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RELIABILITY PLAN FOR THE§PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONPERMIAN BASIN REGION UNDER§PURA § 39.167§OF TEXAS

<u>TEXAS-NEW MEXICO POWER COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION</u> <u>STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION</u>

TEXAS-NEW MEXICO POWER COMPANY ("TNMP") files these responses to

Commission Staff's Request for Information to Transmission Service Providers ("RFIs").

TNMP files these responses without agreeing to the relevancy of the information sought and without waiving its right to object at the time of the hearing to the admissibility of information produced herein. Commission Staff's RFI requests that the TSPs file responsive information by no later than March 27, 2025. Therefore, these responses are timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 27th day of March, 2025, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was transmitted to the parties of record in accordance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.74.

/s/ Stephanie C. Sparks

Stephanie C. Sparks

- STAFF 1-1.Provide documentation related to cost estimate information for any
import path to which the TSP has been assigned. The cost estimate
information should be consistent with the format and categories of data
provided to ERCOT in March 2025.Prepared by:Counsel
- Sponsored by: Christopher Gerety
- OBJECTION: None.
- RESPONSE: Please see in the attached document, labeled CONFIDENTIAL TNMP-1, cost estimate information for TNMP's assigned import paths, which is consistent with the format and categories of data provided to ERCOT in March 2025.

- **STAFF 1-2.** To the extent available, provide any vendor commitment letters related to long lead technical equipment, such as autotransformers or circuit breakers, needed to construct and operate the import path.
- Prepared by: Counsel
- Sponsored by: Christopher Gerety
- OBJECTION: None.

Please see in the attached documents, labeled CONFIDENTIAL TNMP-2 and CONFIDENTIAL TNMP-3, vendor commitment letters on behalf of TNMP's vendors Stuart C. Irby Company, LLC, and Meyer Utility Structures. Further, please see in the attached document, labeled CONFIDENTIAL TNMP-4, a proposal letter from Siemens Energy, Inc., pertaining to TNMP's procurement of circuit breakers and circuit switchers.

- **STAFF 1-3.** To the extent available, provide any vendor commitment letters related to engineering, procurement, and construction or other labor agreements associated with construction of the import path.
- Prepared by: Counsel
- Sponsored by: Christopher Gerety
- OBJECTION: None.
- RESPONSE: Please see in the attached documents, labeled CONFIDENTIAL TNMP-2 and CONFIDENTIAL TNMP-5 and CONFIDENTIAL TNMP-6, vendor commitment letters on behalf of TNMP's vendors Dashiell Corporation and North Houston Pole Line.

- **STAFF 1-4.** Provide current import path construction timeline estimates necessary to meet the forecasted load requirements documented in the Permian Basin Reliability Plan. If the TSP intends to construct the import path faster than what would be required under the Permian Basin Reliability Plan, please provide the relevant information.
- Prepared by: Counsel
- Sponsored by: Christopher Gerety
- OBJECTION: None.

RESPONSE:

TNMP is prepared to meet the following import path construction timeline estimates, subject to deviations due to factors outside of TNMP's control:

Solstice to Bottlebrush:

- 1. Engineering: Quarter 1, 2026 Quarter 2, 2027
- 2. Procurement: Quarter 1, 2027 Quarter 4, 2027
- 3. Construction: Quarter 3, 2027 Quarter 4, 2028

Bottlebrush to Howard:

- 1. Engineering: Quarter 2, 2026 Quarter 3, 2027
- 2. Procurement: Quarter 2, 2027 Quarter 1, 2028
- 3. Construction: Quarter 1, 2028 Quarter 4, 2028

- **STAFF 1-5.** If the TSP does not have responsive information to Staff 1-2 through Staff 1-4, provide an affidavit or sworn statement by the TSP's highest level official attesting to the TSP's preparedness to design, build, and energize the import path in time to meet the Permian Basin Reliability Plan load forecast irrespective of voltage level.
- Prepared by: Counsel
- Sponsored by: Counsel
- OBJECTION: None.
- RESPONSE: Not applicable.

- **STAFF 1-6.** Provide any new data or information related to cost or timelines the TSP believes would assist the Commission's final determination on the Permian Basin import paths.
- Prepared by: Counsel
- Sponsored by: Christopher Gerety
- OBJECTION: None.
- RESPONSE: None at this time.