

**ATTACHMENT 18**  
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO**  
**TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT**

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Mr. Clayton Wolf – Director of Wildlife  
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**RE: PUC Docket No. 44547: Application of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC to Amend a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for a Proposed 345 kV Transmission Line within Harris, Grimes and Waller Counties, Texas (Brazos Valley Connection)**

Pursuant to the rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC), please find enclosed a copy of the Environmental Assessment and Routing Study (EA) for CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC (CenterPoint Energy) application for certification for the above-referenced 345 kV Brazos Valley Connection Project, filed at the PUC on April 24, 2015, in Commission Docket No. 44547.

This project concerns the request for approval for CenterPoint Energy to construct a 345 kilovolt (kV) double-circuit transmission line from CenterPoint Energy's Zenith Substation located in Harris County, southeast of the intersection of House Hahl Road and Katy Hockley Cut Off Road to Texas Municipal Power Agency's (TMPA) Gibbons Creek Substation located in Grimes County north of the intersection of Texas 30 and County Road 171. The EA provides a detailed description of the data gathered and analyzed by POWER Engineering, Inc., the environmental/routing consultant retained by CenterPoint Energy for the proposed project, and the routing procedures and methodology utilized to delineate and evaluate alternative line routing.

CenterPoint Energy respectfully requests to be copied on any correspondence that TPWD might send to the PUC regarding this project. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this transmittal or the proposed project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Pakeltis".

Michael J. Pakeltis  
Director of Transmission Operations  
CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC

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