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

Question No. OPUC 3-4:

Please refer to the Direct Testimony of Mr. Drew Seidel, page 18. Please confirm or deny that the requested \$14.57 million in vegetation management for the Texas jurisdiction will be spent on third-party contracts for tree-trimming. If confirm, please provide the amount of the \$14.57 million that is proposed for outside contract expense and the amount that will be contract administrative overhead performed by company employees. If deny, please provide the amount that is planned to be performed by SWEPCO or other AEP employees and the amount that will be conducted pursuant to outside third-party contracts.

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Denied. Approximately 97% of the current vegetation management expenses for the SWEPCO Texas jurisdiction is spent on outside services. SWEPCO anticipates spending approximately \$14.15 million in outside services for tree trimming/removal and herbicide application under the vegetation management proposal.

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