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

**ORDER NO. 3
REQUIRING INFORMATION FROM APPLICANT AND RECOMMENDATION
FROM STAFF ON SUFFICIENCY OF APPLICATION AND NOTICE**

I. Application

This Order address the August 27, 2021 application of Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) to amend its certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) to convert the three coal-powered steam turbine units at Harrington Generating Station north of Amarillo, Texas (Harrington) to be fueled by natural gas and allow continued use of the facility. The conversion will require the construction of a new 20-inch natural gas transmission line to Harrington and the reconfiguration of the plant's boilers to use natural gas.

The estimate for the cost of conversion is approximately \$65 to \$75 million (Total Company), of which \$45 to \$52 million is allocable to Texas. The proposed natural gas transmission line is presented with 4 alternate routes and is approximately 20 to 22 miles in length. The Commission may approve any of the routes or route segments presented in the application.

Under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 25.101(b), the Commission must render a decision approving or denying an application for a CCN within one year of the date of filing a complete application for such certificate.

II. Notice

SPS must give notice of its intent to secure a CCN as required by 16 TAC § 22.52(a).

In this proceeding, the intervention deadline is **November 19, 2021**. The deadline for intervenors to request a hearing on the merits is **November 19, 2021**.

SPS must provide proof of notice by mail by filing an affidavit listing the names and addresses of the entities notified by mail and the date the notice was mailed to these entities. A copy of the letter and map sent to the entities must be included. SPS must file its proof of notice by mail by **October 25, 2021**.

SPS must provide proof of publication by filing a publisher's affidavit specifying each county where the newspaper is of general circulation. SPS must file its proof of publication by **November 1, 2021**.

By copy of this Order, the Office of Public Utility Counsel is notified of this proceeding.

III. Texas Parks and Wildlife

In 2009, the Texas Legislature amended the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code to require that an agency with statewide jurisdiction respond in writing to each recommendation or informational comment made by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) under § 12.0011(c). The Commission's statutory duty to respond in writing applies to all TPWD recommendations and informational comments made on or after September 1, 2009. Accordingly, the Commission will include an issue to be addressed in its orders related to TPWD's recommendations and comments. SPS is required to provide a copy of the application to TPWD within seven days.

IV. Recommendation on Deficiencies, Notice, and Procedural Schedule

The administrative law judge sets the deadline for filing a motion to find the application materially deficient as **November 9, 2021**. Therefore, by **November 4, 2021**, Commission Staff must review the application and file recommendations or comments on the following:

1. Any deficiencies in the application;
2. The notice's compliance with the requirements in this order; and
3. A proposed procedural schedule.

Any other party may file recommendations or comments on these issues subject to the same **November 4, 2021** deadline. SPS must file any reply to the recommendations or comments on these issues by **November 8, 2021**.

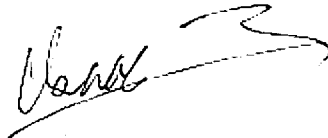
V. Procedural Schedule

The ALJ incorporates the above deadlines into the following procedural schedule:

Event	Deadline
SPS must provide Texas Parks and Wildlife Department a copy of the application	October 12, 2021
Applicant must file proof of notice by mail	October 25, 2021
SPS must file proof of publication by filing a publisher's affidavit specifying each county where the newspaper is of general circulation	November 1, 2021
Commission Staff must review the application and file recommendation or comments on administrative completeness	November 4, 2021
Deadline for SPS to file any reply to the recommendations or comments on these issues	November 8, 2021
Deadline to file written order on administrative completeness of the application	November 9, 2021
Deadline to intervene	November 19, 2021

Signed at Austin, Texas the 5th day of October 2021.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE