

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

## Oncor Draft Habitat Conservation Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), in cooperation with Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC (Oncor), are currently planning to conduct three Public Hearings to obtain comments on the Draft Habitat Conservation Plan (DHCP)/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DHCP and DEIS present an evaluation of potential impacts to the proposed issuance of an Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 10(a)(1)(B) Permit to Oncor for incidental “take” of eleven federally-listed species from activities associated with maintenance and repair of existing facilities and installation and operation of new facilities within Oncor’s service area in north Texas. These Hearings will allow the public the opportunity to view project exhibits and provide comments on the proposed action. Public Hearings currently scheduled for the Oncor service area include:

WHEN	WHERE	TIME
<b>Tuesday, August 23, 2011</b>	Ruthe Jackson Center Ballroom 3113 S. Carrier Parkway Grand Prairie, TX 75052	5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
<b>Wednesday, August 24, 2011</b>	Texas State Technical College Center Seminar Room 300 Homer K. Taylor Drive Sweetwater, TX 79556	5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
<b>Thursday, August 25, 2011</b>	Bellmead Civic Center Senior Room 3900 Parrish Street Waco, TX 76705	5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

The Public Hearings will consist of an Open House/Exhibit Review from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM that will provide an opportunity to view the DHCP, DEIS, maps, and exhibits and to learn more about the proposed action, permit area, and species covered. A formal presentation of the proposed action and summary of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process will be given from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM. The Hearing will be conducted from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM during which citizens are invited to provide written or oral comments in an informal, open-house setting.

A court reporter and Spanish interpreter will be present at each Hearing. Written comments may be submitted at the Hearings or may be mailed to Mr. Adam Zerrenner, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX, 78758; calling (512) 490-0057; or faxing (512) 490-0974. Written comments must be received by October 13, 2011 in order to be included in the Public Hearing record.

*All interested citizens are invited to attend. Persons requiring special communication, access, or accommodation needs should contact Angela Bulger, Atkins, via phone (512.342.3388) or e-mail ([angela.bulger@atkinglobal.com](mailto:angela.bulger@atkinglobal.com)) at least two working days prior to the hearing. All reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate any special needs.*

### OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Service, in cooperation with Oncor, is also offering the opportunity for a public hearing to provide citizens a forum to present comments on the proposed action at other locations within Oncor’s service area. The DEIS and DHCP, which include maps showing the service area for the proposed action, and other related information are available at <http://www.oncor-eis-hcp.com/DraftEISHCP.aspx> or <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/AustinTexas/> and available for review at the Service’s Austin office at 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758. Public Hearings at additional locations within the service area will be considered upon request. Requests must be received by Wednesday, August 31, 2011. All requests for a Public Hearing must be submitted in writing and should be sent via email to [FW2\\_AUES\\_consult@fws.gov](mailto:FW2_AUES_consult@fws.gov) or to the following address:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Oncor DHCP/DEIS Public Hearing Request  
Attention: Adam Zerrenner  
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For more information, visit <http://www.oncor-eis-hcp.com/> or <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/AustinTexas/>.