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April 2, 2025 (Via Mail)

Mr. Scott Dixon City Administrator City of Castroville 1209 Fiorella Street Castroville, TX 78009

Re: Proposed Howard to Bottlebrush 345 kV Transmission Line Project in Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Crockett, Edwards, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Medina, Pecos, Real, Sutton, Terrell, Uvalde, and Val Verde Counties, Texas POWER Engineers, Inc. Project No. 256789

Dear Mr. Dixon:

Subject to the Public Utility Commission of Texas' (PUC's) decision expected by May 1, 2025 (Docket No. 55718), CPS Energy and Texas-New Mexico Power Company (TNMP) could be filing an application with the PUC to amend their Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CCNs) to construct a new, single-circuit 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line in Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Crockett, Edwards, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Medina, Pecos, Real, Sutton, Terrell, Uvalde, and Val Verde Counties, Texas (Project).

The purpose of this Project is to satisfy the PUC order and Section 39.166 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) associated with the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) Permian Basin Reliability Plan.

The Project will extend approximately 270 miles from the proposed CPS Energy Howard Road Station, to be located in the southwest portion of the City of San Antonio in Bexar County, to the proposed TNMP Bottlebrush Station, to be located approximately one mile northeast of US Highway 285 in Pecos County. A study area has been developed to consider possible routes connecting the proposed Howard Road and Bottlebrush stations to be included in the CCN application for filing with the PUC. Proposed routes for the Project have not been developed at this time. The location of the study area, proposed Howard Road Station, proposed Bottlebrush Station, and approximate locations of other existing transmission facilities are shown on the enclosed map.

POWER Engineers, Inc. (POWER) is preparing an Environmental Assessment and Alternative Route Analysis to support CPS Energy's and TNMP's CCN application with the PUC. POWER is gathering data on the existing environment and identifying environmental, cultural, and land use constraints within the study area. POWER will identify potential routes between the end points that consider these environmental, cultural, and land use constraints.

POWER is requesting that your agency/office provide information concerning environmental and land use constraints or other issues of interest to your agency/office within the study area. Your input will be an important consideration in the evaluation of the potential routes and in the assessment of potential impacts of each route. In addition, POWER would appreciate receiving information about any permits, easements, or other approvals by your agency/office that you believe could affect this Project, or if you are aware of any major proposed development or construction in the study area. Upon certification for the proposed Project by the PUC, CPS Energy and TNMP will identify and obtain necessary permits, if required, from your agency/office.

Thank you for your assistance with this proposed electric transmission line project route development process. Please contact me by phone at 281-765-5511, or by e-mail at denise.williams@powereng.com, if you have any questions or require additional information. POWER would appreciate receiving your reply by April 29, 2025.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure(s): Study Area Map

Sent Via Mail

