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Pursuant to Paragraph 3 [sic] of the Proposed Protective Order in this docket, Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS") files this index of documents containing Confidential Information or Highly Sensitive Confidential Information responsive to Commission's Staff's ("Staff") Third Request for Information, Question No. 15, and states the following in support.

An index of the documents containing Confidential Information or Highly Sensitive Confidential Information is attached as Exhibit A. This index indicates for each document: (a) the designation of information as Confidential or Highly Sensitive; (b) a description of the document; (c) the applicable exemptions under the Public Information Act of Texas; (d) an explanation of the designation of Confidential or Highly Sensitive; and (e) certification that the designation is made in good faith.

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EXHIBIT A - INDEX OF DOCUMENTS

1. Exhibit SPS-Staff 3-15V(SUPP1)(CONF)

(a) Designation of Information: Confidential Information

(b) Description of Document: June, July, and August 2011 fuel and purchase power

invoices, general ledgers and journal entries

(c) Applicable Exemptions: Public Information Act of Texas, §§ 552.101,

552.104, and 552.110

(d) Explanation of Designation: These documents contain fuel cost data, some of

which is by plant, including supplier, price and volume data. The pricing information, including the vendor invoices, could give an advantage to a competitor or vendor if released. Furthermore, this information is protected under the trade secret privilege in Rule 507 of the Texas Rules of Civil Evidence, which is made applicable to discovery process rule by Rule 193.3 of the Texas Rules of

Civil Procedure.

(e) Certification of Counsel: The undersigned counsel has reviewed the

information sufficiently to state in good faith that the information is exempt from discovery under the Public Information Act of Texas and is entitled to its

classification specified above.

2. Exhibit SPS-Staff 3-15V(SUPP1)(HS)

(a) Designation of Information: Highly Sensitive Information

(b) Description of Document: June, July, and August 2011 fuel and purchase power

invoices, general ledgers and journal entries

(c) Applicable Exemptions: Public Information Act of Texas, §§ 552.101,

552.104, and 552.110

(d) Explanation of Designation:

These documents contain fuel cost data, by plant, including supplier, price, transportation cost, and volume data. The pricing information contained in the coal invoices includes coal transportation costs that are commercially sensitive, and if released could put SPS or BSNF at a competitive disadvantage. Furthermore, the coal transportation costs shown on the invoices are subject to confidentiality agreements between SPS and BSNF and if released, could subject SPS to liability. Furthermore, this information is protected under the trade secret privilege in Rule 507 of the Texas Rules of Civil Evidence, which is made applicable to discovery process rule by Rule 193.3 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

(e) Certification of Counsel:

The undersigned counsel has reviewed the information sufficiently to state in good faith that the information is exempt from discovery under the Public Information Act of Texas and is entitled to its classification specified above.

Certificate of Service

I certify that on the day of February 2013, a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument was served on all parties of record by electronic service and by hand delivery, Federal Express, regular first class mail, certified mail, or facsimile transmission.