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APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY TO	§	OF
AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO	§	
CONVERT HARRINGTON	§	
GENERATING STATION FROM	§	
COAL TO NATURAL GAS	§	

**COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
QUESTION NOS. STAFF 2-1 THROUGH STAFF 2-6**

Pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.144 of the Commission's Procedural Rules, the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff) requests that Southwestern Public Service Company by and through their attorney of record, provide the following information and answer the following question(s) under oath. The question(s) shall be answered in sufficient detail to fully present all of the relevant facts, within the time limit provided by the Presiding Officer or within 20 days, if the Presiding Officer has not provided a time limit. Please copy the question immediately above the answer to each question. These question(s) are continuing in nature, and if there is a relevant change in circumstances, submit an amended answer, under oath, as a supplement to your original answer. State the name of the witness in this cause who will sponsor the answer to the question and can vouch for the truth of the answer.

Provide responses to the Requests for Information by filing with the Commission solely through the Interchange on the Commission's website and provide notice, by email, to all other parties that the pleading or document has been filed with the Commission, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer pursuant to the Order Suspending Rules in Docket No. 50664.

Dated: September 20, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 September 20, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Rashmin Asher for Mildred Anaele

Mildred Anaele

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DEFINITIONS

- 1) "SPS," "the Company" or "you" refers to Southwestern Public Service Company 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" includes any written, recorded, or graphic matter, however produced or reproduced, including but not limited to correspondence, telegrams, contracts, agreements, notes in any form, memoranda, diaries, voice recording tapes, microfilms, pictures, computer media, work papers, calendars, minutes of meetings or other writings or graphic matter, including copies containing marginal notes or variations of any of the foregoing, now or previously in your possession. In the event any documents requested by this Request for Information have been transferred beyond the Company's control, describe the circumstances under which the document was destroyed or transferred and provide an exact citation to the subject document. In the event that documents containing the exact information do not exist, but documents do exist which contain portions of the required information or which contain substantially similar information, then the definition of "documents" shall include the documents which do exist and these documents will be provided.

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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Pursuant to 16 TAC § 22.144(c)(2), Staff requests that answers to the requests for information be made under oath.
- 2) Please copy the question immediately above the answer to each question. State the name of the witness in this cause who will sponsor the answer to the question and can vouch for the truth of the answer.
- 3) These questions are continuing in nature, and if there is a relevant change in circumstances, submit an amended answer, under oath, as a supplement to your original answer.
- 4) 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.
- 5) The present tense shall be construed to include the past tense, and the past tense shall be construed to include the present tense.
- 6) If any document is withheld under any claim of privilege, please furnish a list identifying each document for which a privilege is claimed, together with the following information: date, sender, recipients or copies, subject matter of the document, and the basis upon which such privilege is claimed.
- 7) Pursuant to 16 TAC § 22.144(h)(4), if the response to any request is voluminous, please provide a detailed index of the voluminous material.
- 8) Staff requests that each item of information be made available as it is completed, rather than upon completion of all information requested.

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- Staff 2-1** Please explain how SPS plans to handle cold weather critical components including any component that is susceptible to freezing, the occurrence of which is likely to lead to unit trip, derate, or failure to start.
- Staff 2-2** Please explain how SPS plans to utilize weather emergency preparation measures including measures that support the function of a facility in extreme weather conditions, including weatherization, fuel security, staffing plans, operational readiness, and structural preparations.
- Staff 2-3** Please explain how SPS plans for all preparations necessary to ensure the sustained operation of all-weather critical components during extreme weather conditions, such as chemicals, auxiliary fuels, and other materials, and personnel required to operate the resource.
- Staff 2-4** Please explain how SPS plans for installation of adequate wind breaks for items susceptible to outages or derates caused by wind; enclosure of sensors for extreme weather critical components; inspection of thermal insulation for damage or degradation and repair of any damaged or degraded insulation; confirmation of the operability of instrument air moisture prevention systems; maintenance of freeze protection components for all equipment, including fuel delivery systems, the failure of which could cause an outage or derate, and establishment of a schedule for testing of such freeze protection components on an ongoing monthly basis; and the installation of monitoring systems for extreme weather critical components, including circuitry providing freeze protection or preventing instrument air moisture.
- Staff 2-5** Please explain the provision of training on extreme weather preparations to operational personnel; and
- Staff 2-6** Please explain SPS's determination of minimum and maximum design temperature, minimum or maximum operating temperature, and other operating limitations based on temperature, precipitation, humidity, wind speed, and wind direction.