

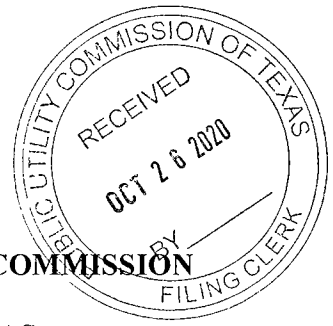


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**APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN § PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR §  
AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES § OF TEXAS**

**COMMISSION STAFF’S REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

**COMES NOW** the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this Request for Referral to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

**I. BACKGROUND**

On October 13, 2020, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) filed an application for authority to change rates in accordance with PURA<sup>1</sup> Chapter 36, Subchapter C and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.243(b). To date, three requests to intervene have been filed and discovery is underway.

**II. REQUEST FOR REFERRAL**

Staff requests that this docket be referred to SOAH and that an administrative law judge be assigned to conduct a hearing on the merits and issue a proposal for decision, if necessary, to resolve any issues that are contested by the parties.

**III. CONCLUSION**

Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order referring the case to SOAH for a hearing on the merits.

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<sup>1</sup> Tex. Util. Code Ann. §§ 11.001-66.016.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on October 26, 2020 in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules issued in Docket No. 50664.

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