keep you and the public informed about electric transmission projects, we want you to know the City of San Antonio, acting by and through City Public Service Board (CPS Energy) is requesting approval from the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to construct the proposed O.W. Sommers Switchyard to Padua Grid BESS 138-kV Transmission Line Project in Bexar County.

The Proposed Project consists of constructing a new single circuit 138 kV transmission line connecting the new Padua Grid Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) to the electric grid from CPS Energy's existing O.W. Sommers Switchyard, located at the O.W. Sommers Power Plant (also owned by CPS Energy). The new transmission line will be approximately two miles (1.96 miles) in length, and is estimated to cost approximately \$4,312,638, depending upon the final approval of the PUC.

If you have questions about the transmission line or this project in general, please call Antonio DeMendonca at 210-353-5318. A description of the proposed project is set out below, and a map showing the proposed routing is enclosed for your convenience:

Route Description

The proposed route, composed of one segment, begins in the existing O.W. Sommers Switchyard, located at the O.W. Sommers Power Plant at the southern end of Gardner Road. The segment proceeds north for approximately 0.46 mile exiting the north side of the O.W. Sommers Switchyard, crossing three existing 138 kV transmission lines. The segment then angles northeast for approximately 0.08 mile. The segment then angles north-northeast for approximately 0.66 mile, paralleling the west side of an existing 138 kV transmission line. The segment then angles northwest for approximately 0.53 mile, continuing to parallel the west side of an existing 138 kV transmission line and crossing Hondo Creek. The segment

then angles north-northeast for approximately 0.23 mile, continuing to parallel the west side of an existing 138 kV transmission line. The segment terminates at the proposed Padua Grid BESS switchyard, located east of the intersection of Burshard Road and Gardner Road.

The CCN application, including a detailed routing map illustrating the proposed transmission line project, may be reviewed at the CPS Energy offices at 500 McCullough Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78215.

Any route(s) or route segment(s) included in this notice are available for selection and approval by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

The enclosed brochure entitled “Landowners and Transmission Line Cases at the PUC” provides basic information about how to participate in this docket, and how you may contact the PUC. Please read this brochure carefully. The brochure includes sample forms for making comments and for making a request to intervene as a party in this docket. The only way to fully participate in the PUC’s decision on where to locate the transmission line 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 and cannot predict which route may or may not be approved by the PUC. CPS Energy will place updates on the project site listed above however all affected persons are encouraged to participate in the process.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, any request for intervention should be filed electronically and the request must be served on other parties by email. Therefore, an email address must be included on the intervention form. Instructions for electronic filing via the “PUC Filer” on the Commission’s website can be found here: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer> Instructions for using the PUC Filer are available at:

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For assistance with your electronic filing, please contact the Commission’s Help Desk at (512) 936-7100 or helpdesk@puc.texas.gov. You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>.

In addition to the contacts listed in the brochure, you may call the PUC’s Customer Assistance Hotline at (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. If you wish to participate in this proceeding by becoming an intervenor, the deadline for intervention in the proceeding is December 27, 2022, and the PUC should receive a letter from you requesting intervention by that date.

While the preferred method is for you to submit your request for intervention electronically, if you are unable to do so you may mail 10 copies of the request to:

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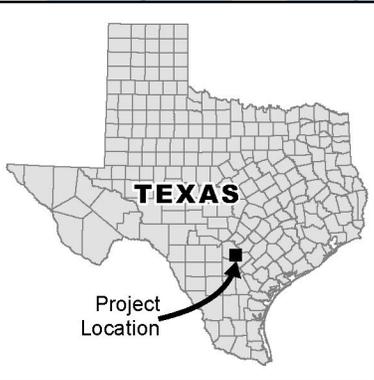
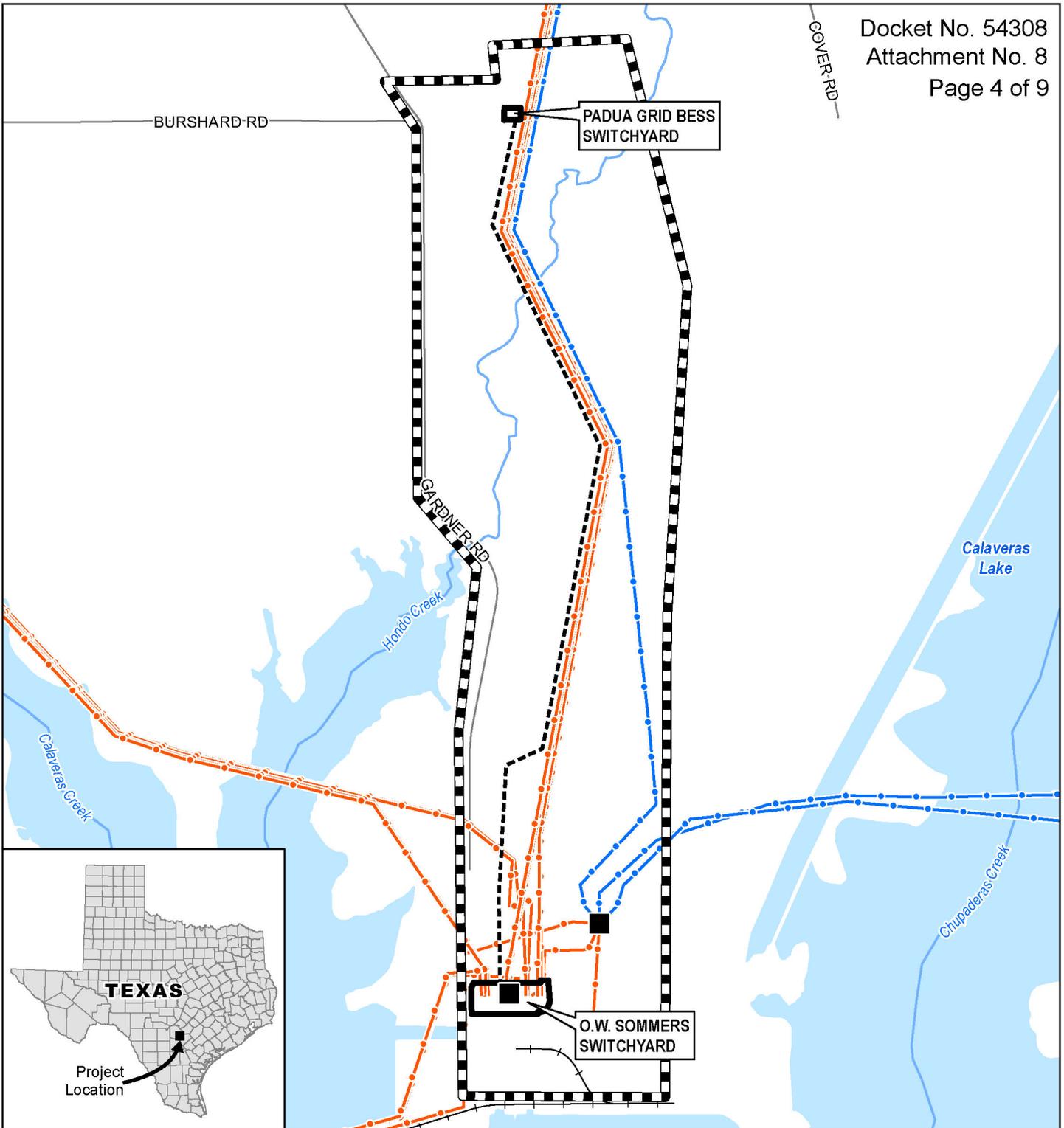
Persons who wish to intervene in the docket must also mail or email a copy of their request for intervention to all parties in the docket and all persons that have pending motions to intervene, at or before the time the request for intervention is mailed to the PUC. In addition to the intervention deadline, other important deadlines may already exist that affect your participation in this docket. You should review the orders and other filings already made in the docket. The enclosed brochure explains how you can access these filings.

Sincerely,

Antonio DeMendonca

Antonio DeMendonca
EDS Project Manager
CPS Energy
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Enclosures



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Study Area Boundary	345 kV Transmission Line		

TRANSMISSION INTERCONNECT - PADUA GRID BESS PROJECT

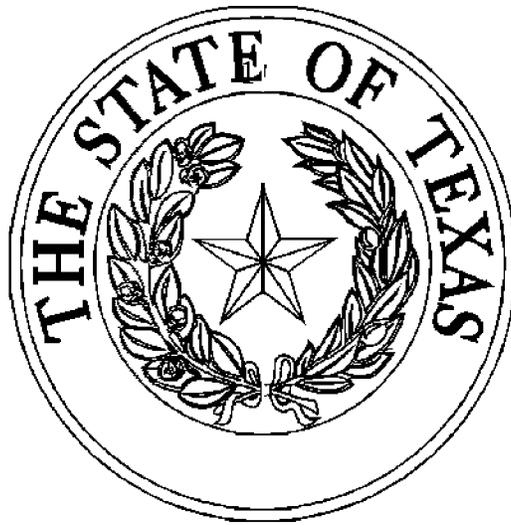
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Date: 9/27/2022

Landowners and Transmission Line Cases at the PUC

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Effective: June 1, 2011

Purpose of This Brochure

This brochure is intended to provide landowners with information about proposed new transmission lines and the Public Utility Commission's ("PUC" or "Commission") process for evaluating these proposals. At the end of the brochure is a list of sources for additional information.

The following topics are covered in this brochure:

- How the PUC evaluates whether a new transmission line should be built,
- How you can participate in the PUC's evaluation of a line, and
- How utilities acquire the right to build a transmission line on private property.

You are receiving the enclosed formal notice because one or more of the routes for a proposed transmission line may require an easement or other property interest across your property, or the centerline of the proposed project may come within 300 feet of a house or other habitable structure on your property. This distance is expanded to 500 feet if the proposed line is greater than 230 kilovolts (kV). For this reason, your property is considered **directly affected land**. This brochure is being included as part of the formal notice process.

If you have questions about the proposed routes for a transmission line, you may contact the applicant. The applicant also has a more detailed map of the proposed routes for the transmission line and nearby habitable structures. The applicant may help you understand the routing of the project and the application approval process in a transmission line case but cannot provide legal advice or represent you. *The applicant cannot predict which route may or may not be approved by the PUC. The PUC decides which route to use for the transmission line, and the applicant is not obligated to keep you informed of the PUC's proceedings. The only way to fully participate in the PUC's decision on where to locate the transmission line is to intervene, which is discussed below.*

The PUC is sensitive to the impact that transmission lines have on private property. At the same time, transmission lines deliver electricity to millions of homes and businesses in Texas, and new lines are sometimes needed so that customers can obtain reliable, economical power.

The PUC's job is to decide whether a transmission line application should be approved and on which route the line should be constructed. The PUC values input from landowners and encourages you to participate in this process by intervening in the docket.

PUC Transmission Line Case

Texas law provides that most utilities must file an application with the PUC to obtain or amend a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) in order to build a new transmission line in Texas. The law requires the PUC to consider a number of factors in deciding whether to approve a proposed new transmission line.

The PUC may approve an application to obtain or amend a CCN for a transmission line after considering the following factors:

- Adequacy of existing service;
- Need for additional service;
- The effect of approving the application on the applicant and any utility serving the proximate area;
- Whether the route utilizes existing compatible rights-of-way, including the use of vacant positions on existing multiple-circuit transmission lines;
 - Whether the route parallels existing compatible rights-of-way;
 - Whether the route parallels property lines or other natural or cultural features;
 - Whether the route conforms with the policy of prudent avoidance (which is defined as the limiting of exposures to electric and magnetic fields that can be avoided with reasonable investments of money and effort); and
 - Other factors such as community values, recreational and park areas, historical and aesthetic values, environmental integrity, and the probable improvement of service or lowering of cost to consumers in the area.

If the PUC decides an application should be approved, it will grant to the applicant a CCN or CCN amendment to allow for the construction and operation of the new transmission line.

Application to Obtain or Amend a CCN:

An application to obtain or amend a CCN describes the proposed line and includes a statement from the applicant describing the need for the line and the impact of building it. In addition to the routes proposed by the applicant in its application, the possibility exists that additional routes may be developed, during the course of a CCN case, that could affect property in a different manner than the original routes proposed by the applicant.

The PUC conducts a case to evaluate the impact of the proposed line and to decide which route should be approved. Landowners who would be affected by a new line can:

- informally file a protest, or
- formally participate in the case as an intervenor.

Filing a Protest (informal comments):

If you do not wish to intervene and participate in a hearing in a CCN case, you may file **comments**. An individual or business or a group who files only comments for or against any aspect of the transmission line application is considered a “protestor.”

Protestors make a written or verbal statement in support of or in opposition to the utility’s application and give information to the PUC staff that they believe supports their position.

Protestors are *not* parties to the case, however, and do not have the right to:

- Obtain facts about the case from other parties;
- Receive notice of a hearing, or copies of testimony and other documents that are filed in the case;
- Receive notice of the time and place for negotiations;
- File testimony and/or cross-examine witnesses;
- Submit evidence at the hearing; or
- Appeal P.U.C. decisions to the courts.

If you want to make comments, you may either send written comments stating your position, or you may make a statement on the first day of the hearing. If you have not intervened, however, you will not be able to participate as a party in the hearing. Only parties may submit evidence and ***the PUC must base its decision on the evidence.***

Intervening in a Case:

To become an intervenor, you must file a statement with the PUC, no later than the date specified in the notice letter sent to you with this brochure, requesting intervenor status (also referred to as a party). This statement should describe how the proposed transmission line would affect your property. Typically, intervention is granted only to directly affected landowners. However, any landowner may request to intervene and obtain a ruling on his or her specific fact situation and concerns. A sample form for intervention and the filing address are attached to this brochure, and may be used to make your filing. A letter requesting intervention may also be used in lieu of the sample form for intervention.

If you decide to intervene and become a party in a case, you will be required to follow certain procedural rules:

- You are required to timely respond to requests for information from other parties who seek information.
- If you file testimony, you must appear at a hearing to be cross-examined.
- If you file testimony or any letters or other documents in the case, you must send copies of the documents to every party in the case and you must file multiple copies with the PUC.

If you intend to participate at the hearing and you do not file testimony, you must at least file a statement of position, which is a document that describes your position in the case.

Failure to comply with these procedural rules may serve as grounds for you to be dismissed as an intervenor in the case.

If you wish to participate in the proceedings it is very important to attend any prehearing conferences.

Intervenors may represent themselves or have an attorney to represent them in a CCN case. If you intervene in a case, you may want an attorney to help you understand the PUC’s procedures and the laws and rules that the PUC applies in deciding whether to approve a transmission line. The PUC encourages landowners to intervene and become parties.

Stages of a CCN Case:

If there are persons who intervene in the case and oppose the approval of the line, the PUC may refer the case to an administrative law judge (ALJ) at the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) to conduct a hearing, or the Commission may elect to conduct a hearing itself. The hearing is a formal proceeding, much like a trial, in which testimony is presented. In the event the case is referred to SOAH, the ALJ makes a recommendation to the PUC on whether the application should be approved and where and how the line should be routed.

There are several stages of a CCN case:

- The ALJ holds a prehearing conference (usually in Austin) to set a schedule for the case.
- Parties to the case have the opportunity to conduct discovery; that is, obtain facts about the case from other parties.
- A hearing is held (usually in Austin), and parties have an opportunity to cross-examine the witnesses.
- Parties file written testimony before the date of the hearing. Parties that do not file written testimony or statements of position by the deadline established by the ALJ may not be allowed to participate in the hearing on the merits. Parties may file written briefs concerning the evidence presented at the hearing, but are not required to do so.

In deciding where to locate the transmission line and other issues presented by the application, the ALJ and Commission rely on factual information submitted as evidence at the hearing by the parties in the case. In order to submit factual information as evidence (other than through cross-examination of other parties' witnesses), a party must have intervened in the docket and filed written testimony on or before the deadline set by the ALJ.

The ALJ makes a recommendation, called a **proposal for decision**, to the Commission regarding the case. Parties who disagree with the ALJ's recommendation may file exceptions.

The Commissioners discuss the case and decide whether to approve the application. The Commission may approve the ALJ's recommendation, approve it with specified changes, send the case back to the ALJ for further consideration, or deny the application. The written decision rendered by the Commission is called a **final order**. Parties who believe that the Commission's decision is in error may file motions for rehearing, asking the Commission to reconsider the decision.

After the Commission rule on the motion for rehearing, parties have the right to appeal the decision to district court in Travis County.

Right to Use Private Property

The Commission is responsible for deciding whether to approve a CCN application for a proposed transmission line. If a transmission line route is approved that impacts your property, the electric utility must obtain the right from you to enter your property and to build, operate, and maintain the transmission line. This right is typically called an easement.

Utilities may buy easements through a negotiated agreement, but they also have the power of eminent domain (condemnation) under Texas law. Local courts, not the PUC, decide issues concerning easements for rights-of-way. The PUC does not determine the value of property.

The PUC final order in a transmission case normally requires a utility to take certain steps to minimize the impact of the new transmission line on landowners' property and on the environment. For example, the order normally requires steps to minimize the possibility of erosion during construction and maintenance activities.

HOW TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION

The PUC's online filings interchange on the PUC website provides free access to documents that are filed with the Commission in Central Records. The docket number, also called a control number on the PUC website, of a case is a key piece of information used in locating documents in the case. You may access the Interchange by visiting the PUC's website home page at www.puc.state.tx.us and navigate the website as follows:

- Select "Filings."
Select "Filings Search."
Select "Filings Search."
Enter 5-digit Control (Docket) Number. *No other information is necessary.*
Select "Search." *All of the filings in the docket will appear in order of date filed.*
Scroll down to select desired filing.
Click on a blue "Item" number at left.
Click on a "Download" icon at left.

Documents may also be purchased from and filed in Central Records. For more information on how to purchase or file documents, call Central Records at the PUC at 512-936-7180.

PUC Substantive Rule 25.101, Certification Criteria, addresses transmission line CCNs and is available on the PUC's website, or you may obtain copies of PUC rules from Central Records.

Always include the docket number on all filings with the PUC. You can find the docket number on the enclosed formal notice. Send documents to the PUC at the following address.

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Austin, TX 78711-3326

The information contained within this brochure is not intended to provide a comprehensive guide to landowner rights and responsibilities in transmission line cases at the PUC. This brochure should neither be regarded as legal advice nor should it be a substitute for the PUC's rules. However, if you have questions about the process in transmission line cases, you may call the PUC's Legal Division at 512-936-7260. The PUC's Legal Division may help you understand the process in a transmission line case but cannot provide legal advice or represent you in a case. You may choose to hire an attorney to decide whether to intervene in a transmission line case, and an attorney may represent you if you choose to intervene.

Communicating with Decision-Makers

Do not contact the ALJ or the Commissioners by telephone or email. They are not allowed to discuss pending cases with you. They may make their recommendations and decisions only by relying on the evidence, written pleadings, and arguments that are presented in the case.

ATTACHMENT NO. 9

WRITTEN DIRECT NOTICE CONTACT LIST

Padua Grid BESS 138 kV Transmission Line Project
Agencies/Officials Contact List

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Mr. Steven Sample
Executive Director
Military Aviation and Installation Assurance
Siting Clearinghouse
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Washington, DC 20301-3400

OPUC

Mr. Chris Ekoh
Interim Public Counsel
Texas Office of Public Utility Counsel
William B. Travis State Office Building
1701 North Congress Avenue
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Austin, Texas 78701
(Complete Application via Hand Delivery)

TPWD

Ms. Laura Zebehazy
Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program
Wildlife Division
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744-3291
(Complete Application via Hand Delivery)

BEXAR COUNTY

The Honorable Nelson W. Wolff
Bexar County Judge
101 West Nueva, 10th Floor
San Antonio, Texas 78205-3482

MUNICIPALITIES

The Honorable Ron Nirenberg
Mayor – City of San Antonio
P.O. Box 839966
San Antonio, Texas 78283

The Honorable Mary Ann Hajek
Mayor – City of China Grove
2412 FM 1516 S
China Grove, Texas 78263

Mr. Honorable Michael J. Gonzales
Mayor – City of Elmendorf
P.O. Box 482
Elmendorf, Texas 78112

**NEIGHBORING UTILITY PROVIDING
THE SAME UTILITY SERVICE WITHIN
FIVE MILES**

Floresville Electric Light & Power System
187 State Highway 97 E
Floresville, Texas 78114

ATTACHMENT NO. 10

**COPY OF PUBLIC NOTICE TO
BE PUBLISHED IN THE
*SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS NEWS***

Application of the City of San Antonio, Acting By and Through the City Public Service Board (CPS Energy) to Amend Its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Proposed O.W. Sommers Switchyard to Padua Grid BESS 138 kV Transmission Line Project in Bexar County, Texas

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS (PUC) DOCKET NO. 54308

The City of San Antonio, acting by and through the City Public Service Board (CPS Energy) provides this notice of intent to amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to construct the proposed Transmission Interconnect – Padua Grid Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) 138 kV Transmission Line Project in Bexar County.

The proposed transmission line will connect the existing O.W. Sommers switchyard, located at the O.W. Sommers Power Plant at the southern end of Gardner Road, to the Padua Grid BESS Switchyard. The new 138kV transmission line will extend approximately two (2) miles from the O.W. Sommers switchyard to the proposed Padua Grid BESS switchyard, located east of the intersection of Bushard Road and Gardner Road.

Persons with questions about the transmission line may contact Antonio Demendonca at (210) 353-5318. The CCN application, including detailed routing maps illustrating the proposed transmission line project and project area, may be reviewed on the project website at <https://www.cpsenergy.com/infrastructure> and at:

- CPS Energy, 500 McCullough Ave, San Antonio, Texas 78296

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, persons who are affected by the proposed transmission line and wish to intervene in the docket may file a request to intervene or otherwise submit comments on the application. Such requests to intervene or comments to be submitted should be filed electronically and you will be required to serve such on other parties by email. Therefore, please include your own email address on the intervention form. Instructions for electronic filing via the “PUC Filer” on the Commission’s website can be found here:

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The deadline for intervention in the docket is December 27, 2022, and the PUC should receive a filing from anyone requesting intervention by that date.

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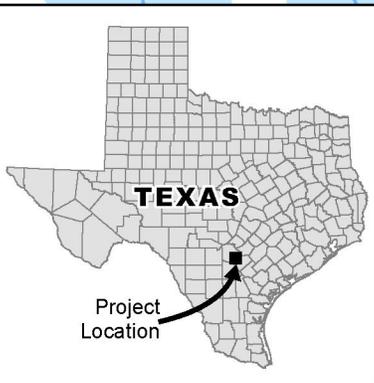
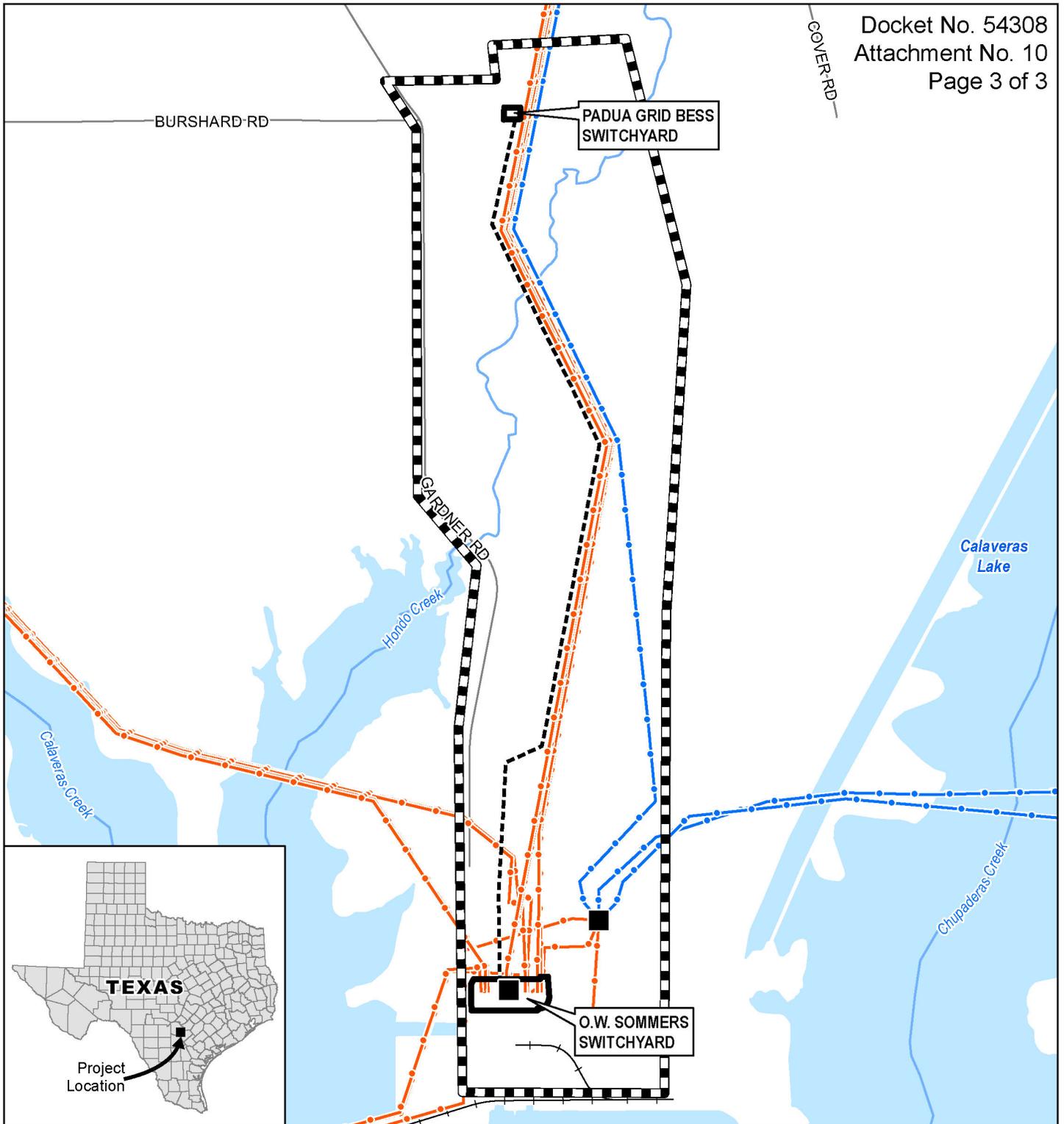
In addition to the intervention deadline, other important deadlines may already exist that affect your participation in this docket. You should review the orders and other filings already made in the docket.

Description of the Proposed Route

In its CCN application for this project, CPS Energy has presented a single route composed of one segment for consideration by the PUC (Proposed Route). The following narrative describes the proposed route, along with the enclosed map that shows the proposed route.

Segment

The proposed route, composed of one segment, begins in the existing O.W. Sommers Switchyard, located at the O.W. Sommers Power Plant at the southern end of Gardner Road. The segment proceeds north for approximately 0.46 mile exiting the north side of the O.W. Sommers Switchyard, crossing three existing 138kV transmission lines. The segment then angles northeast for approximately 0.08 mile. The segment then angles north-northeast for approximately 0.66 mile, paralleling the west side of an existing 138kV transmission line. The segment then angles northwest for approximately 0.53 mile, continuing to parallel the west side of an existing 138kV transmission line and crossing Hondo Creek. The segment then angles north-northeast for approximately 0.23 mile, continuing to parallel the west side of an existing 138kV transmission line. The segment terminates at the proposed Padua Grid BESS switchyard, located east of the intersection of Burshard Road and Gardner Road.



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TRANSMISSION INTERCONNECT - PADUA GRID BESS PROJECT

Proposed Route

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ATTACHMENT NO. 11

**COPY OF TPWD
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**



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November 9, 2022

Via Hand Delivery

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Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program
Wildlife Division
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Austin, Texas 78744-3291

RE: Application of the City of San Antonio, Acting By and Through the City Public Service Board (CPS Energy) to Amend Its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Proposed O.W. Sommers Switchyard to Padua Grid BESS 138 kV Transmission Line in Bexar County, Texas

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS (PUC) DOCKET NO. 54308

Dear Ms. Zebehazy:

On November 9, 2022, the City of San Antonio, acting by and through the City Public Service Board (CPS Energy) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) the above-referenced application to amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to construct the Padua Grid BESS Transmission Line Project in Bexar County, Texas.

As you are aware, the Commission's CCN application requires that CPS Energy provide for review and comment a copy of the project environmental assessment (EA) to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) within seven days after the application is filed. Accordingly, enclosed with this letter is a copy of the EA prepared for the referenced project as well as a complete copy of CPS Energy's CCN application filed at the Commission. The CCN application also requires that a copy of this transmittal letter be included with the project application. You will find a copy of this letter included as Attachment No. 11 to the filed Application.

Under the traditional CCN process, TPWD typically provides the Commission Staff with comments about the application. CPS Energy would also appreciate receiving a copy of any comments TPWD may choose to provide to Commission Staff. You may send those comments to Antonio Demendonca, who is the Project Manager for the project at 500 McCullough Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78215. Of course, CPS Energy reserves the right to inquire into the basis of any comments or recommendations TPWD may choose to submit in this case, but I am certain the appropriate arrangements can be made for that inquiry if the necessity arises.

Finally, CPS Energy is pleased to offer to provide TPWD staff with a briefing of the CCN application and the accompanying EA. To that end, I would be happy to arrange a visit between

Ms. Zebehazy
November 9, 2022
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CPS Energy and you and your staff at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions about the EA, please feel free to contact Antonio DeMendonca at (210) 353-5318 or me at (512) 236-2310.

Sincerely,



Kirk D. Rasmussen

Cc: Antonio DeMendonca, CPS Energy
Russell Hooten, TPWD

Enclosures