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APPLICATION OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY LLC TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE RAMHORN HILL – DUNHAM 345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN DENTON AND WISE COUNTIES	§ § § § § § §	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
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**COMMISSION STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF THE
APPLICATION AND PROPOSED NOTICE**

I. BACKGROUND

On June 8, 2023, Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC (Oncor) filed an application to amend its certificate of convenience and necessity to construct and operate a 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line and associated facilities in Denton and Wise Counties.

On June 14, 2023, SOAH Order No. 1 was issued, requiring Staff to file its recommendation regarding the sufficiency of Oncor’s application by June 22, 2023 and sufficiency of Oncor’s proposed notice by June 20, 2023. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. SUFFICIENCY OF THE APPLICATION AND PROPOSED NOTICE

Staff has reviewed the application and proposed notice and as supported by the memorandum of John Poole, Infrastructure Division, recommends that they be found sufficient. Oncor has provided information regarding the notice requirements under 16 Texas Administrative Code § 22.52. Oncor intends to publish notice of this application through the following methods: written direct notice to any directly affected landowners; written direct notice to any utilities located within five miles of the routes; written direct notices to county and municipal authorities, and the Department of Defense Siting Clearinghouse; and by one-time publication in a newspapers having general circulation Denton and Wise Counties. Therefore, Staff finds that the Oncor’s proposed notice be found sufficient.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully recommends that the application and proposed notice be deemed sufficient.

Dated: June 20, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on June 20, 2023, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Anthony Kanalas
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Public Utility Commission of Texas

Memorandum

TO: Anthony Kanalas
Legal Division

FROM: John Poole, P.E.
Infrastructure Division

DATE: June 20, 2023

RE: Docket No. 55067, *Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC to Amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Ramhorn Hill Dunham 345 kV Transmission Line in Denton and Wise Counties*

On June 8, 2023 Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (Oncor) filed an application to amend their Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to allow them to build a new double-circuit 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line to be built on triple-circuit capable steel monopole structures. The structures will initially support two 345-kV circuits with a vacant position to accommodate an additional 138-kV circuit in the future. The new transmission line will begin at the proposed Oncor Ramhorn Hill Switch, to be located approximately 2 miles south of the intersection of United States Highway (“US”) 287 and State Highway 114 near Rhome, Texas in Wise County, Texas. The transmission line will then extend 20 to 23 miles, depending on the route, in an easterly direction terminating at the proposed Oncor Dunham Switch will be located approximately 1.4 miles southeast of the intersection of US 377 and Farm-to-Market 1171 in Flower Mound, Texas in Denton County, Texas. I have reviewed the Application for deficiencies and for compliance with the notice requirements.

- I. Application Sufficiency
 - A. I have reviewed the Application and all attachments filed by Oncor on June 8, 2023 in this docket for deficiencies. After reviewing all the filed information, I found no material deficiencies. Therefore, I find the Application sufficient.
- II. Compliance of Notice
 - A. I have reviewed the notices sent to the landowners, neighboring utilities, county and municipal authorities, and the Department of Defense Siting Clearing House. These notices were included with the Application as

Attachments 12 and 13. I found no material deficiencies with the notices included with the Application and to conditionally comply with the requirements of 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 22.52(a)(2) & (3). Oncor must provide affidavits of the proof of notice before staff is able to provide final comments regarding compliance of notice.

- B. I have reviewed the notice provided to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Office of Public Utility Counsel. These notices were included with the Application as Attachments 18 and 13. I found no material deficiencies with the notices included with the Application and to conditionally comply with the requirements of 16 TAC § 22.52(a)(1)(E) & (2). Oncor must provide affidavits of the proof of notice before staff is able to provide final comments regarding compliance of notice.
- C. I have reviewed the published notice included in the Application as Attachment 14. I found no material deficiencies in the Application. Therefore, I find them to conditionally comply with the requirements of 16 TAC § 22.52(a)(1). Oncor must provide affidavits of the proof of publication before staff is able to provide final comments regarding compliance of notice.