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**COMMISSION STAFF'S PETITION TO
SET 2021 WHOLESALE
TRANSMISSION SERVICE CHARGES
FOR THE ELECTRIC RELIABILITY
COUNCIL OF TEXAS**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS**

**PETITION TO SET ERCOT WHOLESALE TRANSMISSION
SERVICE CHARGES FOR 2021**

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this Petition to Set Wholesale Transmission Service Charges for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT). In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

Each year, the Commission sets wholesale transmission service charges for ERCOT. ERCOT is required under 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 25.192(d) to file the current year's four coincident peak (4CP) demand for each distribution service provider by December 1. This information is used to establish the transmission service charges for the subsequent year. The Commission has jurisdiction over this application pursuant to Chapter 35, Subchapter A, of the Public Utility Regulatory Act.¹

II. NOTICE AND INTERVENTION DEADLINE

Commission Staff will serve a copy of this application on the wholesale transmission service providers and customers in ERCOT, as well as on ERCOT, using the attached service list (Attachment B). This service list is the same as the service list for Docket No. 50333, the previous wholesale transmission service charge docket.²

Commission Staff respectfully requests that the Commission Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) set January 13, 2021 as the deadline for any motion to intervene in this proceeding. Because

¹ Public Utility Regulatory Act, Tex. Util. Code Ann. §§ 11.001-66.016.

² *Commission Staff's Application to Set 2020 Wholesale Transmission Service Charges for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas*, Docket No. 50333 (Dec. 10, 2019).

the Commission sets ERCOT wholesale transmission service charges each year, interested parties are familiar with the nature, scope, and procedures relating to this docket.

III. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

In prior proceedings, once ERCOT filed the 4CP data, Commission Staff developed the transmission charge matrix and distributed it for informal feedback prior to filing a proposed matrix. After Commission Staff filed the proposed matrix, there was an additional period for formal comments followed by Commission Staff's filing of a proposed final matrix. Some previous proceedings have been delayed for lengthy periods due to concerns about the accuracy of the 4CP data and changes in the load aggregation schedule. In order to address these possibilities, Commission Staff has developed the following proposed procedural schedule. Commission Staff respectfully requests that this proposed procedural schedule be adopted:

Event:	Deadline:
ERCOT 4CP data filed	December 14, 2020
Deadline to intervene	January 13, 2021
Deadline for submitting any changes to the load aggregation used in Docket No. 50333	January 20, 2021
Deadline for intervenors to file objections and request delay in the proceeding based upon alleged errors in the 4CP data filed by ERCOT and any proposed changes to the load aggregation used in Docket No. 50333	January 27, 2021
<i>If no intervenor objections based upon alleged errors in the 4CP data filed by ERCOT and any proposed changes to the load aggregation used in Docket No. 50333:</i>	
Commission Staff files draft transmission charge matrix	February 3, 2021
Comments on Commission Staff's draft transmission charge matrix due	February 10, 2021
Reply comments on Commission Staff's draft transmission charge matrix due	February 17, 2021
Commission Staff files final transmission charge matrix	February 24, 2021

If material objections to the 4CP data or proposed changes to the load aggregation used in Docket No. 50333 are raised, an alternative procedural should be applied as follows:

Prehearing conference held to discuss schedule	February 4, 2021
ERCOT files new 4CP data	To be determined at prehearing conference
Commission Staff files draft transmission charge matrix	One week after ERCOT filing
Initial comments on Commission Staff's draft transmission charge matrix due	One week after Staff files draft transmission matrix
Reply comments on Commission Staff's draft transmission charge matrix due	Two weeks after Staff files draft matrix
Commission Staff files final transmission charge matrix	One week after reply comments filed

The proposed schedule requires the parties to address two matters at an early stage of the proceeding. First, parties must identify any changes in the load aggregation used in Docket No. 50333, the 2020 matrix proceeding. A copy of that load aggregation is attached to this pleading as Attachment A. Second, the schedule requires that by January 20, 2021, interested parties must identify any objections to the 4CP data filed by ERCOT and any proposed changes to the load aggregation used in Docket No. 50333 so that the ALJ and parties know whether this matter will require a lengthier schedule. If no objections are filed, Commission Staff can process a draft matrix for comment by February 3, 2021 and a proposed final matrix by February 24, 2021. If objections to the 4CP and a request for hearing are filed, Commission Staff requests that the ALJ conduct a prehearing conference on February 4, 2021, during which the ALJ may get input from the parties and set the procedural schedule accordingly.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Commission Staff respectfully requests that the proposed procedural schedule be adopted.

Dated: December 11, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 December 11, 2020, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664

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Final

Docket No. 50333

2020 Net Wholesale Trans. Matrix Charges for ERCOT

Load Aggregation Per ERCOT 2002 Filing (Docket No. 25002) Adjusted

TDSP to combine to make Lodestar match Planning List.	TDSP Code	
BEPC		3,432,770.8
BRAZOS ELECTRIC POWER CO OP INC(TDSP)	23	243.730
BARTLETT ELECTRIC CO OP INC	19	46,738.034
CITY OF WHITESBORO	59	8,608.055
COMANCHE ELECTRIC CO OP ASSOCIATION	62	58,750.114
COOKE COUNTY ELECTRIC CO OP ASSOC INC	64	81,938.708
DENTON COUNTY ELEC CO OP DBA COSERVE ELEC	67	1,386,739.818
FORT BELKNAP ELECTRIC CO OP INC (TDSP)	72	21,894.502
HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTRIC CO OP (BRAZOS)	76	17,286.772
HEART OF TEXAS ELECTRIC CO OP	172	95,096.983
HILCO ELECTRIC CO OP INC (TDSP)	77	131,944.885
J A C ELECTRIC CO OP INC	79	18,303.581
MID SOUTH ELECTRIC CO OP ASSOC	88	54,894.111
NAVARRO COUNTY ELECTRIC CO OP INC	89	96,543.111
NAVASOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC CO OP INC	90	71,515.207
SOUTH PLAINS ELECTRIC CO OP INC (TDSP)	96	82,956.035
TRI COUNTY ELECTRIC CO OP INC	99	677,929.104
UNITED ELECTRIC CO OP SERVICES INC	102	451,650.880
WISE ELECTRIC CO OP	103	129,737.151
BRYN		364,874.1
CITY OF BOWIE (TDSP)	110	14,982.503
BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES (TDSP)*	105	349,891.580
GSEC		296,988.1
BIG COUNTRY ELECTRIC CO OP INC (TDSP)	21	33,256.109
COLEMAN COUNTY ELECTRIC CO OP INC (TDSP)	61	31,074.092
CONCHO VALLEY ELECTRIC CO OP INC	63	74,197.958
DEAF SMITH ELECTRIC CO OP	198	-
GREENBELT ELECTRIC CO OP	196	273.878
LIGHHOUSE ELECTRIC CO OP	83	3,581.029
LYNTEGAR ELECTRIC CO OP INC (TDSP)	85	35,133.959
SOUTHWEST TEXAS ELECTRIC CO OP INC (TDSP)	97	46,840.664
SWISHER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC (EDSP)	201	26.421
TAYLOR ELECTRIC CO OP INC ABILENE (TDSP)	146	72,603.999
RCEC		894,114.7
FANNIN COUNTY ELECTRIC CO OP INC	69	36,926.318
FARMERS ELECTRIC CO OP INC DBA FEC ELECTRIC	70	279,661.333
FARMERS ELECTRIC CO OP INC DBA FEC ELECTRIC - NPL	202	10,474.312
FARMERS ELECTRIC CO OP INC ARCO (TDSP)	205	2,532.301
FARMERS ELECTRIC CO OP INC PRTN RC (TDSP)	207	1,381.971
GRAYSON-COLLIN ELECTRIC CO OP INC	74	270,333.641
GRAYSON COLLIN ELECTRIC CO OP INC (TDSP)	177	7,424.360
TRINITY VALLEY ELECTRIC CO OP	100	285,276.405
TRINITY VALLEY ELECTRIC CO OP (TDSP)	176	104.029

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STEC		
SOUTH TEXAS ELECTRIC CO OP INC	134	278.774
JACKSON ELECTRICAL CO OP INC	126	85,195.780
KARNES ELECTRIC CO OP INC	127	173,407.635
NUECES ELECTRIC CO OP INC PILOT TDSP	158	155,834.719
SAN MIGUEL ELECTRIC CO OP INC (TDSP)	131	-
SAN PATRICIO ELECTRIC CO OP	132	47,818.206
VICTORIA ELECTRIC CO OP INC	136	109,911.756
WHARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC CO OP INC	138	37,134.551
MAGIC VALLEY ELECTRIC CO OP INC (TDSP)	86	526,637.089
MEDINA ELECTRIC CO OP INC (TDSP) STEC	128	221,754.332
TXLA		
RUSK COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC AEP (EDSP)	204	5,853.451
DEEP EAST TEXAS ELECTRIC CO OP INC	66	13,488.780
HOUSTON COUNTY ELECTRIC CO OP INC	155	
HOUSTON COUNTY ELECTRIC CO OP (TDSP)	78	23,389.084
JASPER-NEWTON ELECTRIC CO OP INC	80	1,282.124
SAM HOUSTON ELECTRIC CO OP INC (TDSP)	94	4,773.099
CHEROKEE COUNTY ELEC CO OP ASSOC	107	64,474.628
CHEROKEE COUNTY ELEC CO OP ASSOC (CORAL POWER AS QSE	171	
WOOD COUNTY ELEC CO OP	168	3,092.245
LAMR		
LAMAR COUNTY ELEC COOP DBA LEC (TDSP)	82	46,743.86
LAMAR COUNTY ELEC COOP DBA LEC RC HOUPL (TDSP)	182	323.28

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