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Public Utility Commission of Texas  
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RE: Docket No. 27355 - August 2003 Confidential Fuel Purchase Report for Southwestern  
Electric Power Company

Dear Mr. Almon:

Enclosed is a report containing SWEPCO's August 2003, fuel purchase data. This report contains coal and coal transportation costs breakdown which is confidential in nature pursuant to provisions of the Staggers Act and the Texas Open Records Act. Also enclosed is an affidavit supporting SWEPCO's claim of confidentiality with respect to the coal cost and coal cost transportation breakdown.

This coal cost breakdown is submitted under the representations of confidentiality protection made by the Attorney General on behalf of the Commission in his letter to SWEPCO dated October 13, 1986. Under the Attorney General's representations, the Commission will maintain the confidentiality of the cost breakdown.

The Attorney General has indicated that if the Commission makes a determination that all or any part of the claim of confidentiality should not be recognized, the Commission will give SWEPCO 48 hours notice prior to the making of any of the information public. It is not clear from the Attorney General's letter who will make the determination of confidentiality or how that decision will be reached. As a result, I would appreciate the Commission immediately notifying SWEPCO through its counsel, Ms. Rhonda Ryan in the AEP office in Austin, Texas, of any determination that the Commission makes concerning the confidentiality of this coal cost breakdown.

If you have any questions, please contact Lauri Sheridan White in our Austin office at (512) 481-4540. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Cordially,

Steven Beaty  
AEP Regulatory

Enclosure(s)

cc: Mr. Andrew Rambin, SWEPCO, w/o enclosure

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