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APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN §
ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR § BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE §
AND NECESSITY AUTHORIZATION § OF
AND RELATED RELIEF FOR THE §
ACQUISITION OF WIND § ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
GENERATION FACILITIES §

**OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITY COUNSEL'S
FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO
SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY**

Pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code ("TAC") § 22.144, the Office of Public Utility Counsel ("OPUC") submits this First Request for Information to Southwestern Electric Power Company ("SWEPCO"). OPUC requests that SWEPCO provide answers to the request for information under oath as required by 16 TAC § 22.144(c)(2)(F). OPUC further requests that SWEPCO provide an answer to the questions and sub-questions in the order listed below with sufficient detailed information to provide a complete and accurate answer to each question and sub-question.

Definitions

1. "SWEPCO," the "Company," "Applicant," "You," and "Your" refer to Southwestern Electric Power Company and its affiliates, subsidiaries, and any person acting or purporting to act on their behalf, including without limitation, attorneys, agents, advisors, investigators, representatives, employees, or other persons.
2. "Document" and "documents" include any written, recorded, filmed, or graphic matter, whether produced, reproduced, or on paper, cards, tape, film, electronic facsimile, computer storage device, or any other media, including, but not limited to, electronic mail (e-mail), memoranda, notes, analyses, minutes, records, photographs, correspondence, telegrams, diaries, bookkeeping entries, financial statements, tax returns, checks, check stubs, reports, studies, charts, graphs, statements, notebooks, handwritten notes, applications, contracts, agreements, books, pamphlets, periodicals, appointment

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calendars, records and recordings of oral conversations, work papers, observations, commercial practice manuals, reports, summaries of interviews, reports of consultants, appraisals, forecasts, tape recordings, or any form of recording that is capable of being transcribed into written form.

Instructions

1. The Definitions, Instructions, and Claim of Privilege sections set forth in this request for information apply to these questions.
2. In providing an answer to each question, please furnish all of the information that is in your possession, custody, or control, as defined by Texas Rules of Civil Procedure (Tex. R. Civ. Proc.) 192.7(b), including information in the possession, custody, or control of your affiliates, subsidiaries, and any person acting or purporting to act on their behalf, including without limitation, attorneys, agents, advisors, investigators, representatives, employees, or other persons.
3. Please answer each question based upon your knowledge, information, or belief, and state whether each answer is based upon your knowledge, information, or belief.
4. If you have possession, custody, or control, as defined by Tex. R. Civ. Proc. 192.7(b), of an original requested document, please produce the original requested document or a complete copy of the original requested document and all copies that are different in any way from the original requested document, whether by interlineation, receipt stamp, or notation.
5. If you do not have possession, custody, or control of an original requested document, please produce copies of the document, however made, in your possession, custody, or control. If any requested document is not in your possession, custody, or control, please explain why the document is not in your possession, custody, or control and provide the current location and custodian of the requested document or any copy, summary, or other form of the requested document thereof.
6. If there is any confusion about a question, please contact the undersigned counsel for clarification.
7. In providing your response to a question, please start each response on a separate page and type, at the top of the page, the question that is being answered by the response.

8. As part of the response to each question, please state, at the bottom of the answer to the question, the name and job position of each person(s) who participated in any way, other than by providing clerical assistance, in the preparation of the answer to the question. If the question has sub-parts, please identify each person(s) by name and job position that participated in any way, other than by providing clerical assistance, in the preparation of the answer for each sub-part of the question.
9. Please state the name of the witness in this docket who will sponsor the answer to the question and/or sub-part of the question and who will swear to the truthfulness of the answer to the question and/or sub-part of the question.
10. Please provide individual responses to questions as each response becomes available, rather than waiting to provide all of the responses to the questions at the same time.
11. These questions are continuing in nature. If there is a change in circumstances or facts or if you receive or generate additional information that changes your answer to a question between the time of your original response and the time of the hearing, then you should submit, under oath, a supplemental response to your earlier answer to the question.
12. If you consider any question to be unduly burdensome, or if the response would require the production of a voluminous amount of material, please contact the undersigned counsel, as soon as possible, to discuss the situation and try to resolve the issue. Furthermore, if you object to any question on the grounds that the question seeks confidential information, or on any other grounds, please contact the undersigned counsel, as soon as possible, to discuss the situation and try to resolve the issue.
13. If the response to any question is voluminous, please make available all of the voluminous material at a designated location in Austin. Please provide a detailed index for the voluminous material with your response to the question to enable efficient review of the material. The index should include information sufficient to locate each individual document by page, file, and box number, date of each document, title of each document, description of each document if no document title exists, name of the preparer of each document, and length of each document.
14. If the requested information is included in previously furnished exhibits, workpapers, or responses to other discovery inquiries or otherwise, in hard copy or electronic format,

please furnish specific references thereto, including Bates Stamp page citations and detailed cross-references to the previously furnished information.

15. If a question requests the production of copyrighted material, you may provide a list of such material, including the title, publisher, author, edition, and page references relied on or otherwise relevant to the question.

Claim of Privilege

If any document is withheld under any claim of privilege, please provide a list that identifies each document for which a privilege is being claimed, including the date, sender, recipient(s) of the privileged document, recipient(s) of copies of the privileged document, subject matter of the privileged document, and the basis upon which a privilege is being claimed by the Company.

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- 1-1. Refer to the Direct Testimony of Thomas Brice at 13. Please explain the following:
 - a. How will the price for renewable energy credits ("RECs") that are made available for sale to customers be determined?
 - b. How will the Company allocate RECs among customers if more customers want to purchase RECs than are available?
 - c. How will revenues received for RECs be used to reduce costs for all customers?
 - d. How will the Company treat RECs that are produced but not sold to customers?

- 1-2. Refer to the Direct Testimony of Thomas Brice at 17. Please provide a list and description of events that SWEPCO would consider force majeure events that the Company cannot control in regard to production from the wind facilities.

- 1-3. Refer to the Direct Testimony of Thomas Brice at 18. Please explain why SWEPCO and Public Service Company of Oklahoma ("PSO") issued separate requests for proposals ("RFPs") rather than a joint RFP, and explain what impact on the number and quality of responses, if any, resulted from issuing two RFPs rather than one RFP.

- 1-4. Refer to the Direct Testimony of Thomas Brice at 20-21. Please provide all documents and analyses related to the estimated cost and need for a future generation tie line to mitigate congestion or curtailment at the wind facilities.

- 1-5. Refer to the Direct Testimony of Jay Godfrey at 7. Please provide the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") docket number in which the LPSC reviewed the RFP.

- 1-6. Refer to the Direct Testimony of Joseph Deruntz at 11. Please explain the reasons for the differences in commercial operation dates between the wind projects. Is it the relative size of the projects, the project locations, or other factors that are significant drivers in the different dates?

- 1-7. Refer to the Direct Testimony of Karl Bletzacker at 11, Figure 3, and workpaper Updated Bletzacker Errata_Henry Hub Benchmarks KRB 8-19-2019. The AEP Base Case gas price is \$3.21 per MMBtu in 2019 and \$3.44 per MMBtu in 2020. The Henry Hub average spot gas price is \$2.59 per MMBtu in 2019 and the latest NYMEX average futures price is \$2.51 per MMBtu in 2020. Please identify and explain the specific drivers that account for why the 2019 and 2020 AEP gas prices are 24% to 38% higher than the corresponding Henry Hub spot price and current NYMEX prices.

- 1-8. Refer to the August 23, 2019 Errata Filing transmittal letter. Please identify where in the original application and the errata filing the assumptions regarding the reservation fee and transportation components of the cost of gas used in SWEPCO's analysis can be found.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served on all parties of record in this proceeding on this 16th day of September 2019, by facsimile, electronic mail, and/or first class, U.S. Mail.



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