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JOINT APPLICATION OF THE CITY	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
OF SAN ANTONIO, ACTING BY AND	§	
THROUGH THE CITY PUBLIC	§	OF
SERVICE BOARD (CPS ENERGY), AND	§	
SOUTH TEXAS ELECTRIC	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
COOPERATIVE, INC. (STEC) TO	§	
AMEND THEIR CERTIFICATES OF	§	
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR	§	
THE PROPOSED HOWARD ROAD-TO-	§	
SAN MIGUEL 345-KV TRANSMISSION	§	
LINE IN BEXAR AND ATASCOSA	§	
COUNTIES	§	

**COMMISSION STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF THE
APPLICATION AND NOTICE**

On September 17, 2024, the City of San Antonio, acting by and through the City Public Service Board (CPS Energy) and South Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. (STEC) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application to amend their Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CCNs) Nos. 30031 (CPS Energy) and 30146 (STEC) to construct and operate a new, double-circuit 345-kilovolt transmission line connecting the CPS Energy Howard Road station to the STEC San Miguel station in Bexar and Atascosa Counties.

On October 25, 2024, the administrative law judge (ALJ) for the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) filed SOAH Order No. 2, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), and allowing any other party, to file comments on the sufficiency of the application and notice by November 1, 2024. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. RECOMMENDATION ON APPLICATION SUFFICIENCY

Staff has reviewed the application and, as detailed by the attached memorandum from John Poole, Infrastructure Division, recommends that the application be found sufficient for further processing. This recommendation does not address the merits of the application.

II. RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE SUFFICIENCY

On October 22, 2024, Applicants filed an affidavit attesting to the provision of notice to cities, counties, neighboring utilities, the Office of the Public Utility Counsel, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse (formerly the Department of Defense Siting Clearinghouse), and landowners.¹ Additionally, on October 22, 2024, Applicants filed an affidavit attesting to the provision of newspaper notice.² Staff has reviewed Applicants' proof of notice documents and, as supported by Mr. Poole's attached memorandum, recommends that Applicants' notices include all the required information and were provided in compliance with the requirements of 16 TAC § 22.52(a). Therefore, Staff recommends that Applicants' notice be found sufficient.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests that the application be deemed sufficient for further processing, that Applicants' provision of notice be found sufficient, and that an order be issued consistent with the foregoing recommendations.

¹ Affidavit of Notice (Oct. 22, 2024).

² Publishers' Affidavits (Oct. 22, 2024).

Date: November 1, 2024

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document will be provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on November 1, 2024 in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Daniel Alvarado
Daniel Alvarado

Public Utility Commission of Texas

Memorandum

TO: Daniel Alvarado
Legal Division

FROM: John Poole, P.E.
Infrastructure Division

DATE: November 1, 2024

RE: Docket No. 57115, *Joint Application of the City of San Antonio, Acting by and Through the City Public Service Board (CPS Energy), and South Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. (STEC) to Amend their Certificates of Convenience and Necessity for the Proposed Howard Road-to-San Miguel 345-kV Transmission Line in Bexar and Atascosa Counties*

On October 4, 2024, the City of San Antonio, acting by and through the City Public Service Board (CPS Energy) and the South Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. (STEC) filed an application to amend their Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to allow them to build a new double-circuit 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line to be built on double-circuit steel monopole structures. The structures will support two 345-kV circuits, with two conductors per phase. The new transmission line will begin at the under-construction CPS Energy Howard Road Station, located approximately three miles northeast of the intersection of State Highway (SH) 16 and SH 1604 in Bexar County, Texas. The new transmission line will then extend between 45 to 59 miles, depending on the route selected, in a generally southerly direction to the existing STEC San Miguel Station which is located approximately four miles east of SH 16 and Farm-to-Market Road 3387 in Atascosa County, Texas. I have reviewed the Application for deficiencies and for compliance with the notice requirements.

- I. Application Sufficiency
 - A. I have reviewed the Application and all attachments filed by CPS Energy and STEC on October 4, 2024, in this docket for deficiencies. After reviewing all the filed information, I found no material deficiencies. Therefore, I find the Application sufficient.
- II. Compliance of Notice

- A. I have reviewed the notices sent to the landowners, neighboring utilities, county and municipal authorities, and the Department of Defense Siting Clearing House. These notices were included with the Application as Attachments 6 and 8 as well as the proof of notice filed on October 22, 2024. I found no material deficiencies in the proof of notice or in the Application. Therefore, I find the Application in compliance with the requirements of 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 22.52(a)(2) & (3).
- B. I have reviewed the notice provided to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Office of Public Utility Counsel. These notices were included with the Application as Attachments 11 and 8 along with the proofs of notice filed on October 22, 2024. I found no material deficiencies and so find them sufficient and comply with the requirements of 16 TAC § 22.52(a)(1)(E) & (2).
- C. I have reviewed the published notice included in the Application as Attachment 10 as well as the proof of notice filed on October 22, 2024. I found no material deficiencies in the Application or in the proof of notice. Therefore, I find them sufficient and comply with the requirements of 16 TAC § 22.52(a)(1).