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CAPTION: Docket No. 56165; SOAH Docket No. 473-24-12812 – Application of AEP Texas Inc. for Authority to Change Rates

DESCRIPTION: Commissioner Glotfelty Memorandum

Public Utility Commission of Texas

Memorandum

TO: Chairman Thomas Gleeson
Commissioner Lori Cobos
Commissioner Kathleen Jackson

FROM: Commissioner Jimmy Glotfelty 

DATE: June 12, 2024

RE: Distributed Energy Resources

Docket # 56165 (Application of AEP Texas Inc. for Authority to Change Rates)

Docket # 54224 (Cost Recovery for Service to Distributed Energy Resources – DERS)

Commissioners, the action I would like to discuss today is quite simple. Should we address DESR tariff issues regarding interconnection timeline and costs from the dais in docket 56165 or should we direct the staff to prioritize docket 54224 and solve these issues in the context of a rule to apply to all TDU's in ERCOT.

For context here, the policy we operate under today was adopted by the Commission in 2012, at a time when minimal storage, if any, was on the distribution system. I do not have to tell you how much the system has changed since then. The only thing that has not kept up is our Commission policy.

This commission has deferred addressing this issue in numerous cases and each time we point to the rulemaking in 54224. Yet we have struggled to make progress on 54224 and all the while costs are being borne by DESR's.

The first threshold issue we should resolve, in my opinion, is should there even be a tariff. Should DESR's have to pay different costs depending on where they interconnect.

Thank you for considering my position on this issue. I look forward to answering any questions you may have at our open meeting.