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Chairman DeAnn T. Walker Commissioner Arthur C. D'Andrea Commissioner Shelly Botkin

Re: Docket #47461

Dear Chairman Walker, Commissioner D'Andrea and Commissioner Botkin:

I am writing in support of SWEPCO's application for approval of the Wind Catcher Energy Connection project.

Lower electricity prices for East Texas make a big difference. SWEPCO has presented a plan to save its customers money on their electric bills for 25 years starting in 2021. The Wind Catcher project makes that possible through no cost for fuel and taking full advantage of federal Production Tax Credits.

Lower electricity costs are important to individual families, businesses, schools and local government. They're essential for economic development and job creation as companies look to build or expand their businesses. I also understand that some of the major parts for the 800 wind turbines will be manufactured in Texas.

The parties involved in this case have raised many issues in the year-long regulatory review of this project. But the biggest issue is the opportunity that Wind Catcher provides for long-term cost savings. It's an opportunity we hope Texas does not miss.

I appreciate the work you are doing to evaluate this important project and hope you will consider its many benefits to East Texas and the Panhandle.

Sincerely,

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