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JOINT APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD (CPS ENERGY), AND SOUTH TEX. ELEC. COOP., INC. (STEC) TO AMEND THEIR CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE PROPOSED HOWARD ROAD-TO-SAN MIGUEL 345-KV TRANS. LINE IN BEXAR AND ATASCOSA COUNTIES

**BEFORE THE** 

STATE OFFICE

#### OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

# UNTIES § <u>INITIAL BRIEF OF TEIXEIRA</u>

Teixeira, intervenor, addresses Preliminary Order Issue No. 8, "Weighing the factors set forth in PURA § 37.056(c) and P.U.C. Subst. R. § 25.101(b)(3)(B), which proposed transmission-line route is the best alternative?"

Of the line segments adversely affecting Teixeira – 41, 44, 47, and 50 – segments 44-47-50 are of most concern since they run the transmission line through three of its existing pivot irrigation areas and near one of its habitable structures.<sup>1</sup> Teixeira does not oppose regulatory route approval with just segment 41, given its limited impact relative to those other segments.<sup>2</sup>

Segment 41 is in all of the "routes of interest."<sup>3</sup> None of the "routes of interest" include line segments 44-47-50 (of most concern to Teixeira).<sup>4</sup> Thus, Teixeira is similarly not opposed to regulatory approval of any "route of interest." Teixiera does oppose approval of any route that is not a "route of interest."

Teixeira notes that no intervening party opposes Route N-AB.<sup>5</sup> Therefore, Teixeira supports selection of that "route of interest."<sup>6</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>+</sup> Teixeira Ex. 1 at p. 12 (Teixeira Dir.).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Teixeira Ex. 1 at p. 12 (Teixeira Dir.).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Appls. Ex. 14 (Routes of Interest Map - updated); Appls. Ex. 1, Appl. Attach. 1, Table 2-1 (route composition); *see also* SOAH Order No. 2 at pp. 4-5 (requiring Applicants to identify "focus" or "routes of interest" after the filing of the intervenor and Staff testimonies.) Those "routes of interest" are (in alphabetical order) Routes M, N, N-AB, U, U ALT 2, and Y.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Appls, Ex. 14 (Routes of Interest Map – updated).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Appls, Ex. 14 (Routes of Interest Map – updated); Steinle Group Ex. 2 at p. 1 (Modified Dir. Testimony retracting opposition to Segments 77 and 87); Teixeira Ex. 2 at p. 16 (Teixeira Cross-Rebuttal).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> If an alternative to unopposed Route N-AB is necessary, Teixeira notes that: Routes M and N each has only one intervenor opponent, and both have favorable costs and other routing data; and Route U-Alt 2 addresses Rips Ranch's diagonal crossing concern with original Route U but is still opposed by that intervenor. Rips Ranch Ex. 2 at p. 5-6 (Rips Ranch Cross-Rebuttal); Teixeira Ex. 2 at pp. 3, 6-8, 15-16, 20 (Teixeira Cross-Rebuttal). In light of the intervenor cross-rebuttal testimony and Staff direct testimony, Teixeira takes no position on the priority of those routes as an alternative to unopposed Route N-AB, but opposes selection of any alternative to unopposed Route N-AB that is not a "route of interest" such as Routes M, N, or U-Alt 2.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that Route N-AB, or alternatively another "route of interest" such as (in alphabetical order) Route M, Route N, or Route U-Alt 2, be recommended for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service: I certify service under SOAH Order No. 2 this Dec. 20, 2024.

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