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APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR

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APPLICANTS' NOTICE OF CONFIDENTIAL RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITY COUNSEL'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

On March 2, 2017, Southwestern Electric Power Company ("SWEPCO" or "Applicant") filed its response to the Office of Public Utility Counsel's ("OPUC") First Request for Information (RFI). The attachments or certain pages to attachments to the Applicant's responses to OPUC's 1-1b, 1-2b, 1-5, 1-7b, 1-13, 1-17, 1-18 and 1-19 contain commercially sensitive information that is considered confidential. The Applicant hereby designates the following attachments as confidential protected material under the Protective Order in this proceeding:

- Attachment F4 pages 16 and 17 to OPUC 1-1b
- Attachment F5 pages 7, 10, and 11 to OPUC 1-1b
- Attachment F9 page 4 to OPUC 1-1b
- Attachment P1 page 16 to OPUC 1-1b
- Attachment P3 pages 13 and 14 to OPUC 1-1b
- Attachment P5 page 7 to OPUC 1-1b
- Attachment W1 pages 20, 22 and 32 to OPUC 1-1b
- Attachment W4 pages 11, 12 and 13 to OPUC 1-1b
- Attachment W6 pages 8, 9 and 12 to OPUC 1-1b
- Attachment W7 pages 8, 9, and 13 to OPUC 1-1b
- Attachment F1 to OPUC 1-2b
- Attachment F4 to OPUC 1-2b
- Attachment W1 to OPUC 1-2b
- Attachment P1 to OPUC 1-2b
- Attachment P4 to OPUC 1-2b
- Attachment PW1 to OPUC 1-4
- Attachments 1 through 6 to OPUC 1-7b

The Applicant hereby designates the following attachments as highly sensitive protected material under the Protective Order in this proceeding:

Attachment 1 and Attachment 2 to OPUC 1-5

Attachment 1 and Attachment 2 to OPUC 1-13

Attachment 1 to OPUC 1-17

Attachment 1 to OPUC 1-18

Attachment 1 to OPUC 1-19

This notice is filed to comply with the requirements of paragraph 4 of the Protective Order relating to claims of exemption from public disclosure pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act (TPIA).

Portions of these responses contain information that is protected material exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §§ 552.101, 552.104 and/or 552.110. This material includes, but is not limited to, business operations or financial information that is commercially sensitive that, if released, would give advantage to a competitor. The public disclosure of any market-sensitive commercial information could cause competitive harm to Applicant in future contractual business relations.

The undersigned counsel for the Applicant has reviewed the information sufficiently to state in good faith that the information is exempt from public disclosure under the TPIA and merits the confidential protected material designation.

Dated: March 2, 2017

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served on all parties of record in this proceeding by hand-delivery, overnight delivery, facsimile transmission, or U.S. first-class mail on the 2nd day of March, 2017.

Jerry M. Huerta

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