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APPLICATION OF AEP TEXAS INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES	§ § § § §	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
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**COMMISSION STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF THE
APPLICATION AND PROPOSED NOTICE**

On February 29, 2024, AEP Texas Inc. (AEP) filed an application for authority to change rates. On March 1, 2024, Commission Counsel filed an Order of Referral, referring this docket to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

On March 4, 2024, SOAH Order No. 1 was filed establishing a deadline of March 12, 2024 for Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of AEP’s notice and a deadline of March 21, 2024 for any party to file objections to the sufficiency of AEP’s application. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF THE APPLICATION

Staff has reviewed the application and finds it sufficient for further review. This recommendation does not address the merits of the application.

II. COMMENTS ON SUFFICIENCY OF PROPOSED NOTICE

On February 29, 2024, AEP filed proposed notice in its application. Staff has reviewed AEP’s proposed notice, filed at Appendix C of the petition, and recommends that it meets the requirements of 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.51. Therefore, Staff recommends that the proposed notice be found sufficient.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Staff respectfully recommends that AEP’s application and proposed notice be found sufficient.

Dated: March 12, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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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 March 12, 2024, in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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