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# BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

### APPLICATION OF AEP TEXAS INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES

## SOAH ORDER NO. 3 GRANTING MOTIONS TO INTERVENE AND MOTIONS TO CONSOLIDATE MUNICIPAL APPEALS

### I. Interventions

Motions to intervene have been filed by the following entities/individuals: the Department of the Navy, on behalf of the Federal Executive Agencies; Hunt Energy Network, L.L.C.; Antonio Caballero; and Steel Dynamics Southwest, LLC.

Additionally, Cities Served by AEP Texas filed two supplemental motions to intervene, requesting to amend its initial motion to intervene to include the cities of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Cities Served by AEP Texas's Supplemental Motion to Intervene (Mar. 25, 2024) and Cities Served by AEP Texas's Second Supplemental Motion to Intervene (Apr. 8, 2024).

Abilene, Alton, Arkansas Pass, Balmorhea, Benjamin, Brackettville, Cisco, Clyde, Crowell, Devine, Dilley, Donna, Eagle Lake, Edna, Fulton, George West, Ingleside, Kenedy, Kingsville, Los Fresnos, Luling, Lyford, Lytle, Memphis, Merkel, Mission, Natalia, Palacios, Pearsall, Port Lavaca, Rockport, Rotan, Runge, San Angelo, San Diego, Sinton, Sterling City, Victoria, Weslaco, Woodsboro, Alamo, Alpine, Bay City, Bayview, Beeville, Brownsville, Columbus, Corpus Christi, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Edinburg, Elsa, Falfurrias, Goliad, Hidalgo, Ingleside on the Bay, La Joya, Marfa, Mercedes, Palmhurst, Pharr, Portland, Quitaque, Rancho Viejo, Roma-Los Saenz, San Benito, Seadrift, Spur, Vernon, and Winters.

No party objected to the above-referenced motions. Accordingly, the motions are **GRANTED**.<sup>2</sup>

### II. CONSOLIDATION

On March 28, 2024, and April 4, 2024, AEP Texas Inc. (AEP Texas) filed Petitions for Review of Municipal Ordinances/Resolutions and Motions to Consolidate (Petitions). AEP Texas asserts that the Cities/Towns of Alice, Bayside, Benavides, Benjamin, Childress, Freer, Knox City, Mathis, Munday, Odem, Sonora, Stamford, La Grulla, Putnam, Raymondville, Three Rivers, Agua Dulce, Asherton, Big Lake, Carrizo Springs, Crystal City, Edcouch, Gregory, Karnes City, Nordheim, Palm Valley, Quanah, Weinert, and Yorktown, in which it operates, denied AEP Texas's requested rate change. In its Petitions, AEP Texas appeals these decisions and requests that the appeals be consolidated with this rate case to promote

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Motions filed after April 9, 2024, will be addressed in a separate order after the time period for objections has passed.

regulatory efficiency, stating that the appeals involve common questions of law and fact to those in this proceeding. AEP Texas's Petitions are **GRANTED**, and the appeals of the denials of the requested rates are **CONSOLIDATED** for review with this docket.

Signed April 17, 2024

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Cassandra Quinn, Administrative Law Judge Rachelle Nicolette Robles, Administrative Law Judge