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APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN	§	
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT A	§	
NET REFUND FOR	§	OF TEXAS
OVERCOLLECTED FUEL COSTS	§	

**SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY'S  
AFFIDAVIT OF PROOF OF NOTICE**

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**AFFIDAVIT OF AMBER G. CHIDESTER**

STATE OF TEXAS       §  
  §  
COUNTY OF POTTER   §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Amber G. Chidester, who being by me first duly sworn, on oath, deposed and said the following:

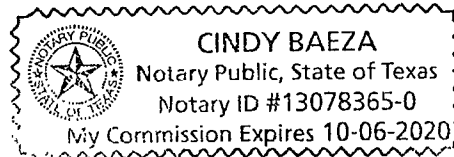
1. My name is Amber G. Chidester. I am employed by Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS") as Regulatory Administrator. I am authorized to make this affidavit and I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein.
2. On September 27, 2018, SPS filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas an application for authority to implement a net refund for over-collected fuel costs. The application has been assigned PUC Docket No. 48718.
3. On September 27, 2018, SPS served notice of the application by regular first-class mail, hand delivery, or Federal Express to all parties who participated in SPS's most recent fuel reconciliation proceeding, Docket No. 46025. A list of those to whom notice was sent is attached as Exhibit A.
4. On October 15, 2018 SPS published notice in the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, and on October 13, 2018 SPS published notice in the *Amarillo Globe News*, newspapers of general circulation in counties served by SPS. Copies of the Publishers' Affidavit forms and tear sheets verifying the publication of notice in each newspaper are attached as Exhibit B.

Amber Chidester  
AMBER G. CHIDESTER

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, in and for the State of Texas, this 18 day of October, 2018.

Cindy Baeza  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission Expires:  
10-06-2020



# **Exhibit A**

## **Service List**

<p><b><u>Alliance of Xcel Municipalities (AXM)</u></b>          Alfred R. Herrera          Brennen Foley          Herrera &amp; Boyle, PLLC          816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1250          Austin, Texas 78701</p>	<p><b><u>Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.</u></b>          Bill Harrelson          PO Box 9898          Amarillo, TX 79105-5898          Telephone: (806) 349-6565</p>	<p><b><u>TIEC</u></b>          Mr. Rex D. VanMiddlesworth          Thompson &amp; Knight LLP          98 San Jacinto Blvd, Ste. 1900          Austin, Texas 78701          Telephone: (512) 469-6100</p>
<p><b><u>OPUC</u></b>          Sara J. Ferris, Assistant Public Counsel          1701 N. Congress Ave., Suite 9-180          P.O. Box 12397          Telephone: (512) 936-7500</p>	<p><b><u>Commission Staff</u></b>          Mandeep Chatha          Attorney – Legal Division          Public Utility Commission of Texas          1701 N. Congress Avenue          P.O. Box 13326          Austin, Texas 78711-3326</p>	

# **Exhibit B**

## **Publishers' Affidavits**

**Amarillo Globe News**

**AMARILLO GLOBE NEWS  
PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT FORM**

State of Texas

County of Potter

Before me, a notary public in and for State of Texas personally

appeared Sydney Dawson Legal Clerk of the Amarillo Globe News  
Name Job Title Newspaper

and who after being by me duly sworn did depose and state that the attached printed copy of the

Notice of Application Ad #16030126 is a true copy of the original and was printed on the  
Notice, Article, Advertisement

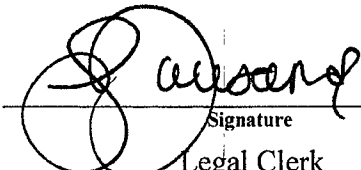
following dates: October 13, 2018 and further states that the Amarillo Globe-News is a

newspaper having general circulation in the counties of: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro,

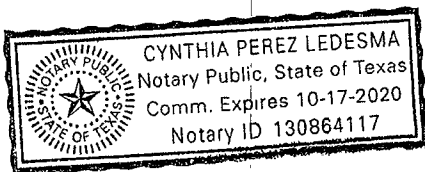
Childress, Collingsworth, Curry, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hale, Hansford, Hartley,

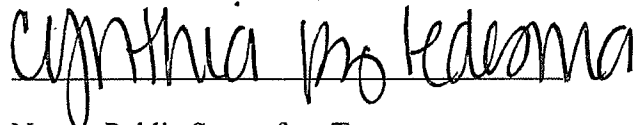
Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Quay, Randall,

Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Wheeler .

  
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Signature  
Legal Clerk  
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Title  
Amarillo Globe News  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Newspaper

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 16 day of October, 2018.





Notary Public State of Texas

My commission expires 10/17/2020



Legal Notice  
NOTICE OF APPLICATION

On September 27, 2018, Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS"), doing business as Xcel Energy, filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") to implement a net refund for overcollected fuel costs incurred from January 2016 through May 2018. The docket number assigned to this proceeding is Commission Docket No. 48718. This filing was made in compliance with Texas Administrative Code § 25.237(a)(3)(B). The filing affects only the fuel portion of the rates charged by SPS for electricity in Texas and has no effect on SPS's non-fuel base rates. This application, if granted, will affect all Texas retail customers who pay fixed fuel factors.

From January 2016 through May 2018, SPS has materially overcollected its total fuel and purchased power expenses by \$14,495,109, excluding interest. Including interest in the amount of \$2,271 through December 2018, the total amount of the net overcollected balance that SPS proposes to refund is approximately \$14,497,381. SPS proposes that Texas retail customers who receive service at transmission voltage levels be given a one-time credit (or assessed a surcharge, if applicable) during the month of December 2018, based on each transmission voltage level customer's historical usage. SPS proposes to give all other customers a one-time credit based on a factor that will be applied to their kilowatt-hour usage for a one-month period occurring on and after December 1, 2018. Because SPS has undercollected fuel and purchased power costs for the Guard and Flood Lighting customer class, this customer class will not receive a refund.

The effect of the net refund on customer bills will vary depending on the rate schedule under which a customer takes service, and in some instances will amount to a surcharge. For example, a residential customer using 1000 kWh per month and a secondary general customer using 14,800 kWh per month will receive a one-time refund of \$11.76 and \$104.71, respectively. Additionally, transmission voltage level customers as a group will receive a net refund; however, certain individual transmission voltage level customers may experience a surcharge. These changes will be subject to final review by the Commission in SPS's next fuel reconciliation proceeding. The table below presents how the net refund will affect a representative customer for each service class or subclass, except Large General Service - Transmission because the refund (or surcharge) amount for that class will be based on individual historical usage:

Service Class or Subclass	Current Average Monthly Bill	Approximate Fuel Refund
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Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact Southwestern Public Service Company at 790 S. Buchanan Street, 7th Floor, Amarillo, Texas 79101, or call 1-800-895-4999 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this petition is available for inspection at the address listed above.

Persons who wish to formally participate in the proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P. O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326 or call (512) 936-7120 or toll-free at (888) 782-8477. A request to intervene or for further information should reference Docket No. 48718. The intervention deadline in this proceeding is October 29, 2018. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may call (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2989.

**Lubbock Avalanche Journal**

AFFP

implement a net refund

# Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF TEXAS }  
COUNTY OF LUBBOCK } SS

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Robin Morse, being duly sworn, says:

That she is Advertising Sales Manager of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on

October 15, 2018

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:

Robin Morse  
Advertising Sales Manager

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 15th day of October 2018.

Brek Young  
Brek Young, Notary Public, Lubbock County, Texas

My commission expires: August 22, 2021

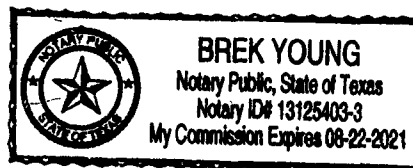
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XCEL ENERGY REGULATORY-AJ  
790 S Buchanan St  
7th Floor  
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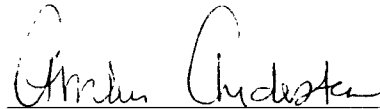
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**Certificate of Service**

I certify that on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018, this instrument was filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas and a true and correct copy of it was served on the parties by hand delivery, regular First Class mail, Federal Express, or electronic mail.

  
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