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**APPLICATION OF ENTERGY
TEXAS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF
A SYSTEM RESILIENCY PLAN**

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1    **I.       QUALIFICATIONS**

2    **Q.       Please state your name and business address.**

3    A.       My name is Tracie Tolle. My business address is 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin,  
4            Texas 78701.

5    **Q.       By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

6    A.       I am employed by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (“Commission” or “PUC”) as the Project Manager of the Texas Energy Fund (“TEF”).  
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8    **Q.       What are your principal responsibilities?**

9    A.       My responsibilities include overseeing the Texas Energy Fund as codified in Texas  
10           Utilities Code Chapter 34, which promotes greater resiliency of the Texas electric grid by  
11           establishing four loan or grant programs to support the construction, maintenance, and  
12           modernization of electric facilities in Texas.

13   **Q.       Please briefly state your educational background and professional experience.**

14   A.       I received a Bachelor of Environmental Science from Texas State University and a  
15           Master of Engineering Management from the University of Texas at Austin. I am a  
16           registered PMP® credential holder. My previous experience includes the Texas General  
17           Land Office as a Project Manager for disaster recovery grant programs, and the Texas  
18           Commission on Environmental Quality as a water supply and quality Project Manager  
19           and Team Leader.

20   **Q.       Have you previously testified before the Commission?**

21   A.       No.

22   **Q.       On whose behalf are you testifying?**

23   A.       I am testifying on behalf of the Staff of the PUC.

**II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF TESTIMONY**

**Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

A. The purpose of my testimony is to present Staff's recommendations concerning the Texas Energy Fund grant requests of Entergy Texas, Inc. ("ETI" or "Company") presented in this proceeding, Docket No. 56735, *Application of Entergy Inc., for Approval of a Resiliency Plan* (Application).

**Q. What is the scope of your review?**

A. The scope of my review encompasses analysis of the Texas Energy Fund grant requests contained within ETI's Application in this proceeding.

**Q. If you do not address an issue in your testimony, should that be interpreted as Staff supporting the Company's position on that issue?**

A. No. The fact that an issue is not addressed in my testimony should not be construed as agreeing with, endorsing, or consenting to any position taken by ETI on that issue.

**III. SUMMARY OF ETI's REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE TEXAS ENERGY FUND**

**Q. Does this proceeding determine whether ETI is eligible to receive grant money from the TEF?**

A. No. The Texas Energy Fund Outside ERCOT Grant Program application period has not opened, and all awards are subject to the terms of the program requirements, which are currently under development for a future rule proposal. The scope of this proceeding is limited to how ETI may use prospective grant funds *if* ETI receives grant money from the TEF or from federal sources.

**Q. When will a determination be made regarding ETI's application for TEF funds?**

A. After the rule is adopted and the applications for the Texas Energy Fund Outside ERCOT Grant Program have been reviewed and evaluated, the PUCT will select applicant projects for grant awards. The proposed rule laying out the requirements for the Outside ERCOT Grant Program is anticipated to be presented to the Commission for its consideration later this fall and final adoption may not occur until January 2025.

**IV. RECOMMENDATION**

**Q. As a result of your review of the Application and other information provided by ETI, what is your recommendation regarding ETI's request?**

A. A determination on ETI's TEF grant request cannot be made at this time. After the rule is adopted and the applications for the Texas Energy Fund Outside ERCOT Grant Program have been reviewed and evaluated, the PUCT will select applicant projects for grant awards. The proposed rule laying out the requirements for the Outside ERCOT Grant Program is anticipated to be presented to the Commission for its consideration later this fall and final adoption may not occur until January 2025.

- 1    **Q.**     Does this conclude your testimony?
- 2    **A.**     Yes.