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**TEXAS INDUSTRIAL ENERGY CONSUMERS FIRST REQUEST FOR**  
**INFORMATION TO OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITY COUNSEL**

Pursuant to 16 T.A.C. § 22.144, Texas Industrial Energy Consumers (“TIEC”) requests that Office of Public Utility Council (“OPUC”) provide all of the information requested in Exhibit “A” within the time frame specified under the procedural schedule set in this proceeding.

Pursuant to 16 T.A.C. § 22.144(c)(2), TIEC further requests that answers to the requests for information be made under oath. Each answer should identify the person responsible for preparing that answer (other than the purely clerical aspects of its preparation) and the name of the witness in this proceeding who will sponsor the answer and who can vouch for its accuracy. In producing documents pursuant to this request for information, please indicate the specific request(s) to which the document is being produced. These requests are continuing in nature, and should there be, for any reason, a change in circumstances which would modify or change an answer supplied by you, such changed answer should be submitted immediately as a supplement to your original answer pursuant to 16 T.A.C. § 22.144(i). Please answer each request and sub-request in the order in which they are listed and in sufficient detail to provide a complete and accurate answer to the request. TIEC further requests that each item of information be made available as it is completed, rather than upon compilation of all information requested.

All information responsive to the requests on the attached Exhibit “A” should be sent to the following persons via overnight courier, on a piecemeal basis as individual items become available:

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### **DEFINITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS**

A. "SPS" or "the Company" refers to Southwestern Public Service Company, and its parent (Xcel Energy), 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. This definition is not intended to extend an RFI to encompass attorney work product.

B. "OPUC" refers to the Office of Public Utility Counsel; its employees, officers, directors, agents, consultants, attorneys, and all persons acting under contractual arrangements with or acting or purporting to act on behalf of OPUC.

C. "Applicant" refers to Southwestern Public Service Company, and their affiliates, subsidiaries, and any person acting or purporting to act on their behalf, as it relates to this proceeding and related appeals, including without limitation, attorneys, agents, advisors, investigators, representatives, employees or other persons. This definition is not intended to extend an RFI to encompass attorney work product.

D. "BTM" means behind-the-meter.

E. "Xcel Energy" refers to Xcel Energy, Inc., 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. This definition is not intended to extend an RFI to encompass attorney work product.

F. The terms "document" or "documents" are used in their broadest sense to include, by way of illustration and not limitation, all written or graphic matter of every kind and description whether printed, produced, reproduced or stored by any process whether visually, magnetically, mechanically, electronically or by hand, whether final or draft, original or reproduction, whether or not claimed to be privileged or otherwise excludable from discovery, and whether or not in your actual or constructive possession, custody, or control. The terms include writings, correspondence, telegrams, memoranda, studies, reports, surveys, statistical compilations, notes, calendars, tapes, computer disks, data on computer drives, e-mail, cards, recordings, contracts, agreements, invoices, licenses, diaries, journals, accounts, pamphlets, books, ledgers, publications, microfilm, microfiche and any other data compilations from which information can be obtained and

translated, by you if necessary, into reasonably usable form. The definition includes electronic information that has been deleted. "Document" or "documents" shall also include every copy of a document where the copy contains any commentary or notation of any kind that does not appear on the original or any other copy.

G. Pursuant to Rule 196.4 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, TIEC specifically requests that any electronic or magnetic information (which is included in the definition of "document") that is responsive to a request herein be produced on CD-ROM in a format that is compatible with Adobe Acrobat, Microsoft, Macintosh and/or Word Perfect and be produced with your response to these requests. If emails are responsive to these requests, please provide a searchable .pdf copy of the entire email string. Attachments to emails should be provided with the email in searchable .pdf form, unless it is stored in a different format, in which the attachment should be produced in its native format and provided on CD-Rom.

H. The terms "and" and "or" shall be construed both disjunctively and conjunctively as necessary to make the request inclusive rather than exclusive.

I. "Each" shall be construed to include the word "every" and "every" shall be construed to include the word "each."

J. "Any" shall be construed to include "all" and "all" shall be construed to include "any."

K. The term "concerning," or one of its inflections, includes the following meanings: relating to; referring to; pertaining to; regarding; discussing; mentioning; containing; reflecting; evidencing; describing; showing; identifying; providing; disproving; consisting of; supporting; contradicting; in any way legally, logically or factually connected with the matter to which the term refers; or having a tendency to prove or disprove the matter to which the term refers.

L. The term "including," or one of its inflections, means and refers to "including but not limited to."

M. Words used in the plural shall also be taken to mean and include the singular. Words used in the singular shall also be taken to mean and include the plural.

N. The present tense shall be construed to include the past tense, and the past tense shall be construed to include the present tense.

O. If any document is withheld under any claims of privilege, please furnish a list identifying each document for which a privilege is claimed together with the following information: date, sender, recipients of copies, subject matter of the document, and the basis upon which such privilege is claimed. This instruction is not intended to impose an obligation greater than contemplated by the Commission's rules and any applicable orders in this case.

P. Pursuant to 16 T.A.C. § 22.144(h)(4), if the response to any request is voluminous, please provide a detailed index of the voluminous material.

Q. If the information requested is included in previously furnished exhibits, workpapers, and 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.

R. The term “emails” includes the entire email string and all attachments found anywhere within the email string. Please refer to paragraph “D.” regarding specific instructions for producing such items.

S. “Communications” refers to correspondence of any kind, including emails.

T. “Identify” and “describe” shall have the meaning set forth below according to the context in which the term is used:

- i. When used in reference to an individual, shall mean to state his or her full name, business affiliation, job title, and business address and telephone number;
- ii. When used in reference to a corporation, shall mean to state its full name, its state of incorporation, its address and its principal place of business;
- iii. When used in reference to any entity other than an individual or corporation, shall mean to state its official name, its organizational form and its address;
- iv. When used in reference to a document, shall mean to state the type of document, date, author, addressee, title, its present location, the name and address of its custodian, and the substance of the contents thereof. In lieu of identifying any document, copies thereof may be furnished; and
- v. When used in reference to a communication, shall mean to state the form of the communication (e.g., telephone conversation, letter, telegram, teletype, telecopy, written memorandum, face to face conversation, or any other form), the date of the communication or the dates on which the communication was sent and/or received if not the same, the parties to the communication, the party who initiated it, the substance of the communication, and the present location and the name and address of the custodian if the communication was non-verbal and/or of any written memorialization of the communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Christian Rice, Attorney for TIEC, hereby certify that a copy of this document was served on all parties of record in this proceeding on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021 by electronic mail, facsimile, and/or First Class, U.S. Mail, Postage Prepaid.

/s/ Christian Rice

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- TIEC 1-1** Referring to Attachments EDE-3, 4, and 5:
- a. Does Mr. Evans assert that the demand and energy loss factors by voltage level for SPS should be comparable to or the same as the corresponding loss factors for other utilities? If so, please provide all bases for this assertion.
  - b. Does Mr. Evans assert that the losses incurred by SPS to deliver power and energy by voltage level must be the same as or comparable to the losses incurred to deliver power and energy by other utilities? If so, please provide all bases for this assertion.
- TIEC 1-2** Referring to Attachment EDE-7
- a. Please identify all utilities that have similar demand and energy loss factors to deliver power and energy at primary and secondary voltage to the loss factors that Mr. Evans is recommending.
  - b. Please explain how an error in SPS's overall energy loss factor would affect the demand loss factors.
  - c. Please provide all bases upon which Mr. Evans relies for making a proportional adjustment to both the demand and energy loss factors by voltage level to correct for the asserted error in SPS's overall energy losses.
- TIEC 1-3** Referring to Attachment EDE-8, please provide any analysis concerning the impact of WTI oil prices on the amount of energy sold by SPS.
- TIEC 1-4** Are the Hale and Sagamore wind plants energy-only resources or do these plants also provide capacity? Please explain your response.
- TIEC 1-5** Please explain how, if at all, Hale and Sagamore are different from the wind projects with which SPS has purchased power agreements.
- TIEC 1-6** Are SPS's wind purchased power agreements energy-only resources or do they also provide capacity? Please explain your response.
- TIEC 1-7** Referring to page 44 of Mr. Evans' rate design direct testimony:

- a. Define Mr. Evans' definition of "extreme rate changes." How does the definition of extreme rate change vary with each customer class?
- b. Did Mr. Evans make any other comparisons between the test year and other years? If so, please provide the comparisons.
- c. What usage characteristics and other circumstances does Mr. Evans believe are expected to prevail during the period new rates are in effect. How would these characteristics differ from the corresponding 2020 characteristics?
- d. Has Mr. Evans conducted a class cost-of-service study based on the usage characteristics usage characteristics and other circumstances Mr. Evans believes are expected to prevail during the period new rates are in effect? If so, provide a copy of this study.
- e. e. Does Mr. Evans believe that the class rates of return derived in SPS's class cost-of-service study are inaccurate or unrepresentative? If so, please explain the basis for his belief and provide any analysis conducted or relied upon by Mr. Evans demonstrating the impact on class rates of return of using 2020 usage characteristics versus the usage characteristics in other time periods.
- f. Please define what Mr. Evans means by "drastic moves toward system average rates of return."