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Re: *Docket No. 54553, Compliance Filing for Docket No. 53529 (Application of the City of Lubbock, acting by & Through Lubbock Power & Light, for Authority to Connect the Remaining Portion of its Load with the Electric Reliability Council of Texas & for Approval of an Agreement)*

Update concerning City of Lubbock's, acting by and through Lubbock Power & Light, integration of load

Dear Interim Chair and Commissioners:

Consistent with the Commission's order in Docket No. 53529,¹ Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) and the City of Lubbock, acting by and through Lubbock Power & Light (LP&L), file this letter to jointly update the Commission regarding the integration of LP&L's remaining load into ERCOT.

As discussed in the Commission's order, integration of the remaining load is contingent on Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approval of the May 27, 2021 agreement between LP&L and Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS).² SPS submitted the agreement for approval in FERC Docket No. ER23-1144, and FERC issued an order on April 21, 2023, accepting and suspending SPS's request and establishing hearing and settlement judge procedures to address positions advanced by intervenors in the proceeding.³

¹ *Application of The City of Lubbock, acting by and Through Lubbock Power & Light, for Authority to Connect the Remaining Portion of its Load with the Electric Reliability Council of Texas and for Approval of an Agreement*, Docket No. 53529, Ordering Paragraph No. 11 (Mar. 22, 2023).

² Docket No. 53529, Ordering Paragraph No. 9.

³ See *Southwestern Public Service Company*, 183 FERC ¶ 61,051 (2023).

On August 16, 2023, SPS filed an uncontested settlement agreement with FERC, and on September 28, 2023, FERC issued an order accepting the settlement.⁴ Parties have 30 days to file requests for rehearing,⁵ however, no party opposed the settlement, so LP&L does not anticipate that any rehearing requests will be filed. As a result, ERCOT and LP&L anticipate that LP&L's remaining load will be integrated into ERCOT the week of December 11, 2023, subject to ERCOT's discretion to postpone the integration if ERCOT determines the integration will be a risk to ERCOT system reliability.⁶ Based on this anticipated load integration timeframe, LP&L and ERCOT anticipate that LP&L's customers will transition to retail competition during a transition window that will begin on March 4, 2024, and end on April 2, 2024.

LP&L and ERCOT appreciate the opportunity to provide the Commission the foregoing update. LP&L and ERCOT will continue to provide updates regarding the integration of the remaining load consistent with the Commission's order in Docket No. 53529,⁷ or as otherwise directed by the Commission.

Sincerely,

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⁴ See *Southwestern Public Service Company*, 184 FERC ¶ 61,203 (2023).

⁵ 18 C.F.R. § 385.713(b).

⁶ Docket No. 53529, Ordering Paragraph No. 6.

⁷ Docket No. 53529, Ordering Paragraph No. 11.