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To Whom It May Concern

RE: SWEPCO Wind Energy Initiative; PUC Docket No. 49737

I am writing in support of SWEPCO's application for approval of the 2020 Wind Initiative.

SWEPCO has a proposal to add 810 megawatts of wind energy to its system by 2022 and has a long-term plan to significantly increase its use of more environmentally friendly energy sources. It is important to expedite the project due to the approaching expiration of the Federal wind energy credits.

Each year, more and more of our economic development prospects have an interest in buying electricity from suppliers with a portfolio that includes renewable sources, and some have required a mix with at least 30% renewal energy sources. However, the renewable fuel mix for electricity generated by SWEPCO in this area has historically been primarily fossil fuels such as coal and has been well below the 30% threshold. The wind energy project proposed by SWEPCO will significantly increase the renewable ratio of their portfolio and will, therefore, improve our economic development efforts.

In addition, lower electricity costs are also important to our industrial prospects, and the community. SWEPCO has represented that their charges for electricity may decrease somewhat as a result of this project and lower fuel costs. The lower electricity costs will also help keep us competitive in our economic development marketing.

In conclusion, this wind energy investment by SWEPCO is an opportunity we hope SWEPCO and Texas does not miss.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John W. Clary".

John W. Clary, Executive Director