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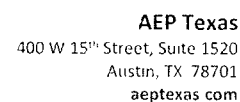


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Application of AEP Texas Inc. to Amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Angstrom to SDI Buffalo Double-Circuit 345-kV Transmission Line in San Patricio County

AEP Texas filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) in Docket No. 50726 for the Angstrom to SDI Buffalo Double-Circuit 345-kV Transmission Line in San Patricio County (Project) on April 13, 2020. The Project is necessary to provide service to a new steel plant near Sinton, Texas.

The application for the Project involves a single route from a new AEP Texas station to the substation owned by the industrial customer, Steel Dynamics, Inc (SDI). There are two landowners crossed by the proposed route, and one of them is SDI. Both landowners have agreed to the proposed route and the easement for the proposed route has been acquired.

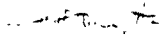
AEP Texas has committed to a very aggressive construction schedule in order to meet the expected in-service date of this large industrial load that is not only an important economic development project for the Corpus Christi area, but also for the State of Texas. One aspect of the aggressive schedule contemplated having the CCN application approved administratively so that construction could begin this summer.

AEP Texas recognizes that because of the virus crisis, the PUC has suspended the deadlines in its rules unless they are established in the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA). Further, AEP Texas recognizes that the 80-day administrative approval of an uncontested transmission line is established in 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 25.101(b)(3)(C) and is not established in PURA. AEP Texas understands that this uncontested transmission line application, which under normal circumstances might qualify to be approved administratively within 80 days, will likely not be approved until sometime later.

In an effort to ensure that the schedule to be established in PUC Order No. 1 is expedited as much as possible, AEP Texas submits the following suggestions. AEP Texas will file its Proof of Notice and Publication on May 1, 2020. In addition, AEP Texas is prepared to file its Response to Order No. 1 the next business day following the filing of PUC Order No. 1.

AEP Texas respectfully requests that the Office of Policy and Docket Management consider the May 1 Proof of Notice and Publication filing and its commitment to respond to PUC Order No. 1 the next business day when establishing the schedule deadlines in PUC Order No. 1.

Sincerely,


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