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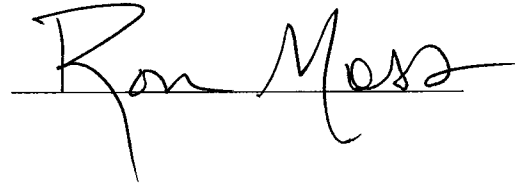
APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN §
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR: A §
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE §
AND NECESSITY AUTHORIZING §
CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION §
OF WIND GENERATION AND §
ASSOCIATED FACILITIES IN TEXAS §
AND NEW MEXICO, AND RELATED §
RATEMAKING PRINCIPLES; AND §
APPROVAL OF A PURCHASED §
POWER AGREEMENT TO OBTAIN §
WIND-GENERATED ENERGY §

**SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY'S
REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO THE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS") requests that the presiding Administrative Law Judge for the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") refer this proceeding to the State Office of Administrative Hearings ("SOAH"). In its application, SPS requested expedited relief and asked that the Commission issue a final order in this case by no later than December 31, 2017. In addition, it is likely that one or more parties will request a hearing on SPS's application and propound discovery requests. Because the case is likely to be referred to SOAH at some point, and because referral now will expedite the processing of the case, SPS respectfully requests that the Commission refer this proceeding to SOAH as soon as possible. SPS further requests any other relief to which it may be entitled.

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Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on April 6, 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument was served on all parties of record by electronic service, hand delivery, Federal Express, regular first class mail, certified mail, or facsimile transmission.

