

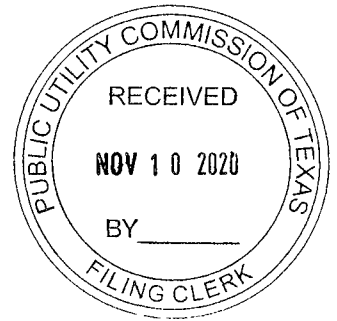


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**SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-21-0538
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**APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN § BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR §
AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES § OF
§
§ ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
§**

COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON PROPOSED NOTICE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest and files this Recommendation on Proposed Notice. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On October 14, 2020, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to change rates. On October 30, 2020, the Commission Counsel filed an Order of Referral, referring this docket to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

On November 2, 2020, SOAH Order No. 1 was filed, suspending the effective date of SWEPCO's proposed rate change, scheduling a prehearing conference, and establishing a deadline of November 10, 2020 for Staff to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of SWEPCO's proposed notice. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE

On November 9, 2020, SWEPCO filed an amended proposed notice. Staff has reviewed SWEPCO's proposed notice, as amended, and recommends that it meets the requirements of 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.51. Staff therefore recommends that the proposed notice be found sufficient.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff recommends that SWEPCO's amended proposed notice be found sufficient.

Dated: November 10, 2020

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I 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 November 10, 2020, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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