



VIA HAND DELIVERY

November 7, 2018

Ms. Laura Zebehazy  
Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program  
Wildlife Division  
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**Re: *Joint Application of LCRA Transmission Services Corporation and AEP Texas Inc. to Amend their Certificates of Convenience and Necessity for the Proposed Bakersfield to Solstice 345-kV Transmission Line Project in Pecos County, Texas***

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS (PUC) DOCKET NO. 48787**

Dear Ms. Zebehazy:

On Wednesday, November 7, 2018, LCRA Transmission Services Corporation and AEP Texas Inc. filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) the above-referenced application to amend their Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to construct the Bakersfield to Solstice 345-kV Transmission Line Project in Pecos County, Texas.

As you are aware, the Commission's CCN application requires that we provide for review and comment a copy of the project environmental assessment (EA) to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) within seven days after the application is filed. Accordingly, enclosed with this letter is a copy of the EA prepared for the referenced project as well as a complete copy of LCRA TSC's and AEP Texas' CCN application filed at the Commission. The CCN application also requires that a copy of this transmittal letter be included with the project application. You will find a copy of this letter included as Attachment 10 to the filed Application.

Under the traditional CCN process, TPWD typically provides the Commission Staff with comments about the application. On behalf of LCRA TSC and AEP Texas, and as we have requested in past CCN cases, we would also appreciate receiving a copy of any comments TPWD may choose to provide to Commission Staff. You may send those comments to Sonya Strambler and Randal Roper at the addresses shown below. Of course, LCRA and AEP Texas reserve the right to inquire into the basis of any comments or recommendations TPWD may choose to submit in this case, but we are certain the appropriate arrangements can be made for that inquiry if the necessity arises.

Finally, it has been LCRA TSC's practice to provide TPWD staff with a briefing of the CCN application and the accompanying EA. To that end, if it would be of benefit to you, we would appreciate the opportunity to visit with you and your staff at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions about the EA, please feel free to contact Sonya Strambler at (512) 578-1856.

Sincerely,



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Enc: CCN Application including EA for the Bakersfield to Solstice 345-kV Transmission Line Project

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