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Consumer – Residential Segment – Ex Officio

Lori Cobos serves as Chief Executive and Public Counsel for the Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC). Ms. Cobos was appointed by Governor Greg Abbott as OPUC's Chief Executive and Public Counsel on March 22, 2019. OPUC represents residential and small commercial consumers in the electric, telecommunications, water, and wastewater utility industries in Texas.

Ms. Cobos has over 15 years of broad experience in the electric power industry in Texas. She served in senior-level positions at the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT), including serving as Advisor for two PUCT Commissioners, Assistant Counsel to the PUCT Executive Director, and Senior Policy Analyst in the PUCT's Policy Development Division. Ms. Cobos served as in-house counsel at the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT). In the private industry, Ms. Cobos served as Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs at Talen Energy and Principal Owner of the Cobos Law Firm.

As OPUC's Chief Executive and Public Counsel, Ms. Cobos serves as an ex-officio, voting member of the ERCOT Board of Directors and as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Texas Reliability Entity, Inc. (Texas RE) Board of Directors. Prior to joining OPUC, she served on the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC) Board of Directors as a gubernatorial appointee of Governor Abbott and served on the Sul Ross State University Alumni Board.

Ms. Cobos received a J.D. from Texas Tech University School of Law and was a member of the Texas Tech Law Review. Ms. Cobos received an M.A. Degree in Public Administration and a B.B.A. Degree in General Business, with *magna cum laude* honors, from Sul Ross State University.