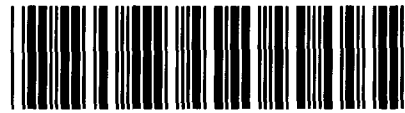


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Re: PUC Docket No. 47461; SOAH Docket No. 473-17-5481 – *Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorization and Related Relief for the Wind Catcher Energy Connection Project*

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

We all care about the cost of electricity, and we welcome the chance to reduce that cost whenever possible. That's the key reason for supporting the proposed Wind Catcher Energy Connection project.

SWEPCO's proposal is great news for our citizens. It holds the opportunity for savings to Texas customers of \$1.7 billion over the life of the project. Families and businesses can look ahead to more clean energy and cost savings over 25 years. Schools, universities, and city and county governments will benefit. When companies seek opportunities to open new locations or expand existing facilities, the cost of energy is typically among their top deciding factors. If they have sustainability goals, then more renewable energy is also a big plus. SWEPCO's estimate for Texas customer savings over the first 10 years is an average of about 6 percent.

The Wind Catcher application has received careful review over the past year, and we understand that SWEPCO has included a number of significant guarantees in their proposal to demonstrate the value of the project. Lower electricity prices and more clean energy are good for Texas citizens. We hope the Commission will reach a decision that will make the benefits of the Wind Catcher Energy Connection project possible.

Respectfully,

James Henry Russell, CPA
President Texarkana College