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Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS") propounds this Third Request for Information ("RFI") to the Alliance of Xcel Municipalities ("AXM"). Responses to these RFIs are due within four working days under the terms of the procedural schedule adopted in SOAH Order No. 6. Therefore, AXM must serve responses to these RFIs on or before May 9, 2018.

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to each of the RFIs, instructions, and definition set forth in this document:

1. A reference to "SPS" or the "Company" shall mean Southwestern Public Service Company.
2. A reference to "AXM" shall mean the Alliance of Xcel Municipalities and all employees, agents, consultants, attorneys, and all other persons acting on behalf of AXM.
3. The term "Commission" refers to the Public Utility Commission of Texas.
4. The term "communication" includes all verbal and written communications (including written records of verbal communications) of every kind, including but not limited to, telephone calls, conferences, letters, electronic mail (e-mail), modem transfers, and all memoranda or other documents concerning the requested item. Where communications are not in writing, provide copies of all memoranda and documents and describe in full the substance of the communication to the extent that substance is not reflected in the memoranda and documents provided and to the extent it is within the knowledge of AXM.
5. "Documents" refers to all writings and records of every type, including e-mails or other electronic media, in the possession, control, or custody of AXM, whether produced or stored by any process, including magnetically or electronically. "Documents" shall also

refer to copies of documents, even though the originals of those documents are not in the possession, custody, or control of AXM, every copy of a document which contains handwritten or other notations or which otherwise does not duplicate the original or any other copy, and all attachments to any documents.

6. Pursuant to Rule 196.4 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, SPS specifically requests production of electronic or magnetic data (included in the definition of document) that is responsive to a request be produced on CD-ROM, DVD, or USB in a format that is compatible with Adobe Acrobat, Microsoft Word, or Microsoft Excel. If a particular type of data cannot be made compatible with these formats, please confer with the attorney(s) listed in the General Instructions to determine a mutually agreeable format.
7. The term "e-mail" includes the entire string and all attachments found anywhere in the e-mail string.
8. The term "concerning" includes the following meanings: relating to; referring to; pertaining to; regarding; discussing; mentioning; containing; reflecting; evidencing; describing; showing; identifying; providing; disproving; consisting of; supporting; contradicting; in any way legally, logically, or factually connected with the matter to which the term refers; or having a tendency to prove or disprove the matter to which the term refers.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The following General Instructions apply to each of the RFIs by SPS:

1. Please provide all narrative responses in hard copy, on separate pages for each response, with the question restated at the top of the page. Where possible, please also provide responses via e-mail including all exhibits that are electronically available.
2. For each responsive answer, please identify the individual(s) responsible for its preparation, and the witness sponsoring the answer provided.
3. If a data request can be answered in whole or in part by reference to the response to a preceding or subsequent data request, including data requests of Commission Staff and other parties, so indicate. Specify the preceding or subsequent data request by participant or party and by number, and state whether it is claimed that the response to the preceding or subsequent data request is a full response to the instant data request. If not, furnish the balance of the response needed to complete a full reply.
4. In the event any document requested in this request is unavailable, describe in detail the reasons the document is unavailable.
5. When an RFI requests copies of previously filed testimony, please provide either: (a) an electronic or paper copy of the testimony itself; or (b) sufficient information for SPS to retrieve the testimony from a publicly available source, including: (i) the jurisdiction in which the testimony was filed; (ii) the docket number of the proceeding in which the

testimony was filed; (iii) the date the testimony was filed; and (iv) if available, an electronic link to the testimony itself, rather than just a link to the jurisdiction's website.

6. When producing documents pursuant to these RFIs, designate on the document or group of documents the RFI(s) in response to which the document(s) are produced.
7. If, in answering any of these RFIs, there is any ambiguity in interpreting either the request or a definition or instruction applied thereto, please contact either Ron Moss or Lauren Damen at:

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If that is not possible, set forth the language deemed to be ambiguous and the interpretation chosen or used in responding to the request.

8. These data requests are continuing in nature and require supplemental responses when further or different information with respect to any of them is obtained.
9. Use of the singular or plural word form in a data request is not to be interpreted to exclude information or documents from the scope or intent of the specific request.
10. The terms "and" and "or" shall be construed either disjunctively or conjunctively whenever appropriate in order to bring within the scope of these requests any information or documents which might otherwise be considered to be beyond their scope.
11. If any document covered by this request is withheld for whatever reason, please furnish a list identifying all withheld documents in the following manner
 - (a) the reason for withholding;
 - (b) the date of the document;
 - (c) a brief description of the document;
 - (d) the name of each author or preparer;
 - (e) the name of each person who received the document; and
 - (f) a statement constituting the basis for withholding the document.
12. If AXM declines to respond to any request for information or data on the basis of privilege, please state as to each such request an explanation for the refusal. Identify those documents and communications that are withheld from the response to each specific data request. The identification shall be served within the time specified by the presiding

examiner for this proceeding and in accordance with the Rules of the Commission, and shall:

- (a) specify the date of the document, its author(s) (with title and designation if an attorney), and recipients (with title and designation if an attorney);
- (b) contain a brief summary of the subject matter of the document; and
- (c) contain a brief statement of the reason that, in your opinion, the assertion of privilege is justified.

13. Please provide data responses as they become available.

Respectfully submitted,

XCEL ENERGY SERVICES INC.

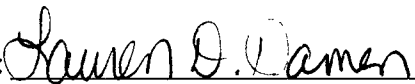
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REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Question No. SPS-AXM 3-1:

Please provide a detailed description of Mr. David Garrett's experience with respect to studying, evaluating, modeling, or assessing groundwater availability in the High Plains of Texas (i.e., the northern and western side of Texas from the Panhandle to the Pecos River).

Question No. SPS-AXM 3-2:

Please provide a detailed description of Mr. Scott Norwood's experience with respect to studying, evaluating, modeling, or assessing groundwater availability in the High Plains of Texas (i.e., the northern and western side of Texas from the Panhandle to the Pecos River).

Question No. SPS-AXM 3-3:

Please refer to pages 14-15 of Mr. Scott Norwood's direct testimony in which he asserts that SPS's decision to decrease the service life of Tolk should be supported by an Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") analysis. Please provide all citations to PURA, the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") Substantive Rules, and Commission precedent that require an electric utility to submit an IRP to the Commission for review or approval.

Question No. SPS-AXM 3-4:

Please admit that AXM advocated for an increase to the depreciable lives of the Tolk units in Docket No. 35763 from 2037 and 2040 for Tolk Unit 1 and Unit 2, respectively, to 2042 and 2045 for Tolk Unit 1 and Unit 2, respectively. If your answer is anything other than an unqualified admit, please fully explain your answer.

Question No. SPS-AXM 3-5:

Please admit that SPS's rebuttal testimony in Docket No. 35763 opposed AXM's proposed increase to the depreciable lives of Tolk Unit 1 to 2042 and Tolk Unit 2 to 2045. If your answer is anything other than an unqualified admit, please fully explain your answer.

Question No. SPS-AXM 3-6:

Please provide a copy of all testimony filed by AXM in Docket No. 32766 that makes any reference to SPS's wholesale power sales.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 3rd day of May, 2018, 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.

