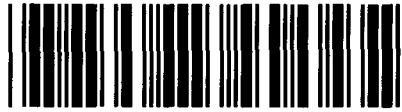




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**APPLICATION OF FORZA ENERGY,
LLC FOR A RETAIL ELECTRIC
PROVIDER CERTIFICATE**

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS**



**ORDER NO. 1
ADDRESSING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

This Order addresses the application of Forza Energy, LLC filed on April 29, 2020, under PURA¹ § 39.352 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 25.107 for an Option 1 certificate to provide retail electric provider services for the geographic area of the State of Texas.

I. Procedural Schedule

The Commission will issue an order approving, rejecting, or approving with modifications, within 90 days after the filing of the application, except that the Commission may extend the 90-day period for good cause.² Accordingly, the following procedural schedule applies in this docket.

Filing date	April 29, 2020
Commission Staff recommendation on deficiencies and completeness	May 20, 2020
Commission Order on deficiencies and completeness	May 27, 2020
Deadline to intervene; deadline for intervenor comment or request for hearing	June 15, 2020 ³
Deadline for Commission Staff's request for hearing or final recommendation	June 29, 2020
Order to approve or deny application	July 28, 2020

II. Procedures

The Commission's procedural rules apply in this docket, unless otherwise specified. The Commission's rules are available at: www.puc.texas.gov.

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

² 16 TAC § 25.107(c)(5).

³ Under 16 TAC § 22.104(b), motions to intervene must be filed within 45 days of the filing of the application. The 45th day is, however, a Saturday. Therefore, under 16 TAC § 22.4(a), the deadline is extended to the following Monday.

A. Filing

All pleadings must state the docket number assigned to this proceeding.⁴ Parties must file ten copies of all pleadings.⁵ All documents must be filed by 3:00 p.m. on the date due unless otherwise ordered.⁶ Responses to any motion or other pleading must be filed within three working days after the filing of the motion or other pleading. The applicant is required to inform the Commission of any material change in the information provided in the application within ten working days of any such change.

B. Service

A copy of documents filed with the Commission must be served on all parties.⁷ The Commission will send documents to a party by first class mail and the Commission will only send documents to one address per party.⁸ Any changes or corrections to an address should be directed to Desiree Garcia at (512) 936-7219.

C. Extensions of Time for Filing

In addition to complying with 16 TAC § 22.4(b), motions for extension of time to file a document must propose a new date or dates and state whether the parties agree to the new date or dates. If the requested extension requires an extension of the 90-day period in this docket, the motion must indicate this and state good cause for extending the 90-day period.

D. Discovery

Parties may obtain formal discovery only through oral depositions. The parties may informally request information, but the Commission will not resolve any disputes regarding informal discovery.

⁴ 16 TAC § 22.72(b)(1).

⁵ 16 TAC § 22.71(c)(1). In light of the Commission's Order entered in Docket No. 50664, this requirement will be considered satisfied if pleadings are filed with the Commission through the Interchange. *See Issues Related the State of Disaster for Coronavirus Disease 2019*, Docket No. 50664, Order (Mar. 16, 2020) (requiring pleadings and documents to be filed with the Commission solely through the Interchange until the Governor's disaster declaration is terminated).

⁶ 16 TAC § 22.71(i).

⁷ 16 TAC § 22.74. In light of the Commission's Order entered in Docket No. 50664, service by electronic mail is authorized. Accordingly, all parties must provide an e-mail address for service of documents filed in this docket.

⁸ In light of the Commission's Order entered in Docket No. 50664, the Commission will send documents to a party via e-mail.

E. Ex Parte Communications

Ex parte communications with the administrative law judge are prohibited.⁹ Parties should communicate with the administrative law judge only through written documents filed with the Commission's Filing Clerk and served on all parties.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 1st day of May 2020.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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**GREGORY R. SIEMANKOWSKI
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

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⁹ 16 TAC § 22.3(b)(2).