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COMES NOW, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT), the Independent Organization of the ERCOT Region, and respectfully requests Commission approval of re-elections of Michehl Gent and Jan Newton, as Unaffiliated Directors of the ERCOT Board. Pursuant to the ERCOT Bylaws, ERCOT's Corporate Members approved the re-elections of Mr. Gent and Ms. Newton as Unaffiliated Directors. Mr. Gent and Ms. Newton were re-nominated on November 17, 2008 by the Nominating Committee and re-elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting on December 9, 2008. Mr. Gent's term expires in February 2009, and Ms. Newton's term expires in August 2009. The re-elected Unaffiliated Directors will serve the remainder of their current terms and will then continue serving pending this Commission's decision.

I. Statement of Jurisdiction and Authority

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Section 39.151 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA)¹.

II. Identification of Applicant

The name and address of the Applicant is the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, 7620 Metro Center Drive, Austin, Texas 78744.

The name, address, telephone and facsimile number, and email address of Applicant's authorized representative is as follows:

¹ Tex. Util. Code Ann. §39.151.

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III. Background

Pursuant to ERCOT's Amended and Restated Bylaws, the ERCOT Board established a Nominating Committee made up of Board members with representation from all Member Segments. The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors unanimously voted to re-elect Michehl Gent and Jan Newton as Unaffiliated Board Members. Mr. Gent has been serving on the ERCOT Board since March 2006 (3-year term); Ms. Newton has been serving on the ERCOT Board since September 2006 (3-year term). A brief biography for each re-elected Unaffiliated Director is attached hereto as Attachments A and B.

Corporate Membership voting for the re-elections of Mr. Gent and Ms. Newton as Unaffiliated Directors was conducted at the ERCOT Annual Meeting on December 9, 2008. All Member Segments were present; the vote was unanimous.

IV. Prayer

ERCOT respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order approving the re-elections of Michehl Gent and Jan Newton as Unaffiliated Directors for the ERCOT Board.

Respectfully submitted,



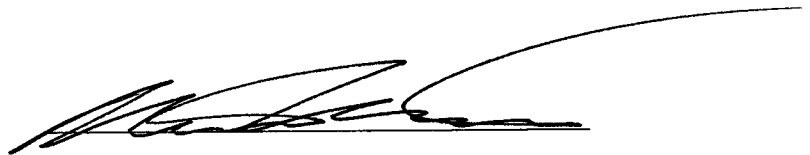
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document was served on all parties of record in this proceeding on January 7, 2009 in the following manner: by facsimile, email, or first class U.S. mail.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Cobos", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michehl Gent
Biography

Michehl Gent, former president and CEO of the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC), has more than 40 years of experience in electric reliability, primarily with reliability councils. He has expertise in building organizations, developing operating rules and procedures, and fostering communication between partner organizations.

Mr. Gent joined NERC in 1980 as executive vice president and was elected president in 1982. Under his leadership, NERC grew from an organization of five people to more than 50 employees. He was at the forefront of the industry's efforts to improve the protection of critical and cyber assets, both before and after September 11, 2001. He also led the technical investigations into the August 14, 2003, blackout and implementation of recommendations resulting from the investigation. Mr. Gent retired as president and CEO of NERC in 2005.

Prior to joining NERC, Mr. Gent was general manager of the Florida Electric Power Coordinating Group, a voluntary power pool for Florida's electric utilities. He also held several positions in both operations and planning at the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power.

Mr. Gent has taught in the graduate schools of the University of Southern California and Loyola University and is a registered professional engineer. He currently serves on several policy committees and boards including the United States Energy Association and the IEEE-USA Energy Policy Committee.

A native of New York, Mr. Gent is a veteran of the U.S. Army and holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Texas A&M University and a master of science degree from USC.

**Jan Newton
Biography**

Jan Newton joined the Electric Reliability Council of Texas Board of Directors in September 2006 after a 30-year career with SBC (now AT&T). She held positions in finance, sales, marketing and regulatory affairs. At her retirement, she was president of SBC Texas, having served in that position since 2002.

As president of SBC Texas, Ms. Newton was responsible for the company's regulatory, legislative, governmental, external affairs, and community and industry relations throughout the state.

Her other positions with SBC Communications included president of SBC Missouri, executive director of wholesale marketing and release policies, and executive director for the office of the CEO and chairman of SBC Communications.

After passage of the Federal Telecommunications Act in 1995, Ms. Newton led SBC's effort to implement the guidelines and policies necessary for compliance. During a two-and-a-half-year period, her team led the effort to transform the corporation to a more competitive environment.

In 2005, Ms. Newton was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to serve on the Texas Tax Reform Commission.

She has a bachelor of business administration degree from Texas Tech University.