**ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC AND**
**LCRA TRANSMISSION SERVICES CORPORATION**
**NORTH MCCAMEY TO SAND LAKE 345 kV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT**
**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETINGS**

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| TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023<br>5:00 PM – 8:00 PM<br>**UPTON COUNTY 4H COMMUNITY CENTER**<br>**18001 W. HWY. 67, McCAMEY, TX 79752** | WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023<br>4:00 PM – 7:00 PM<br>**REEVES COUNTY CIVIC CENTER**<br>**1500 S. CEDAR STREET, PECOS, TEXAS 79772** |

Welcome and thank you for taking the time to attend one of the Public Participation Meetings for Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC's (Oncor) and LCRA Transmission Services Corporation's (LCRA TSC) proposed North McCamey – Sand Lake 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line project (Project).

For Oncor and LCRA TSC to continue to provide safe and reliable electric service in this area, a new 345-kV transmission line is needed. The Project would be constructed to connect LCRA TSC's existing North McCamey Substation in Upton County, Texas, and Oncor's existing Sand Lake Substation in Ward County, Texas. The North McCamey Substation is located approximately 0.6 mile north of the City of McCamey, and the Sand Lake Substation is located approximately 6 miles northeast of the City of Pecos on the northwest side of Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 3398. The Project is currently planned for completion in 2026.

The purpose of this Public Participation Meeting is to present information about the Project, receive your input and comments, and answer your questions. The Questions and Answers below provide general information about the Project.

There are subject matter stations with associated exhibits located around the room. Oncor and LCRA TSC representatives, as well as representatives from Oncor and LCRA TSC's environmental consultant, Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. (Burns & McDonnell), and Oncor and LCRA TSC's property ownership abstractor, Integra Realty Resources (Integra), are located at each station and can provide answers to specific questions about

the Project. We encourage you to talk with representatives from Oncor, LCRA TSC, Burns & McDonnell, and Integra, who can provide information concerning their particular areas of expertise as they relate to the Project.

The stations are arranged in a particular order that is designed to give a better understanding of the Project and its process. We recommend that you visit the stations in order, and please spend as much time as you need at each station to ensure that we can answer your questions and address any concerns you may have. Since this is an informal, "come-and-go" format, there may be times when one particular exhibit is crowded. Please bear with us and we will make every attempt to answer your questions in a timely manner.

**Who is Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC?**

Oncor is an electric transmission and distribution utility regulated by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT). Oncor constructs, owns, and operates power lines that move electric power between disparate points of the electric transmission and distribution system, connecting electric power producers with electric power consumers. Oncor does not own power plants and does not buy or sell electric power. Oncor operates the largest distribution and transmission system in Texas, providing power to more than 3.7 million electric delivery points over more than 139,000 miles of distribution and transmission lines. Oncor operates in a service area in East, West and North Central Texas with more than 408 communities and 98 counties.

**Who is LCRA Transmission Services Corporation?**

LCRA TSC is a nonprofit electric utility that provides safe, reliable, and environmentally responsible electric transmission services in Texas. LCRA TSC's transmission lines and substations play a vital role in the transmission of electricity between power generation plants and local electric service providers. LCRA TSC owns or operates more than 5,400 miles of transmission lines, about 430 substations and a System Operations Control Center. LCRA staff operates and maintains those facilities for LCRA TSC, which provides wholesale transmission services to customers in South, West and Central Texas.

**What does the electric transmission system do?**

The electric transmission system is a network of power generation facilities, transmission lines, switching stations, and substations. Transmission lines transport high-voltage electricity from power generation facilities to substations, where the electricity is converted to a lower voltage. Distribution lines then transport that electricity to residences and businesses.

In order for Oncor and LCRA TSC to provide reliable electric service, they must work with other utilities and state organizations to ensure that the electric transmission network is designed in such a way that the temporary loss of a power generation plant, a substation, or a transmission line will not result in a major electrical outage. For example, without appropriate planning and subsequent system improvements, damage to a single transmission line due to incidents such as tornadoes, lightning, ice storms, or equipment failure could result in significant disruptions to the delivery of electricity.

**Why must a new transmission line be constructed in this area?**

The Delaware Basin area of West Texas continues to experience strong growth in electricity usage due to increasing oil and natural gas production and mid-stream processing as well as industrial, commercial, and residential development. The addition of new electric demand, or "load," impacts the voltage and power quality of the transmission grid in the immediate area. Ongoing assessment of the existing facilities serving the region has identified the need for additional system reliability and operability improvements in this region, resulting in an endorsement of the project by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas as being critical to the reliability of the transmission system. Construction of the Proposed Transmission Line Project will provide a new 345 kV source to the area, which will strengthen the transmission system so it can serve the additional need for electricity and ensure long-term reliability for the area.

**Where is the approximate location of the Project?**

The approximate locations of proposed alternative transmission line

routes are shown on the attached location map (Exhibit 1).

**How long will the transmission line be?**

The straight-line distance between project endpoints is approximately 75 miles. However, the transmission line could be approximately 90 to more than 100 miles long depending on the route that is ultimately approved by the PUCT.

**What type of transmission structure will be used?**

Oncor and LCRA TSC continually evaluate different transmission structure types to select structures that satisfy specific project requirements, such as transmission line voltage, double or single circuit, cost, physical location, and characteristics of the surrounding land area to name a few. For the Proposed Transmission Line Project, Oncor and LCRA TSC have chosen self-supporting, steel lattice tower structures. Drawings of the standard double-circuit 345 kV steel lattice tangent tower structures that are proposed for use in this project are attached as Exhibit 2 (Oncor) and Exhibit 3 (LCRA TSC).

**Who will benefit from the Project?**

The Project will provide benefits to all participants in the Texas electric market, including end-use consumers of electricity in Crane, Crockett, Pecos, Reeves, Upton, and Ward Counties. The proposed project will improve the electric system and enhance reliability to allow Oncor and LCRA TSC to continue providing the reliable electric service consumers expect, as well as adding necessary transmission capacity to support the continuing development and economic growth of communities in these areas.

**Will environmental studies be conducted to determine the impact of the Proposed Transmission Line Project?**

Yes. Burns & McDonnell, an environmental consulting and engineering firm in Texas, is preparing an Environmental Assessment and Alternative Route Analysis to support an Application for the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) approval from the PUCT. The Environmental Assessment will include an analysis of the potential impacts of the Proposed Transmission Line Project to the

existing environment and land uses.

**How will property owners or other interested persons find out information regarding the status of Oncor and LCRA TSC's Project and the results of the certification process?**

There are several ways members of the public may: (1) be made aware of Oncor and LCRA TSC's filing of its CCN application at the PUCT; (2) participate or provide comments in the certification process; (3) monitor the proceeding as it progresses; and (4) determine the PUCT's actions regarding Oncor and LCRA TSC's Project.

First, a formal notice will be provided (via first-class mail) to any property owner whose land will be crossed by the Project as part of the formal CCN application for approval to construct the Project. In addition, a formal notice will be provided (via first-class mail) to any property owner who has a habitable structure within 500 feet of the centerline of the Project. Property ownership for this notice is determined by reviewing the appropriate County Tax Appraisal District records.

Second, public notice of Oncor and LCRA TSC's CCN application filing for the Project will be published in newspaper(s) of general circulation within the appropriate counties in the week following the filing of the application at the PUCT.

Information about Oncor and LCRA TSC's CCN application and the proceedings at the PUCT, can be obtained on the PUCT's online filings Interchange. The PUCT website provides free access to documents that are officially filed with the PUCT in Central Records. The docket number of a case (also called a control number on the PUCT website) is a key piece of information used in locating documents filed in the case. You may access the Interchange by visiting the PUCT's website home page at www.puc.state.tx.us.

One way to become involved in a case before the PUCT is as an "intervenor." An intervenor is a person who demonstrates a legal

interest that permits them to become a party to the proceeding. Such legal interests may include, among others, having a property crossed by a proposed route, or having a home within a certain distance from a proposed route. Intervenors are full participants in the proceeding and can make legal arguments, conduct discovery, file testimony, and cross-examine witnesses. If an intervenor testifies, they will be subject to cross-examination by the other parties in the case. For more information and rules about participating as an intervenor, visit the PUCT's website at:

https://www.puc.texas.gov/agency/rulesnlaws/participate.aspx

If you do not wish to fully participate as an intervenor in this proceeding, you may instead become a "protestor." Protestors are not parties to the case and may not conduct discovery, cross-examine witnesses, or present a direct case. Protestors may, however, make a written or verbal statement for the record in support of or in opposition to the CCN application and give information to the PUCT staff that they believe may be helpful. If you intend to be a protestor, you can either send written comments stating your position regarding the CCN application, or if the docket progresses to a hearing, a statement of protest can be made on the first day of hearing, as allowed. Although public comments are not sworn and, therefore, are not treated as evidence, they help to inform the PUCT and its staff of the public's concerns and identify issues to be explored. The PUCT welcomes such participation in its proceedings.

Finally, if the Project is approved by the PUCT, a notice (via first-class mail) will be sent to the property owners who were previously provided formal notice of the filing of Oncor and LCRA TSC's CCN application. This final notice will inform property owners that a Final Order has been issued by the PUCT and either (1) that their property is affected by the Project, or (2) that their property is no longer subject to a proceeding at the PUCT.

**When will construction of the proposed transmission line begin?**

Before construction can begin, Oncor and LCRA TSC must seek and receive approval from the PUCT. This process, along with typical timeframes for each step of the process, is provided in the attached **Licensing Process for New Transmission Line Facilities**. Based on a projected in-service date of 2026, Oncor and LCRA TSC anticipate filing their application in mid-2023 and, if approved, construction could begin in 2025.

**If I have additional questions following this meeting, who should I contact?**

Additional information concerning the Proposed Transmission Line Project can be obtained at the following websites:

https://www.oncor.com/transmissionprojects
https://www.lcra.org/NMSL

You may also contact Mr. Ife Adetoro of Oncor at (214) 486-2093 or email transmissionprojects@oncor.com, or Mr. Justin Stryker of LCRA TSC at (512) 730-6803 or Justin.Stryker@LCRA.org.

**Thank you again for attending this Public Participation Meeting!**