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The Honorable Daniel Wiseman, Administrative Law Judge The Honorable Ross Henderson, Administrative Law Judge State Office of Administrative Hearings 300 W. 15 Street, Suite 504 Austin, Texas 78701

Re: SOAH Docket No. 473-20-3472, PUC Docket No. 50545
Application of AEP Texas Inc. to Amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Brackettville to Escondido 138-kV Transmission Line in Kinney and Maverick Counties

Dear Judges Wiseman and Henderson:

The Application of AEP Texas Inc. to Amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Brackettville to Escondido 138-kV Transmission Line in Kinney and Maverick Counties was filed at the Public Utility Commission (PUC or Commission) on February 28, 2020 and the docket was referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) on April 22, 2020.

Considering that the PUC and SOAH have implemented procedures to avoid physical contact, including in-person prehearings or hearings during the Covid-19 virus crisis, AEP Texas has been conferring with PUC Staff and all other parties in this docket in an effort to propose a procedural schedule prior a prehearing conference in this proceeding.

AEP Texas has consulted with PUC Staff regarding a proposed procedural schedule, and that schedule was distributed to all other parties in the docket on April 21, 2020. AEP Texas received agreement to the proposed procedural schedule from a majority of the parties, and no party opposed the proposed schedule. There were comments from one party that suggested minor changes and additions to the schedule. The only substantive suggested change in the proposed schedule was to extend the deadline for discovery on the applicant's direct testimony. The other changes corrected an omission on objections and replies to intervenor cross rebuttal and added a date to identify witnesses for cross examination at the hearing on the merits. AEP Texas agreed to the minor changes and additions, and on April 28, distributed the schedule to the parties that included the revisions. As of this filing, AEP Texas has not received any objection from any party regarding the revised proposed procedural schedule, but has also not received concurrence from all parties. The revised proposed procedural schedule is attached to this letter.

AEP Texas is hopeful that this preliminary effort will help facilitate the processing of this docket and will assist SOAH in establishing a procedural schedule. Since all parties have not indicated their agreement to the revise proposed procedural schedule, AEP Texas recognizes that the parties will be given an additional opportunity to comment on the proposed procedural schedule in the telephonic prehearing conference or by other means directed by the ALJs.

AEP Texas is of course sensitive to the availability of the SOAH ALJs to conduct a Hearing on the Merits on the dates proposed in the schedule. The proposed procedural schedule anticipates a hearing on the merits beginning on Monday, November 9. AEP Texas recognizes that Wednesday, November 11 is the Veteran's Day holiday. AEP Texas is hopeful that a Hearing on the Merits will not require more than two days; however, AEP Texas is willing to continue the hearing on November 11, or on November 12, as necessary. If a hearing cannot be conducted during the week of November 9, AEP Texas would urge that the hearing be scheduled at the SOAH ALJ's earliest convenience in November or early December 2020.

Assuming a proposed date for a hearing on November 9 and considering the guidelines for developing a proposed procedural schedule that were included in SOAH Order No. 1, the proposed procedural schedule will result in the docket exceeding the one-year deadline for making a decision on the application by approximately one month. Under the current circumstances, AEP Texas believes that this is a reasonable procedural schedule and agrees to extend the jurisdictional deadline to April 1, 2021.

As required by SOAH Order No. 1, AEP Texas will provide updated service list information and will continue to provide additional service list information when available.

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,

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cc: All Parties of Record

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PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Date		Event
Fri	2/28/2020	Filing Date of CCN Application
Mon	4/13/2020	Intervention Deadline
Thu	5/14/2020	Testimony or Position Statement Challenging Route Adequacy (If Any)
Thu	5/14/2020	Request for Hearing on Route Adequacy
Mon	5/18/2020	Testimony or Position Statement in Response to Route Adequacy Challenge
Thu	5/21/2020	Hearing on Route Adequacy (If Necessary)
Mon	6/1/2020	ALJ Ruling on Route Adequacy
Mon	6/22/2020	Applicant's Direct Testimony
Mon	6/29/2020	Objections to Applicant's Direct Testimony
Mon	7/6/2020	Replies to Objections to Applicant's Direct Testimony
Mon	8/3/2020	Discovery Deadline on Applicant's Direct Case
Mon	8/3/2020	Intervenor Direct Testimony or Statements of Position
Mon	8/10/2020	Objections to Intervenor Direct Testimony
Mon	8/17/2020	Replies to Objections to Intervenor Direct Testimony
Mon	9/14/2020	Staff Direct Testimony & Intervenor Cross Rebuttal
Mon	9/21/2020	Objections to Staff Direct Testimony & Intervenor Cross Rebuttal
Mon	9/28/2020	Replies to Objections to Staff Direct Testimony & Intervenor Cross Rebuttal
Mon	10/5/2020	Discovery Deadline on Staff Direct and Intervenor's Testimony
Mon	10/19/2020	Applicant Rebuttal
Mon	10/26/2020	Objections to Applicant Rebuttal Testimony
Mon	11/2/2020	Replies to Objections to Applicants' Rebuttal
Mon	11/2/2020	Discovery Deadline on Applicant's Rebuttal Case (Seven Day Response Time)
Mon	11/2/2020	Deadline for all Parties to Identify Witnesses for Cross Examination at the Hearing
Mon	11/9/2020	Hearing on the Merits
Mon	3/1/2021	One-Year Deadline

HOLIDAYS

Mon	5/25/2020	MEMORIAL DAY
Fri	6/19/2020	EMANCIPATION DAY (SKELETON CREW)
Sat	7 4 2020	INDENPENDENCE DAY
Thu	8/27/2020	LBJ's BIRTHDAY (SKELETON CREW)
Mon	9/7/2020	LABOR DAY
Wed	11/11/2020	VETERANS DAY
Thu	11/26/2020	THANKSGIVING
Fri	11/27/2020	DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING
Thu	12/24/2020	CHRISTMAS EVE
Fri	12/25/2020	CHRISTMAS DAY
Sat	12/26/2020	DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
Fri	1/1/2021	NEW YEAR'S DAY
Mon	1/18/2021	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
Tue	1/19/2021	CONFEDERATE HEROES DAY (SKELETON CREW)
Mon	2/15/2021	PRESIDENT'S DAY
Tue	3/2/2021	TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY