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**RELIABILITY PLAN FOR THE
PERMIAN BASIN UNDER PURA
§ 39.167**

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS**

**COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO
TRANSMISSION SERVICE PROVIDERS**

Commission Staff issues the following request for information to transmission service providers (TSP) assigned responsibility for designing, constructing, or operating an import path under the Permian Basin Reliability Plan, whether at 345 kilovolts (kV) or 765 kV. Commission Staff requests the TSPs file responsive information in Project No. 55718 by no later than March 27, 2025. TSPs may file the information confidentially if the requested information contains competitively sensitive business information. TSPs may request use of the Commission's standard protective order if the responses contain highly sensitive protected material.

Dated: March 21, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) In accordance with 16 TAC § 22.144(c)(2), Staff requests that answers to the requests for information be made under oath.
- 2) Please copy the question immediately above the answer to each question. State the name of the respondent to the question who vouches for the truth of the answer.
- 3) Words used in the plural shall also be taken to mean and include the singular. Words used in the singular shall also be taken to mean and include the plural.
- 4) The present tense shall be construed to include the past tense, and the past tense shall be construed to include the present tense.
- 5) In accordance with 16 TAC § 22.144(h)(4), if the response to any request is voluminous, please provide a detailed index of the voluminous material.
- 6) In accordance with 16 TAC § 22.72(i)(2), please provide all electronic filing responses using the native file formatted used to create and edit files.

COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Commission Staff directs the following request for information to transmission service providers (TSPs) assigned to design, construct, or operate an import path approved under the Permian Basin Reliability Plan at either 345 kV or 765 kV. Responses should be filed in Project No. 55718 no later than March 27, 2025. TSPs may request use of the Commission's standard protective order as may be necessary.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.