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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 24, 2023

TO: Members of the Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee

FROM: Michael A. Gange, Director of Environmental Services & Sustainability

SUBJECT: Core Scientific Electric Usage

On February 24, 2023, Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee Chair Briggs asked for an update on the electric usage for Core Scientific.

The Texas Utilities Code prohibits the disclosure under Section 182.052 which is excerpted below.

Sec. 182.052. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION. (a) Except as provided by Section 182.054, a government-operated utility may not disclose personal information in a customer's account record, or any information relating to the volume or units of utility usage or the amounts billed to or collected from the individual for utility usage, unless the customer requests that the government-operated utility disclose the information.

Sec. 182.054. EXCEPTIONS. This subchapter does not prohibit a government-operated utility from disclosing personal information in a customer's account record to:

- (1) an official or employee of the state, a political subdivision of the state, or the United States acting in an official capacity;
- (2) an employee of a utility acting in connection with the employee's duties;
- (3) a consumer reporting agency;
- (4) a contractor or subcontractor approved by and providing services to the utility, the state, a political subdivision of the state, or the United States;
- (5) a person for whom the customer has contractually waived confidentiality for personal information; or
- (6) another entity that provides water, wastewater, sewer, gas, garbage, electricity, or drainage service for compensation.