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April 30, 2013

Lamb County Appraisal District P.O. Box 950 Littlefield, Texas 79339-0950

Gentlemen:

Attached please find one new application for pollution control property tax exemption. The property was determined by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to be 100 percent for pollution control. This property is at the Tolk Station electric generation plant owned by Southwestern Public Service Company.

If you any questions, contact me at 303-294-2269 or paul.a.simon@xcelenergy.com.

Sincerely

Paul A. Simon,

Tax Services, Xcel Energy, Southwestern Public Service Company

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Property Tax Form 50-248

Lamb County Appraisal District	(806) 385-6474
Appraisal District's Name	Phone (area code and number)
P.O. Box 950, 1500 Delano Avenue, Littlefield, TX 79339-0950	
Address, City, State, ZIP Code	

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State the year for which you are seeking an exemption		
Step 2: Provide Name and Mailing Addres	s of Property Owner and Identity of Per-	son Preparing Application
Southwestern Public Service Company		
Name of Property Owner	,	
P.O. Box 1979		
Mailing Address		**************************************
Denver, CO 80201-1979		(303) 294-2269
City, State, ZIP Code		Diagram and and an included
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Step 3: Describe the Property for Which You are Seeking an Exemption

Separately identify each item of personal property and each parcel of real property.

Replacement baghouse bags at Tolk Unit #1 and Tolk Unit	nit #2
General Description of Property	
Tolk Station power generator, 3 miles south of US 70 on	FM 2910, Sudan, TX
Property Location (Street Address, City State, and ZIP Code)	
	428368
Legal Description (if known)	Appraisal District Account Number (if known)
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

January 30, 2012

Mr. Jeff West Team Lead Southwestern Public Service Company P. O. Box 1261 Amarillo, Texas 79105

Re: Notice of Positive Use Determination
Southwestern Public Service Company
Tolk Station
3 miles S on FM 2910 from US 70
Sudan (Lamb County)
Regulated Entity Number: RN100224534
Customer Reference Number: CN601481336
Application Number: 16027
Tracking Number: T001

Dear Mr. West:

This letter responds to Southwestern Public Service Company's Application for Use Determination, received January 26, 2012, pursuant to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Program for the Tolk Station.

The TCEQ has completed the review for application #16027 and has issued a Positive Use Determination for the property in accordance with Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §17.4. In order to request an exemption, the attached Use Determination and a completed Application for Pollution Control Property Tax Exemption, Form #50-248 (please see www.cpa.state.tx.us), must be provided to the chief appraiser of the appropriate appraisal district no later than April 30th of the applicable tax year.

Please be advised that a Positive Use Determination may be appealed by the chief appraiser of the applicable appraisal district. The appeal must be filed with the TCEQ Chief Clerk within 20 days after the receipt of this letter in accordance with 30 TAC §17.25.

If you have questions regarding this letter or need further assistance, please contact Alyssa Aston of the Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Program by telephone at (512) 239-0861, by e-mail at Alyssa. Aston@tceq.texas.gov, or write to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Program, MC-110, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

The State of Texas

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



Application Number: 16027

County: Lamb

USE DETERMINATION CERTIFICATE

This certifies that Southwestern Public Service Company Tolk Station 3 miles S on FM 2910 from US 70 Sudan, Texas installed the following property that is used 100% for pollution control to meet or exceed federal or state regulations:

replacement baghouse bags for Tolk #1 Baghouse and Tolk #2 Baghouse.

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Mark R. Vickery, P.G. Executive Director

January 30, 2012

Date

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Re:

Notice of Administrative Completeness Southwestern Public Service Company Tolk Station 3 miles S on FM 2910 from US 70 Sudan (Lamb County) Regulated Entity Number: RN100224534 Customer Reference Number: CN601481336 Application Number: 16027

Application Number: 1602 Tracking Number: Too1

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The TCEQ has determined the information required in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §17.10 is complete for application #16027. A copy of the application has been provided to the appropriate county appraisal district. As specified in 30 TAC §17.12, a technical review will be conducted according to the Application Review Schedule. Please note that if additional technical information is needed, a Notice of Deficiency will be issued and any review time associated with this action will not be considered part of the Application Review Schedule.

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2012		
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Step 2: Provide Name and Mailing Address of Proper	ty Owner and Identity of Person Prep	paring Application
Southwestern Public Service Company		
Name of Property Owner		
P.O. Box 1979		
Malling Address		
Denver, CO 80201-1979		(303) 294-2269
City, State, ZIP Code		Phone (area code and number)
Property Owner is a(n) (check one):		
Individual Partnership 🗸 Corporation	Other (specify):	
Paul A. Simon	Consultant, Property Tax Planning	
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P.O. Box 1979		
Malling Address		
Denver, CO 80201-1979		(303) 294-2269
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Step 3: Describe the Property for Which You are Seeking an Exemption

Separately identify each item of personal property and each parcel of real property. Pond Liner for Pond No. 7 General Description of Property Tolk Station power generator, US 70 and FM 2910, Sudan, TX Property Location (Street Address, City State, and ZIP Code) 428368 Appraisal District Account Number (If known) Legal Description (If known) General Description of Property Property Location (Street Address, City State, and ZIP Code) Appraisal District Account Number (If known) Legal Description (if known) General Description of Property Property Location (Street Address, City State, and ZIP Code) Appraisal District Account Number (if known) Legal Description (if known) Attach additional pages as necessary. Step 4: Attach Use Determination Attach the use determination issued for the property by the Texas Commission on Environment Quality (TCEQ).

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the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief.

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Step 5: Read, Sign, and Date

Authorized Signature

By signing this application

sign here Bryan W. Shaw, Ph.D., Chairman Buddy Garcia, Commissioner Carlos Rubinstein, Commissioner Mark R. Vickery, P.G., Executive Director



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

June 13, 2011

Mr. Jeff West Environmental Services Southwestern Public Service Company PO Box 1261 Amarillo, Texas 79105

Re:

Notice of Positive Use Determination Southwestern Public Service Company

Tolk Station US 70 and FM 2910 Sudan (Lamb County)

Regulated Entity Number: RN100224534 Customer Reference Number: CN601481336

Application Number: 14955; Tracking Number: Too5

Dear Mr. West:

This letter responds to Southwestern Public Service Company's Application for Use Determination, received January 26, 2011, pursuant to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Program for the Tolk Station.

The TCEQ has completed the review for application #14955 and has issued a Positive Use Determination for the property in accordance with Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §17.4. In order to request an exemption, the attached Use Determination and a completed Application for Pollution Control Tax Exemption, Form #50-248 (please see www.cpa.state.tx.us), must be provided to the chief appraiser of the appropriate appraisal district no later than April 30th of the applicable tax year.

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If you have questions regarding this letter or need further assistance, please contact Hubert Stewart of the Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Program by telephone at (512) 239-1427, by e-mail at hubert.stewart@tceq.texas.gov, or write to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Program, MC-110, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

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Chance Goodin, Team Leader Stationary Source Programs Air Quality Division RECEIVED

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY The State of Texas

Application Number: 14955



County: Lamb

USE DETERMINATION CERTIFICATE

This certifies that
Southwestern Public Service Company
Tolk Station
US 70 and FM 2910

US 70 and FM 2910 Sudan, Texas

installed the following property that is used 100 % for pollution control to meet or exceed federal or state regulations:

Pond Liner for Pond #7.

June 13, 2011

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Mark R. Vickery, P.G.

Executive Director

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April 30, 2013

Potter-Randall Appraisal District P.O. Box 7190 Amarillo, Texas 79114-7190

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Potter-Randall Appraisal District	₩	(806) 358-1601
Appraisal District's Name	•	Phone (area code and number)
P.O. Box 7190, Amarillo, TX 79114-7190		
Address, City, State, ZIP Code	*	
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Mailing Address		
Denver, CO 80201-1979		(303) 294-2269
City, State, ZIP Code		Phone (area code and number)
Property Owner is a(n) (check one):		
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January 30, 2012

Mr. Jeff West Team Lead Southwestern Public Service Company P. O. Box 1261 Amarillo, Texas 79105

Re:

Notice of Positive Use Determination Southwestern Public Service Company Harrington Station 8300 Lakeside Drive Amarillo (Potter County) Regulated Entity Number: RN100224849 Customer Reference Number: CN601481336 Application Number: 16028

Tracking Number: H001

Dear Mr. West:

This letter responds to Southwestern Public Service Company's Application for Use Determination, received January 26, 2012, pursuant to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Program for the Harrington Station.

The TCEQ has completed the review for application #16028 and has issued a Positive Use Determination for the property in accordance with Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §17.4. In order to request an exemption, the attached Use Determination and a completed Application for Pollution Control Property Tax Exemption, Form #50-248 (please see www.cpa.state.tx.us), must be provided to the chief appraiser of the appropriate appraisal district no later than April 30th of the applicable tax year.

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Tracking Number: Hoo1

Re: Notice of Administrative Completeness
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Harrington Station
8300 Lakeside Drive
Amarillo (Potter County)
Regulated Entity Number: RN100224849
Customer Reference Number: CN601481336
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County: Potter

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Unless the applicant is a charitable organization with a federal tax identification number, the applicant's driver's license number, personal identification certificate number, or social security account number is required. Pursuant to Tax Code Section 11.48(a), a driver's license number, personal identification certificate number, or social security account number provided in an application for an exemption filed with a chief appraiser is confidential and not open to public inspection. The information may not be disclosed to anyone other than an employee of the appraisal office who appraises property, except as authorized by Tax Code Section 11.48(b). If the applicant is a charitable organization with a federal tax identification number, the applicant may provide the organization's federal tax identification number in lieu of a driver's license number, personal identification certificate number, or social security account number.

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Step 3: Describe the Property for Which You are Seeking an Exemption

Separately identify each Item of personal property and each parcel of real property. Low NOx Burner General Description of Property Harrington Station power generator, 8300 Lakeside Drive, Amarillo, TX Property Location (Street Address, City State, and ZIP Code) 66566 Property ID No. 66566 Appraisal District Account Number (if known) Legal Description (# known) General Description of Property Property Location (Street Address, City State, and ZIP Code) Appraisal District Account Number (if known) Legal Description (if known) General Description of Property Property Location (Street Address, City State, and ZIP Code) Appraisal District Account Number (ff known) Legal Description (If known)

Attach additional pages as necessary.

Step 4: Attach Use Determination

Attach the use determination issued for the property by the Texas Commission on Environment Quality (TCEQ).

Step 5: Read, Sign, and Date	
By signing this application, you certify that the information provided in this application is true a	and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief.
sign here	April 30, 2012
Authorized Signature	Date

If you make a false statement on this application, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jall felony under Section 37.10, Penal Code.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

June 10, 2011

Mr. Jeff West Environmental Services Southwestern Public Service Company PO Box 1261 Amarillo, Texas 79105

Res

Notice of Positive Use Determination Southwestern Public Service Company Harrington Station 8300 Lakeside Dr Amarillo (Potter-Randall County) Regulated Entity Number: RN100224849 Customer Reference Number: CN601481336 Application Number: 14945; Tracking Number: H001

Dear Mr. West:

This letter responds to Southwestern Public Service Company's Application for Use Determination, received January 26, 2011, pursuant to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Program for the Harrington Station.

The TCEQ has completed the review for application #14945 and has issued a Positive Use Determination for the property in accordance with Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §17.4. In order to request an exemption, the attached Use Determination and a completed Application for Pollution Control Tax Exemption, Form #50-248 (please see www.cpa.state.tx.us), must be provided to the chief appraiser of the appropriate appraisal district no later than April 30th of the applicable tax year.

Please be advised that a Positive Use Determination may be appealed by the chief appraiser of the applicable appraisal district. The appeal must be filed with the TCEQ Chief Clerk within 20 days after the receipt of this letter in accordance with 30 TAC §17.25.

If you have questions regarding this letter or need further assistance, please contact Hubert Stewart of the Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Program by telephone at (512) 239-1427, by e-mail at hubert.stewart@tceq.texas.gov, or write to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Program, MC-110, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

Sincerely,

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Chance Goodin, Team Leader Stationary Source Programs

Air Quality Division

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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

The State of Texas

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Application Number: 14945



County: Potter-Randall

USE DETERMINATION CERTIFICATE

This certifies that
Southwestern Public Service Company
Harrington Station
8300 Lakeside Dr
Amarillo, Texas

installed the following property that is used 100 % for pollution control to meet or exceed federal or state regulations:

Low NOx Burner

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June 10, 2011

Date

Mark R. Vickery, P.G.

Executive Director



1800 Larimer Street Denver, Colorado 80202

1-800-895-4999 xcelenergy.com

May 21, 2013

Lubbock County Appraisal District P.O. Box 10542 Lubbock, Texas 79408-3542

Gentlemen:

Attached please find a new application for pollution control property tax exemption. The property has been determined by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to be 100 percent for pollution control. This property is at the Tolk Station electric generation plant owned by Southwestern Public Service Company.

If you any questions, contact me at 303-294-2269 or paul.a.simon@xcelenergy.com.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Simon,

Tax Services, Xcel Energy, Southwestern Public Service Company

attachments



Property Tax Form 50-248

Lubbock County Appraisal District		(806) 762-5000
Appraisal District's Name		Phone (area code and number)
P.O. Box 10542, Lubbock, TX 79408-3542		•
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Southwestern Public Service Company		
Name of Property Owner		<i>,</i>
P.O. Box 1979		
Mailing Address		
Denver, CO 80201-1979		(303) 294-2269 .
City, State, ZIP Code	-	Phone (area code and number)
Property Owner is a(n) (check one):		•
Individual Partnership 🗸 Corporation	Other (specify):	
Paul A. Simon	Consultant, Property Tax Planning	
Name of Person Preparing this Application	Title	Driver's License, Personal I.D. Certificate,
D.O. D 1070		or Social Security Number*
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Step 3: Describe the Property for Which You are Seeking an Exemption

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If you make a false statement on this application, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jall felony under Section 37.10, Penal Code.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

February 11, 2013

Mr. Jeff West Team Lead Southwestern Public Service Company

P. O. Box 1261 Amarillo, Texas 79105

Re:

Notice of Positive Use Determination Southwestern Public Service Company Jones Station 2 mi. E of US 84 on FM 3020 Lubbock (Lubbock County) Regulated Entity Number: RN100224765 Customer Reference Number: CN601481336 Application Number: 16726 Tracking Number: Joo1

Dear Mr. West:

This letter responds to Southwestern Public Service Company's Application for Use Determination, received January 7, 2013, pursuant to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Program for the Jones Station.

The TCEQ has completed the review for application #16726 and has issued a Positive Use Determination for the property in accordance with Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §17.4. In order to request an exemption, the attached Use Determination and a completed Application for Pollution Control Property Tax Exemption, Form #50-248 (please see www.cpa.state.tx.us), must be provided to the chief appraiser of the appropriate appraisal district no later than April 30th of the applicable tax year.

Please be advised that a Positive Use Determination may be appealed by the chief appraiser of the applicable appraisal district. The appeal must be filed with the TCEQ Chief Clerk within 20 days after the receipt of this letter in accordance with 30 TAC §17.25.

If you have questions regarding this letter or need further assistance, please contact Alyssa Aston of the Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Program by telephone at (512) 239-0861, by e-mail at Alyssa. Aston@tceq.texas.gov, or write to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Program, MC-110, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

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Mr. Jeff West Page 2 February 11, 2013

Sincerely,

Chance Goodin, Team Leader Stationary Sources Team Air Quality Division

CG/AA

Enclosure

cc: Chief Appraiser, Lubbock County Appraisal District, PO Box 10542, Lubbock, Texas

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The State of Texas TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	Application Number: 16726	USE DETERMINATION CERTIFICATE This certifies that Southwestern Public Service Company Jones Station 2 mi. E of US 84 on FM 3020 Lubbock, Texas	installed the following property that is used 100% for pollution control to meet or exceed federal or state regulations: center pivot on irrigation system in Section 26 used for the disposal of treated wastewater.	February 11, 2013	Date



1800 Larimer Street Denver, Colorado 80202

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April 30, 2012

Lubbock County Appraisal District P.O. Box 10542 Lubbock, Texas 79408-3542

Gentlemen:

Attached please find one new application for pollution control property tax exemption. The property was determined by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to be 100 percent for pollution control. This property is at the Jones Station electric generation plant owned by Southwestern Public Service Company.

If you any questions, contact me at 303-294-2269 or paul.a.simon@xcelenergy.com.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Simon,

Tax Services, Xcel Energy, Southwestern Public Service Company

attachments



Lubbock County Appraisal District

Malling Address

City, State, ZIP Code

Individual

Paul A. Simon

P.O. Box 1979 Mailing Address

City, State, ZIP Code

account number.

Denver, CO 80201-1979

Property Owner is a(n) (check one):

Name of Person Preparing this Application

Denver, CO 80201-1979

Property Tax Form 50-248

(806) 762-5000

Appraisal District's Name	Phone (area code and number)
P.O. Box 10542, Lubbock, TX 79408 - 3542	
Address, City, State, ZIP Code	
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: This application is for use in claiming a propert and documentation required by the application concerning property owned or	y tax exemption pursuant to Tax Code §11.31. You must furnish all information n January 1 of the year for which the exemption is requested.
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Southwestern Public Service Company	
Name of Property Owner	
P.O. Box 1979	

organization with a federal tax identification number, that number may be provided here in lieu of a driver's license number, personal identification certificate number, or social security number:

* Unless the applicant is a charitable organization with a federal tax identification number, the applicant's driver's license number, personal identification certificate number, or social security account number is required. Pursuant to Tax Code Section 11.48(a), a driver's license number, personal identification certificate number, or social security account number provided in an application for an exemption filed with a chief appraiser is confidential and not open to public inspection. The information may not be disclosed to anyone other than an employee of the appraisal office who appraises property, except as authorized by Tax Code Section 11.48(b). If the applicant is a charitable organization with a federal tax identification number, the applicant may provide the organization's federal tax identification number in lieu of a driver's license number, personal identification certificate number, or social security

Other (specify):

Consultant, Property Tax Planning

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✓ Corporation

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(303) 294-2269

Phone (area code and number)

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Phone (area code and number)

Driver's License, Personal I.D. Certificate

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If you make a false statement on this application, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state fall felony under Section 37.10, Penal Code.

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Authorized Signature

Bryan W. Shaw, Ph.D., Chairman Buddy Garcia, Commissioner Carlos Rubinstein, Commissioner Mark R. Vickery, P.G., Executive Director



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

June 13, 2011

Mr. Jeff West Environmental Services Southwestern Public Service Company PO Box 1261 Amarillo, Texas 79105

Re:

Notice of Positive Use Determination Southwestern Public Service Company

Jones Station

Intersection of US 84 and FM 3020

Lubbock (Lubbock County)

Regulated Entity Number: RN100224765 Customer Reference Number: CN601481336

Application Number: 14949; Tracking Number: Joo1

Dear Mr. West:

This letter responds to Southwestern Public Service Company's Application for Use Determination, received January 26, 2011, pursuant to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Program for the Jones Station.

The TCEQ has completed the review for application #14949 and has issued a Positive Use Determination for the property in accordance with Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §17.4. In order to request an exemption, the attached Use Determination and a completed Application for Pollution Control Tax Exemption, Form #50-248 (please see www.cpa.state.tx.us), must be provided to the chief appraiser of the appropriate appraisal district no later than April 30th of the applicable tax year.

Please be advised that a Positive Use Determination may be appealed by the chief appraiser of the applicable appraisal district. The appeal must be filed with the TCEQ Chief Clerk within 20 days after the receipt of this letter in accordance with 30 TAC §17.25.

If you have questions regarding this letter or need further assistance, please contact Hubert Stewart of the Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Program by telephone at (512) 239-1427, by e-mail at hubert.stewart@tceq.texas.gov, or write to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Program, MC-110, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

Sincerely,

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Chance Goodin, Team Leader Stationary Source Programs

Air Quality Division

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The State of Texas

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Application Number: 14949



County: Lubbock

USE DETERMINATION CERTIFICATE

This certifies that Southwestern Public Service Company Jones Station Intersection of US 84 and FM 3020 Lubbock, Texas installed the following property that is used 100 % for pollution control to meet or exceed federal or state regulations:

Pond Liner for Pond #1.

June 10, 2011

Date

Mark R. Vickery, P.G.

Mazulia

Executive Director



414 Nicollet Mail Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401-1993

May 30, 2012

Cesario S. Quintana, Director .
Property Tax Division
New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department
PO Box 25126
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-5126

Re: Southwestern Public Service Company, Owner Valuation of state-assessed real and personal property

Dear Mr. Quintana:

We received the State Assessed Property Bureau's valuation notice for Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS), dated April 27, 2012. In accordance with §7-38-21 and 22, NMSA, we are protesting the value assigned to the property of SPS. The property value on the New Mexico notice is \$471,670,122. The taxable value total is \$157,223,374.

By analyzing the history of operating performance at SPS, we believe that external obsolescence is evident for the valuation of SPS as of January 1, 2012. Other SPS states valuing SPS agree and have concluded to economic obsolescence of 15 to 42 percent. Therefore, we believe some level of economic obsolescence should be reflected in New Mexico's valuation of SPS. Based on past precedent with New Mexico we would be willing to accept 10 percent as the minimum level of economic obsolescence to be considered appropriate for SPS.

The taxable value would be \$142,302,612 with that level of external obsolescence. The concluded taxable value assumes that only electric plant and materials and supplies are impacted by this external obsolescence. Real property is as valued by the Real Estate Division and construction work in progress (CWIP) has a market value of 50% of book value as per New Mexico statutes.

Attached hereto is a revised CAB-03 with only the un-protested portion (\$142,302,612) of value distributed to the counties. The CAB-03 includes the revised real estate values contained in the Notice of Valuation.

Please arrange for an informal meeting with Paul Simon at (303) 294-2269.

Sincerely,

Christopher A. Arend Director, Tax Planning

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Xcel Energy Inc.



414 Nicollet Mail Minneapolis, Minnesota 66401-1993

May 15, 2013

Cesario S. Quintana, Director Property Tax Division New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department PO Box 25126 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-5126

Re: Southwestern Public Service Company, Owner Valuation of state-assessed real and personal property

Dear Mr. Quintana:

We received the State Assessed Property Bureau's valuation notice for Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS), dated April 17, 2013. In accordance with §7-38-21 and 22, NMSA, we are protesting the value assigned to the property of SPS. The property value on the New Mexico notice is \$513,573,381. The taxable value total is \$171,191,127.

By analyzing the history of operating performance at SPS, we believe that external obsolescence is evident for the valuation of SPS property as of January 1, 2013. We have compared the earning history with the capitalization used by other states. Other states that value SPS property agree and have concluded to economic obsolescence of up to 40 percent. Therefore, we believe some level of economic obsolescence should be reflected in New Mexico's valuation of SPS.

We applied economic obsolescence of 15 percent to the 2013 taxable value in New Mexico. The revised taxable value of \$147,185,806 assumes that only electric plant and materials and supplies are impacted by this external obsolescence. Real property is as valued by the Real Estate Division and construction work in progress (CWIP) has a market value of 50% of book value as per New Mexico statutes. Attached is a CAB-03 with the distribution of the revised value.

Mitch Bonney indicated that the State Assessed Property Bureau is willing to hold an informal hearing for the purpose of settling the outstanding 2012 protest later this month. At the same time we would be willing to have an informal hearing for the 2013 protest. Please arrange for an informal meeting with Paul Simon at (303) 294-2269.

Sincerely,

Christopher A. Arend Director, Tax Planning

Xcel Energy Inc.