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APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONVERT HARRINGTON GENERATING STATION FROM COAL TO NATURAL GAS

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS

COMMISSION STAFF'S STATEMENT OF POSITION

Staff has filed the direct testimony of John Poole concerning the routing of the natural-gas pipeline proposed by the applicant. As the party representing the public interest, Staff is carefully evaluating the concerns raised by intervenor witnesses and the applicant's response to those concerns. Staff intends to attend the hearing and may cross-examine witnesses to improve the evidentiary record. After consideration of the evidentiary record and in post-hearing briefing, Staff may take positions on issues in addition to those addressed in Mr. Poole's testimony.

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 April 21, 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

<u>/s/ Phillip Lehmann</u> Phillip Lehmann