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APPLICATION OF GOLDEN SPREAD	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. TO	§	
CHANGE WHOLESALE	§	OF TEXAS
TRANSMISSION SERVICE RATES	§	

GOLDEN SPREAD'S RESPONSES TO COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: Commission Staff, c/o R. Floyd Walker, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Golden Spread") submits these responses to the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas's ("Staff") Second Request for Information ("RFI"). Golden Spread received Staff's Second RFIs by email on December 29, 2021 at 3:46 p.m. In accordance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code ("TAC") § 22.144(c)(1), these responses are due on January 18, 2022 and, therefore, are timely filed. Golden Spread stipulates that all parties may treat these answers as if they were filed under oath. Golden Spread reserves the right to object at the time of hearing to the admissibility of the information produced. Pursuant to the Commission's "Second Order Suspending Rules" in Docket No. 50664, these responses are being filed on the PUC Interchange and served by email.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and complete copy of the above and foregoing document was served on all parties of record in this proceeding as required by order or in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74 on January 18, 2022.

Carl R. Galant

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STAFF RFI 2-1

Please provide complete payroll data for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020 divided between the categories of regular pay, bonuses, benefits, other payroll, etc. Please include the average number of employees per year for each year's data.

RESPONSE:

See Golden Spread Response to Staff RFI 2-1, Attachment 1 (CONF).

This response contains confidential information provided by separate attachment pursuant to the protective order in this case.

Preparer: Melanie Hall, Katherine Diaz

Sponsor: John Simpsen

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STAFF RFI 2-2

Please provide the amounts, if any, that Golden Spread included in its requested revenue requirement relating to incentive compensation. Please provide a copy of Golden Spread's policy related to the payment of incentive compensation.

RESPONSE:

See Golden Spread Response to Staff RFI 2-2, Attachment 1 (CONF) and Attachment 2 (CONF).

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Preparer: Melanie Hall, Katherine Diaz

Sponsor: John Simpsen

Please provide the operations and maintenance balance for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) expense accounts 560 through 573 (and any other accounts that have operations and maintenance expenses ultimately allocated to the transmission function) for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020.

RESPONSE:

Acct. No.	Description	2018 Balance	2019 Balance	2020 Balance
556	System Control & Load Dispatch	1,469,870	1,992,796	1,439,249
560	Operation Super. & Engin.	400,792	392,975	423,413
561	Load Dispatching	583,855	793,097	736,593
562	Station Equipment	1,585	(65)	0
563	Overhead Line Expense	22,142	5,395	0
564	Underground Line Expense	0	0	0
565	Wheeling	68,352,807	71,459,279	77,433,980
566	Misc. Transmission Expense	721,466	883,344	1,157,162
567	Rents	0	0	0
568	Maintenance Super. & Engin.	0	0	0
569	Maint. of Structure	0	0	0
570	Maint. of Station Equipment	204,793	466,149	204,641
571	Maint. of Overhead Lines	175,587	95,264	128,556
572	Maint. of Underground Lines	0	0	0
573	Maint. of Misc. Trans. Plant	0	0	0
582	Station Equipment	610,476	519,670	575,101
592	Maint. of Station Equipment	1,108,153	1,474,252	1,489,393

Please provide the administrative and general balance for FERC expense accounts 920 through 935 (and any other accounts that have administrative and general expenses ultimately allocated to the transmission function) for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020.

RESPONSE:

Acct. No.	Description	2018 Balance	2019 Balance	2020 Balance
920	Admin. & General Salaries	8,856,678	9,764,153	9,531,042
921	Office Supplies	2,286,773	2,591,846	1,358,735
922	Administrative Expenses Transferred	0	0	0
923	Outside Service	6,274,776	6,936,752	6,122,300
924	Property Insurance Exp.	3,899,589	4,116,286	4,838,075
925	Injuries & Damages	5,204	11,291	428
926	Pensions & Benefits	4,927,851	5,167,026	5,923,944
928	Regulatory Commission	4,532	676,237	379,156
929	Duplicate Charges (Credit)	0	0	0
930	Misc. General Expense	1,899,890	2,063,605	1,681,083
931	Rents	400,705	407,173	410,235
935	Maint. of General Plant	18,922	21,787	27,910

Please provide the composition of the amount of Outside Services as listed on Schedule D-2. Please explain how each outside service benefitted Golden Spread and whether the service is recurring.

RESPONSE:

See Golden Spread Response to Staff RFI 2-5, Attachment 1 (CONF).

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Golden Spread Response to Staff RFI 2-5, Attachment 1 (CONF) provides the service provider/vendor name and explanation of service provided to Golden Spread. All of these services are reasonable and necessary for the business operations of Golden Spread and are customary services in the industry.

Please provide the composition of the Misc. General Expense as listed on Schedule D-2. Please explain how the expense benefitted Golden Spread and whether the expense or portions thereof are recurring.

RESPONSE:

Golden Spread's FERC Account 930 Miscellaneous General Expense includes annual report expense, board of director fees and expenses, organizational dues, subscriptions, general advertising, and other miscellaneous expenses. The amount of these expenses allocated to Transmission ERCOT is \$280,250.

Category	Amount	Recurring
General Advertising (930.1)	17,715	Υ
Annual Report Expense (930.2)	50,378	Υ
Board of Director Fees (930.2)	926,900	Y
Director Expenses (930.2)	212,036	Y
Industry Association Dues (930.2)	465,141	Υ
Subscriptions (930.2)	8,680	Υ
Other Expense (930.2)	233	Y
Total 930 Misc General Expenses	1,681,083	

The above-listed categories of expenses, and the expenses themselves, are reasonable and necessary to Golden Spread in providing wholesale transmission service. The annual report is required by the board of directors and is a critical communication document for Golden Spread's members and their member-consumers, vendors, auditors, insurance agencies, and rating agencies regarding the operations and finances of Golden Spread. As a member-owned cooperative, an annual meeting and regular director meetings are required to carry out the business of the cooperative. The directors oversee and make decisions for the cooperative and must travel for meetings, training, education, and to carry out the business of the cooperative. Dues and subscriptions are used for education, to stay apprised of market developments, and to meaningfully participate with organizations in the industry. Similarly, expenses associated with general advertising are incurred to help maintain relations and inform and educate the member-consumers of Golden Spread's business and operations.

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STAFF RFI 2-7

Please provide the composition of the Rents expense as listed on Schedule D-2. Please explain whether the expense or portions thereof are recurring and provide copies of underlying rental agreements.

RESPONSE:

See Golden Spread Response to Staff RFI 2-7, Attachment 1 (CONF) and Attachment 2 (CONF).

This response contains confidential information provided by separate attachment pursuant to the protective order in this case.

Reference Golden Spread's Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements at (14) Pension Benefits. With respect to the 10-year amortization of the \$3.5 million prepayment, please provide the expected date of full amortization of the prepayment.

RESPONSE:

The prepayment amortization will be complete December 31, 2022.

Reference Staff 2-8 above, please identify the location within Golden Spread's rate filing package of the remaining prepayment balance as of the test year end and the amount of the annual amortization expense.

RESPONSE:

The unamortized prepayment of the pension expense is in Account 165, which is located at Schedule B-10, Unbundled Prepayments, in the rate filing package.

The annual expense is recorded to Account 926 in the amount of \$362,175.96.

Reference Golden Spread's Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements at (14) Pension Benefits. Please identify the location within Golden Spread's rate filing package and the amount of the unfunded nonqualified deferred compensation plan included in the requested rate base.

RESPONSE:

Unfunded nonqualified deferred compensation plan items are not included in the requested rate base.

Reference Golden Spread's Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements at (14) Pension Benefits. Please provide the location within Golden Spread's rate filing package and the amount of the requested annual expenses by FERC account associated with the unfunded nonqualified deferred compensation plan.

RESPONSE:

The amount included in the rate filing package for the unfunded nonqualified deferred compensation for 2020 is \$422,104.53, located in Account 926, Schedule D-2.

Reference Golden Spread's Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements at (17) Leases and the statement, "The Lubbock office space lease is from April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2023." Please state whether Golden Spread's requested transmission revenue requirement includes any expenses associated with the referenced lease. If so, please provide the amount by FERC account.

RESPONSE:

Golden Spread's requested transmission revenue requirement includes a share of the Lubbock office space lease expense. The total Lubbock office space lease expense for the test year ending 12/31/2020 was \$108,625.00. This amount was booked entirely into FERC Account 931 (Rents). Account 931 (Rents) was allocated to Transmission – ERCOT using the SQFT allocation factor. Using that allocation factor, a total of \$8,054.19 was allocated to Golden Spread's requested transmission revenue requirement.

Preparer: John Simpsen Sponsor: John Simpsen

Reference Staff 2-12. Please explain in detail Golden Spread's actions to renew the lease agreement or obtain office space from another lessor after the scheduled expiration date of the Lubbock office space lease, including supporting documentation to the extent available.

RESPONSE:

Golden Spread's lease for its Lubbock office space was scheduled to expire in 2023. Golden Spread determined it was beneficial to amend and extend the lease to continue to share the lease expense for a portion of the leased space with South Plains Electric Cooperative. As part of the amendment process, improvements were made to the shared space, and additional office space was acquired to meet Golden Spread's personnel needs. This sharing arrangement results in a savings of approximately \$226,750.00 over what it would have otherwise cost Golden Spread for the shared space amount at an alternative location. This savings and the support provided by the lessor associated with this shared space were determined to be good reasons to amend and extend the existing lease rather than relocate and lease space at an alternative location. Golden Spread checked lease rates in the area to determine that the proposed rate was in line with the Lubbock market.

No expenses related to the expansion of the shared space or additional lease space are included in the rate filing.

Preparer: Jennifer Altmiller, Stacy Sanning, John Eichelmann

Sponsor: John Eichelmann

Please provide the amount of rate-case expenses that Golden Spread seeks to recover for expenses incurred relating to this proceeding as well as Docket No. 48500. Please provide a summary schedule detailing the amounts by general category and subcategory of expense. Please update the response to this RFI on a monthly basis.

RESPONSE:

Docket No. 48500 - \$44,786.63.

See summary schedule at Golden Spread Response to Staff RFI 2-15, Attachment 1, Exhibit A.

Docket No. 52828 - \$75,552.06.

The summary schedule below is for work and expenses performed through November 30, 2021 and billed through December 31, 2021.

Vendor	Discipline	Invoice	Expenses	Fees	Total Amount
GUERNSEY	Rate Consultant	135908	-	1,649.00	1,649.00
GUERNSEY	Rate Consultant	136493	-	6,288.75	6,288.75
GUERNSEY	Rate Consultant	136840	-	430.00	430.00
GUERNSEY	Rate Consultant	137034	-	2,150.00	2,150.00
GUERNSEY	Rate Consultant	137217	-	6,665.00	6,665.00
GUERNSEY	Rate Consultant	137365	-	9,030.00	9,030.00
GUERNSEY	Rate Consultant	137569	-	11,771.25	11,771.25
GUERNSEY	Rate Consultant	137688	-	8,170.00	8,170.00
MCGINNIS LOCHRIDGE, LLP	Legal	249917	-	425.50	425.50
MCGINNIS LOCHRIDGE, LLP	Legal	250997	-	3,130.00	3,130.00
MCGINNIS LOCHRIDGE, LLP	Legal	251895	-	10,716.00	10,716.00
MCGINNIS LOCHRIDGE, LLP	Legal	252921	80.56	15,046.00	15,126.56
Total as of 12/31/2021			80.56	75,471.50	75,552.06

Preparer: Melanie Hall; Carl R. Galant

Sponsor: Carl R. Galant

Reference Staff 2-14. Please provide supporting documentation, invoices, affidavits, and testimony that Golden Spread intends to rely on to meet its evidentiary burden under 16 TAC § 25.245.

RESPONSE:

See Golden Spread Response to Staff RFI 2-15, Attachment 1 (Affidavit of Carl R. Galant Concerning Rate Case Expenses in Docket No. 52828) and Attachment 2 (Affidavit of Carl R. Galant Concerning Rate Case Expenses in Docket No. 48500). The affidavits contain summary schedules and supporting invoices and receipts.

Certain exhibits to these affidavits contain confidential information provided separately pursuant to the protective order in this case.

Preparer: Melanie Hall; Carl R. Galant

Sponsor: Carl R. Galant

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AFFIDAVIT OF CARL R. GALANT CONCERNING RATE CASE EXPENSES IN DOCKET NO. 52828

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TRAVIS §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Carl R. Galant, who being by me first duly sworn, on oath, deposed and said the following:

My name is Carl R. Galant. I am over the age of twenty-one years, am of sound mind, have personal knowledge of the statements made herein, and the facts are true and correct. I am competent to make this Affidavit.

- I am a partner at the law firm of McGinnis Lochridge LLP. I graduated from the University of Houston Law Center in 2005. I have practiced law for over 16 years primarily in the areas of civil and administrative litigation and regulatory matters, including many contested cases before the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC"), including representation of electric cooperatives in seeking PUC approval of changes to Electric Reliability Council of Texas ("ERCOT") transmission cost of service ("TCOS") and wholesale transmission rates, Certificates of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") applications, service area exceptions, and service area disputes, among other matters. I have also represented electric cooperatives as intervenors seeking to limit the wholesale rates of investor owned utilities, and participated in rulemaking proceedings before the PUC.
- 2. Travis Vickery is a partner at the law firm of McGinnis Lochridge LLP. He graduated from the University of Texas Law School in 1995. He has practiced for over 26 years, including 14 years as an Administrative Law Judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings ("SOAH") on the utility team. During his time at SOAH, he was involved in administrative and regulatory practice, including many cases referred by the PUC to SOAH, such as electric utility

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rate cases, fuel reconciliations, and CCNs, among other matters. He joined McGinnis Lochridge in 2018.

- 3. Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Golden Spread") hired the firm of McGinnis Lochridge LLP to assist in preparing and prosecuting this application to change Golden Spread's ERCOT TCOS and wholesale transmission rates. I am lead counsel for McGinnis Lochridge LLP, representing Golden Spread in this proceeding, which has been assigned Docket No. 52828. Travis Vickery and I have been the primary lawyers on this case, and I am familiar with the work performed by all lawyers. Attached to this Affidavit as Exhibit A and Exhibit B is information concerning Golden Spread's rate case expenses for this proceeding. Exhibit A contains a summary of the amount of McGinnis Lochridge LLP's invoices to Golden Spread for legal services and related expenses incurred by Golden Spread in the preparation and prosecution of this rate case through November 30, 2021 (and billed through December 31, 2021), which totals \$29,398.06. Confidential Exhibit B contains true and correct copies of the monthly invoices, reflecting the rates, hourly charges, and description of work performed, sent by McGinnis Lochridge LLP to Golden Spread for legal services and related expenses associated with this proceeding. Exhibits A and B are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.
- 4. I have reviewed the invoices that were sent by my law firm to Golden Spread that are related to work performed through November 30, 2021 by my firm exclusively on Golden Spread's pending TCOS case in Docket No. 52828. All of these invoices have been fully paid by Golden Spread. Golden Spread is responsible for paying all invoices within 30 days of receipt. My firm's invoices do not contain any duplicate charges or charges that should have been invoiced in another matter. No single person billed more than 7.7 hours per day.
- 5. The legal work performed for Golden Spread to date has included researching legal issues relevant to and assisting in preparing Golden Spread's TCOS filing before the PUC, conferring and communicating with Golden Spread and its consultants, developing evidence and reviewing materials supporting the filing, drafting pleadings, drafting and accomplishing notice of the application, responding to requests for information, communications with Commission Staff, and reviewing filings and orders. In total, McGinnis Lochridge LLP's lawyers have spent 67.60 hours on this matter through November 30, 2021. Given the level of complexity of the proceeding and the issues involved, the amount of time spent to date on the various tasks are reasonable, and the total amount of the time spent on this proceeding to date is reasonable.

- 6. The invoices reflect time for Carl Galant (at a rate of \$450 per hour) and Travis Vickery (at a rate of \$415 per hour), as attorneys who have worked on Golden Spread's TCOS filing in this proceeding. I am generally familiar with what other attorneys with comparable experience charge for the type of work involved in a proceeding before the PUC. The hourly rates charged by the attorneys with my firm contained in the invoices are within the range of what others with comparable experience and expertise charge on an hourly basis. The rates and amounts are fixed at the hourly rates described above and are well within the range of hourly rates for lawyers of similar skill and experience in Texas, including Travis County. The rates charged are: (1) the normal billing rates charged by the attorneys and legal assistants involved, and (2) comparable to the hourly rates charged by other attorneys and legal assistants for similar services provided to other Texas utilities. In my opinion, the rates for the respective level of experience of the attorneys involved are reasonable and customary for the services provided.
- 7. The total legal fees paid by Golden Spread in Docket No. 52828 for services rendered by McGinnis Lochridge LLP through November 30, 2021 (and billed through December 31, 2021) is \$29,317.50. In my opinion, given the level of complexity of the proceeding and the issues involved, the tasks performed, the amount of time spent on those tasks, and the hourly rates charged, this amount was reasonable and necessary to prosecute Golden Spread's application in Docket No. 52828.
- 8. The expenses shown in my firm's invoices to Golden Spread include costs for postage to accomplish notice of the application. In my opinion, the charges for expenses incurred to date in the amount of \$80.56 reflected in confidential Exhibit B were reasonably incurred and necessary to prosecute Golden Spread's application in Docket No. 52828.
- 9. Golden Spread also hired consulting firm C.H. Guernsey & Company ("Guernsey") to assist in preparing and supporting the TCOS filing package and application in Docket No. 52828. As Golden Spread's legal counsel, I am familiar with the work performed by Guernsey in this matter.
- 10. The Guernsey invoices reflect time for work completed by John Simpsen and David W. Hendrick, as consultants who worked on matters directly related to Golden Spread's TCOS proceeding in Docket No. 52828.
- 11. John Simpsen, a senior consultant at Guernsey, performed the majority of work on behalf of Golden Spread in this proceeding. Mr. Simpsen specializes in the development of

revenue requirements, cost of service studies, accounting issues, rate design, and financial forecasts for electric, water, and wastewater utility systems. Mr. Simpsen serves as project manager and assists project managers in the preparation of rate filings and cost of service studies. He has worked extensively with cooperatives in the development of wholesale transmission revenue requirements.

- pears of consulting experience in the utility industry. He obtained his BS in Mathematics from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1986 and his MBA from Oklahoma City University in 1993. Mr. Hedrick specializes in the development of revenue requirements, cost of service, accounting issues, rate design, and financial forecasts for electric, water, and wastewater utility systems. He is responsible for the preparation of rate filings and has presented expert testimony before state regulatory bodies, including Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming. Mr. Hedrick has assisted in the negotiation of bulk power supply tariffs and development of bulk power supply tariffs for joint municipal action agencies. He was instrumental in the development of the CoOPTIONS family of computer software for use in unbundled utility cost of service studies and financial forecasting.
- 13. Attached as Exhibit C is a summary of invoices reflecting rate case expenses charged to Golden Spread by Guernsey for work performed through November 30, 2021 (and billed through December 31, 2021), in the total amount of \$46,154.00. All of these invoices have been paid by Golden Spread. I have reviewed Guernsey's invoices to Golden Spread for work performed related to Golden Spread's TCOS application and this proceeding. Guernsey's invoices do not contain any duplicate charges or charges that should have been invoiced in another matter. No single person billed more than 8 hours per day. The amounts summarized in Exhibit C are for consulting labor fees only; they do not include any expenses. Confidential Exhibit D contains copies of the monthly invoices reflecting the rates and hourly charges sent by Guernsey to Golden Spread for consulting services associated with this filing before the PUC. Exhibits C and D are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.
- 14. The consulting work performed has included preparing the TCOS project plan; preparing data requests and reviewing data provided by Golden Spread; researching and preparing memoranda related to the TCOS filing package; preparing, editing, and finalizing Golden Spread's TCOS filing package schedules and workpapers; communications and meetings with Golden

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Spread and its representatives; preparing direct testimony and exhibits supporting the filing; and reviewing pleadings and evidence supporting the TCOS application. All this work is necessary to prepare and prosecute Golden Spread's TCOS application. Guernsey spent a total of 214 hours on these tasks. Given the tasks performed, the level of complexity of the proceeding, and the issues involved, it is my opinion the time spent by Guernsey for the various tasks is reasonable and necessary, and the total of the time spent by Guernsey in preparing and supporting Golden Spread's TCOS application, through November 30, 2021, is reasonable and necessary.

- 15. The Guernsey invoices reflect time for work completed by John Simpsen and David W. Hendrick, as consultants working on matters directly related to Golden Spread's TCOS proceeding. The rates charged by these consultants ranges from \$215 to \$288 per hour and are: (1) the normal hourly billing rates charged by the consultants and staff involved, and (2) comparable to the hourly rates charged by other consultants and staff for similar services provided to other Texas utilities. Given my work in TCOS cases of this type and other proceedings before the PUC, I am familiar with what other consultants with comparable experience charge for the type of work involved in the preparation and prosecution of a proceedings of this type. The hourly rates charged by the consultants with Guernsey contained in the invoices are within the range of hourly rates charged by others with comparable experience and expertise.
- 16. In my opinion, given the level of complexity of the proceeding and the issues involved, the tasks performed, the amount of time spent on those tasks, and the hourly rates charged, the amount of the charges for Guernsey's services reflected in confidential Exhibit D are reasonable and necessary and directly related to the prosecution of Golden Spread's TCOS application in Docket No. 52828.
- 17. I expect Golden Spread will incur additional attorneys' fees, consulting fees, and related expenses in this matter before it has concluded. I will supplement this affidavit to reflect those additional rate case expenses, with supporting documentation, before conclusion of the case. Accordingly, Golden Spread reserves the right to file a supplemental affidavit in support of any such additional rate case expenses.
- 18. Based on the foregoing, Golden Spread's total rate case expenses, including attorneys' fees and expenses and consulting fees, incurred and paid through December 31, 2021 is \$75,552.06. Based on my training, experience, the nature of the case, and the services provided, I

opine that the amount of attorneys' fees, consulting fees, and expenses incurred by Golden Spread described herein are reasonable and necessary in connection with Golden Spread's application to change its ERCOT TCOS and wholesale transmission rates, and the work performed has been made necessary by the PUC's TCOS filing requirements as stated in 16 Texas Administrative Code § 25.192 and the Non-Investor Owned Utility TCOS Rate Filing Package.

Carl R. Galant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, in and for the State of Texas, this 18th day of January, 2022.



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Attorneys' Fees and Expenses Incurred and Paid by Golden Spread

Vendor	Discipline	Invoice	Expenses	Fees	Total Amount
MCGINNIS LOCHRIDGE, LLP	Legal	249917	- ·	425.50	425.50
MCGINNIS LOCHRIDGE, LLP	Legal	250997		3,130.00	3,130.00
MCGINNIS LOCHRIDGE, LLP	Legal	251895	-	10,716.00	10,716.00
MCGINNIS LOCHRIDGE, LLP	Legal	252921	80.56	15,046.00	15,126.56
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EXHIBIT B (CONF)
TO AFFIDAVIT OF CARL R. GALANT
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Monthly Invoices from McGinnis Lochridge LLP to Golden Spread

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Consulting Fees Incurred and Paid by Golden Spread

Vendor	Discipline	Invoice	Expenses	Fees	Total Amount
GUERNSEY	Rate Consultant	135908	-	1,649.00	1,649.00
GUERNSEY	Rate Consultant	136493	-	6,288.75	6,288.75
GUERNSEY	Rate Consultant	136840	-	430.00	430.00
GUERNSEY	Rate Consultant	137034	· -	2,150.00	2,150.00
GUERNSEY	Rate Consultant	137217	-	6,665.00	6,665.00
GUERNSEY	Rate Consultant	137365	-	9,030.00	9,030.00
GUERNSEY	Rate Consultant	137569	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	11,771.25	11,771.25
GUERNSEY	Rate Consultant	137688		8,170.00	8,170.00
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Carl R. Galant, who being by me first duly sworn, on oath, deposed and said the following:

My name is Carl R. Galant. I am over the age of twenty-one years, am of sound mind, have personal knowledge of the statements made herein, and the facts are true and correct. I am competent to make this Affidavit.

- 1. I am a partner at the law firm of McGinnis Lochridge LLP. I graduated from the University of Houston Law Center in 2005. I have practiced law for over 16 years primarily in the areas of civil and administrative litigation and regulatory matters, including many contested cases before the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC"), including representation of electric cooperatives in seeking PUC approval of changes to Electric Reliability Council of Texas ("ERCOT") transmission cost of service ("TCOS") and wholesale transmission rates, Certificates of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") applications, service area exceptions, and service area disputes, among other matters. I have also represented electric cooperatives as intervenors seeking to limit the wholesale rates of investor owned utilities, and participated in rulemaking proceedings before the PUC.
- 2. Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Golden Spread") hired the firm of McGinnis Lochridge LLP, to assist in preparing and prosecuting its current application to change Golden Spread's ERCOT TCOS and wholesale transmission rates. I am lead counsel for McGinnis Lochridge LLP, representing Golden Spread in this proceeding, which has been assigned Docket No. 52828.

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- 3. Golden Spread's last comprehensive TCOS rate case was filed in 2018 and assigned Docket No. 48500. In that docket, Golden Spread was authorized to recover its rate case expenses through October 31, 2018, but the case did not conclude with a final order until April 4, 2019. Golden Spread incurred additional rate cases expenses after October 31, 2018, which the Order in Docket No. 48500 states "must be considered in Golden Spread's next full TCOS case." This case (Docket No. 52828) is Golden Spread's next full TCOS case. The rate case expenses incurred and paid by Golden Spread, but not recovered, for Docket No. 48500 total \$44,786.63. I note that Golden Spread's application in this docket identified \$44,928.33 in unrecovered rate case expenses for Docket No. 48500, but that amount has been corrected to \$44,786.63. Golden Spread seeks to recover its reasonable and necessary rate case expenses, including consultant fees and attorneys' fees, incurred and paid, but not recovered, for the preparation and prosecution of its last full TCOS rate case in Docket No. 48500.
- 4. Golden Spread hired McGinnis Lochridge LLP, to assist in preparing and prosecuting the application in Docket No. 48500. Along with other lawyers in the firm, I represented Golden Spread in that proceeding. I am familiar with the work performed by all lawyers and consultants in Docket No. 48500. Attached to this Affidavit as Exhibits A, B, C, and D is information concerning Golden Spread's unrecovered rate case expenses for Docket No. 48500. Exhibit A contains a summary of the invoices and charges to Golden Spread for legal services, rate consultant services, related legal and consultant expenses, and other expenses incurred by Golden Spread in the preparation and prosecution of the Docket No. 48500 rate case after October 31, 2018, which were not recovered in that docket. The amount totals \$44,786.63. Exhibit B contains true and correct copies of the monthly invoices, reflecting the rates, hourly charges, and description of work performed, sent by McGinnis Lochridge LLP to Golden Spread for legal services and related expenses after October 31, 2018 and associated with Docket No. 48500. Exhibit C contains a true and correct copy of the monthly invoice, reflecting the rates, hourly charges, and description of work performed, sent by C.H. Guernsey & Company

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¹ Application of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. for Authority to Change Transmission Cost of Service and Wholesale Transmission Rates, Docket No. 48500, Order at FOF 35 & Ord. Para. 7 (April 4, 2019).

² Docket No. 48500, Order at FOF 35 & Ord. Para. 7.

("Guernsey") to Golden Spread for rate consultant services and related expenses after October 31, 2018 and associated with Docket No. 48500. Exhibit D contains true and correct copies of invoices and receipts for expenses incurred by Golden Spread employees after October 31, 2018 for travel, lodging, and meals associated with participating in the settlement conference and open meeting associated with Docket No. 48500. Exhibits A through D are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

Legal Fees and Expenses

- 5. I have reviewed the invoices that were sent by my law firm to Golden Spread that are related to work performed by my firm exclusively on Golden Spread's TCOS case in Docket 48500, after October 31, 2018. The invoices total \$28,699.00 in legal fees and \$156.25 in associated expenses. All of these invoices have been fully paid by Golden Spread. Golden Spread is responsible for paying all invoices within 30 days of receipt. My firm's invoices do not contain any duplicate charges or charges that should have been invoiced in another matter. No single person billed more than 7.6 hours in a single day.
- The legal work performed for Golden Spread in Docket No. 48500 after October 31, 2018 included researching legal issues relevant to Golden Spread's TCOS filing before the PUC, conferring and communicating with Golden Spread and its consultants, developing evidence and reviewing materials supporting the filing and settlement, drafting pleadings, communications with Commission Staff, attendance at a settlement conference, settlement negotiations and preparation of settlement documents and related pleadings, preparation of a draft final order, attendance at the Commission's open meeting, and reviewing filings and orders. In total, McGinnis Lochridge LLP's lawyers spent 62.10 hours on Docket No. 48500 after October 31, 2018 (from November 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019). All of this work was necessary to prosecute Golden Spread's application in Docket No. 48500. Given the level of complexity of the proceeding and the issues involved, the amount of time spent on the various tasks are reasonable and the total amount of the time spent on the tasks after October 31, 2018 is reasonable.
- 7. The invoices at confidential Exhibit B reflect time for Campbell McGinnis (at a rate of \$500.00 per hour), Carl Galant (at a rate of \$400 \$415.00 per hour), Travis Vickery (at a rate of \$400 per hour), and Brytne Kitchin (at a rate of \$235.00 per hour), as the primary attorneys who worked on Golden Spread's TCOS filing in Docket No. 48500 after October 31, 2018.

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- 8. Campbell McGinnis graduated from law school in 1975 and began representing electric cooperatives before the PUC in 1980. For the next 20 years, Mr. McGinnis was engaged full time in rate cases, most of it for electric cooperatives. Many of the rate cases involved representing electric cooperatives that needed rate relief as applicants. Other cases involved representing electric cooperatives as intervenors seeking to limit the wholesale rates of investor owned utilities. In 1991, Mr. McGinnis became general counsel for the Texas statewide association of electric cooperatives ("TEC"). As a part of restructuring the electric industry, he assisted the statewide association in lobbying the legislature and in developing rules for the ERCOT electric market in Texas. Additionally, he prepared comments for and participated in the development of numerous rules of the PUC, many of which affected electric utility rates and tariffs, including rates and tariffs for transmission service in ERCOT. After restructuring of the electric industry, Mr. McGinnis continued his representation of electric cooperatives in unbundled cost of service proceedings and ERCOT TCOS proceedings. In total, at the time of Docket No. 48500, Mr. McGinnis had 37 years of experience in electric utility rate cases before the PUC.
- 9. Travis Vickery is now a partner at McGinnis Lochridge LLP. He graduated from the University of Texas Law School in 1995. He has practiced for over 26 years, including 14 years as an Administrative Law Judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings ("SOAH") on the utility team. During his time at SOAH, he was involved in administrative and regulatory practice, including many cases referred by the PUC to SOAH, such as electric utility rate cases, fuel reconciliations, and CCNs, among other matters. He joined McGinnis Lochridge in 2018 as Of Counsel.
- 10. Brytne Kitchin graduated from the University of Texas Law School in 2015, and thereafter worked as a law clerk for the Honorable Jeff Brown, Texas Supreme Court, from 2015–2016, before joining McGinnis Lochridge LLP. While at McGinnis Lochridge LLP, Ms. Kitchin worked in the areas of civil and administrative litigation and regulatory matters, including representation of electric cooperatives and assisting on rate and CCN cases before the PUC.
- 11. I am generally familiar with what other attorneys with comparable experience charge for the type of work involved in a proceeding before the PUC. The hourly rates charged by the attorneys with my firm contained in the invoices are within the range of what others with comparable experience and expertise charge on an hourly basis. The hourly rates described above are well within the range of hourly rates for lawyers of similar skill and experience in Texas,

including Travis County. The rates charged were: (1) the normal billing rates charged by the attorneys and legal assistants involved at that time, and (2) comparable to the hourly rates charged by other attorneys and legal assistants for similar services provided to other Texas utilities. In my opinion, the rates for the respective level of experience of the attorneys involved are reasonable and customary for the services provided.

- 12. The total legal fees paid by Golden Spread in Docket No. 48500 for services rendered by McGinnis Lochridge LLP after October 31, 2018 is \$28,699.00. In my opinion, given the level of complexity of the proceeding and the issues involved, the tasks performed, the amount of time spent on those tasks, and the hourly rates charged, this amount was reasonable and necessary to prosecute Golden Spread's application in Docket No. 48500.
- 13. The expenses shown in my firm's invoices to Golden Spread include costs for delivery and messenger services for filings at the PUC, postage costs for service, copy costs, and a meal for Golden Spread attendees at the settlement conference in Docket No. 48500. In my opinion, the charges for expenses incurred after October 31, 2018 in the amount of \$156.25 reflected in confidential Exhibit B were reasonably incurred and necessary to prosecute Golden Spread's application in Docket No. 48500.

Rate Consultant Fees and Expenses

- 14. Golden Spread also hired consulting firm Guernsey to assist in preparing and supporting the TCOS filing package and application in Docket No. 48500. As Golden Spread's legal counsel, I am familiar with the work conducted by Guernsey in Docket No. 48500.
- Attached as confidential Exhibit C is a single, monthly invoice reflecting rate case expenses charged to Golden Spread by Guernsey after October 31, 2018, in the total amount of \$14,720, which includes \$641.08 in associated expenses. This invoice has been paid by Golden Spread. I have reviewed Guernsey's invoice to Golden Spread and confirmed that it reflects work performed related to Golden Spread's TCOS application in Docket No. 48500. Guernsey's invoices do not contain any duplicate charges or charges that should have been invoiced in another matter. No single person billed more than 7 hours in one day, except for one entry for Francesca Winter that involved preparation for, and time for round trip travel from Oklahoma City to Austin for, the settlement conference in Docket No. 48500. Exhibit C is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

- 16. Confidential Exhibit C reflects the rates and hourly charges and a description of worked performed by Guernsey for consulting services associated with Docket No. 48500 and billed after October 31, 2018. The consulting work performed included communications with Golden Spread and its representatives regarding the TCOS filing and settlement negotiations; preparation of testimony and schedules, including revised testimony, calculations, and schedules based on settlement; evaluation of settlement proposals and adjustments; and preparation for and participation in the settlement conference and continued negotiations. All this work was necessary to prosecute Golden Spread's TCOS application in Docket No. 48500. Guernsey spent a total of 72.5 hours on these tasks. Given the tasks performed, the level of complexity of the proceeding, and the issues involved, it is my opinion the time spent by Guernsey for the various tasks was reasonable and necessary, and the total of the time spent by Guernsey in supporting Golden Spread's TCOS application as reflected in the invoice submitted after October 31, 2018, was reasonable and necessary.
- 17. The Guernsey invoices reflect time for work completed by Francesca Winter, Judy Lambert, Carl Stover, and David W. Hendrick, as consultants who worked on matters directly related to Golden Spread's TCOS proceeding in Docket No. 48500.
- 18. Francesca Winter, then a consultant at Guernsey, performed the majority of work on behalf of Golden Spread in Docket No. 48500. Ms. Winter obtained a BS in Electrical Engineering from Oklahoma State University in 1999, and an MBA from Oklahoma Christian University in 2004. While at Guernsey, Ms. Winter specialized in the development of revenue requirements, cost of service studies, accounting issues, rate design, and financial forecasts for electric, water, and wastewater utility systems. She worked extensively with cooperatives in the development of wholesale transmission revenue requirements. She joined Guernsey in 2011, after seven years at OGE Energy Corporation.
- 19. At the time of Docket No. 48500, Judy Lambert was a Managing Consultant at Guernsey with 45 years of experience in rate analysis, rate design, cost of service studies, and rate proceedings before state regulatory agencies, primarily on behalf of electric cooperatives. She obtained her BS from Oklahoma State University in 1971 and her MBA from Oklahoma City University in 1979. Ms. Lambert has testified before the regulatory commissions in the states of Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wyoming.

- 20. Carl Stover, then a principal at Guernsey, has provided consulting services to cooperatives and municipal systems for over 50 years. He obtained a BS in Electrical Engineering in 1963, and an MS in Industrial Engineering in 1969, both from the University of Oklahoma. He is a licensed professional engineer specializing in retail and wholesale rate analyses, strategic planning, financial analysis and forecasting, power supply planning, power supply contract negotiation, purchase power agreements, and training for utility clients. He has extensive experience appearing and providing testimony in rate proceedings before regulatory bodies, including in Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, Wyoming and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- 21. David Hedrick, a principal and Executive Vice President at Guernsey, has over 30 years of consulting experience in the utility industry. He obtained his BS in Mathematics from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1986 and his MBA from Oklahoma City University in 1993. Mr. Hedrick specializes in the development of revenue requirements, cost of service, accounting issues, rate design, and financial forecasts for electric, water, and wastewater utility systems. He is responsible for the preparation of rate filings and has presented expert testimony before state regulatory bodies, including Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming. Mr. Hedrick has assisted in the negotiation of bulk power supply tariffs and development of bulk power supply tariffs for joint municipal action agencies. He was instrumental in the development of the CoOPTIONS family of computer software for use in unbundled utility cost of service studies and financial forecasting.
- 22. The rates charged by these consultants ranged from \$180 to \$280 per hour and were: (1) the normal hourly billing rates charged by the consultants and staff involved at the time, and (2) comparable to the hourly rates charged by other consultants and staff for similar services provided to other Texas utilities. Given my work in TCOS cases of this type and other proceedings before the PUC, I am familiar with what other consultants with comparable experience charge for the type of work involved in the preparation and prosecution of a proceeding before the PUC. I am also familiar with the type of work and time required in TCOS proceedings of this type. The hourly rates charged by the consultants with Guernsey contained in the invoice are within the range of hourly rates charged by others with comparable experience and expertise.
- 23. In my opinion, given the level of complexity of the proceeding and the issues involved, the tasks performed, the amount of time spent on those tasks, and the hourly rates

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charged, the amount of the charges for Guernsey's services reflected in confidential Exhibit C were reasonable and necessary and directly related to the prosecution of Golden Spread's TCOS application in Docket No. 48500.

24. Confidential Exhibit C also reflects \$641.08 in expenses associated with Francesca Winter's airfare, parking, and transportation for round trip travel from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Austin, Texas for the settlement conference held in Docket No. 48500 on November 8, 2018. These expenses were reasonable and necessary and directly related to the prosecution and resolution of Docket No. 48500.

Golden Spread Expenses

- 25. Golden Spread employees participated in the preparation, support, and prosecution of its TCOS application in Docket No. 48500. Exhibit D contains true and correct copies of invoices and receipts for expenses incurred by Golden Spread employees after October 31, 2018 for travel, lodging, and meals associated with participating in the settlement conference and the open meeting associated with Docket No. 48500. These expenses total \$1,211.38.
- 26. Based upon my review of the receipts or statements, these expenses reflect actual costs incurred by Golden Spread employees associated with Docket No. 48500. They do not include any wages, salary, or benefits for employees, nor any overhead. They do not include any luxury items, such as first class or business class airfare, premium car service, or sporting events or other entertainment. Meal expenses were reasonable on a cost per person basis. Employees stayed in standard rooms at Courtyard Marriot hotels in Austin, TX, and used taxi service or regular rental car service for out-of-town transportation. The expenses do not include any costs that were included in another component of cost of service or were otherwise reimbursed or should have been directly assigned to other functions. These expenses were reasonable and necessary and directly related to the prosecution and resolution of Docket No. 48500.

Conclusion

27. Based on the foregoing, Golden Spread's total rate case expenses, including attorneys' fees and consulting fees, incurred and paid after October 31, 2018 associated with Docket No. 48500 is \$44,786.63. Based on my training, experience, the nature of the case, and the services provided, I opine that the amount of attorneys' fees, consulting fees, and expenses incurred by Golden Spread after October 31, 2018 and described herein are reasonable and necessary in connection with Golden Spread's application to change its ERCOT TCOS and Docket No. 52828

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wholesale transmission rates in Docket No. 48500, and the work performed and expenses incurred was made necessary by the PUC's TCOS filing requirements as stated in 16 Texas Administrative Code § 25.192 and the Non-Investor Owned Utility TCOS Rate Filing Package.

Carl R. Galant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, in and for the State of Texas, this 18th day of January, 2022.



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EXHIBIT A TO AFFIDAVIT OF CARL R. GALANT CONCERNING RATE CASE EXPENSES IN DOCKET NO. 48500

Summary of Rate Case Expenses Incurred and Paid by Golden Spread after October 31, 2018

Date -	Vendor/Description	▼ Discipline	Fees	Expense *	Amount 👻
12/31/2018	jeichelmann-Business Meals (Attendees)-TCOS Settlement Co	nf GSEC Staff		26.88	26.88
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12/31/2018	mlowe-Hotel-TCOS Settlement Conf	GSEC Staff	1	189.00	189.00
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5/21/2019	MCGINNIS LOCHRIDGE	Legal	5,243.00	24.40	5,267.40
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EXHIBIT B (CONF)
TO AFFIDAVIT OF CARL R. GALANT
CONCERNING RATE CASE EXPENSES IN DOCKET NO. 48500

Monthly Invoices from McGinnis Lochridge LLP to Golden Spread

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EXHIBIT C (CONF) TO AFFIDAVIT OF CARL R. GALANT CONCERNING RATE CASE EXPENSES IN DOCKET NO. 48500

Monthly Invoice from Guernsey to Golden Spread

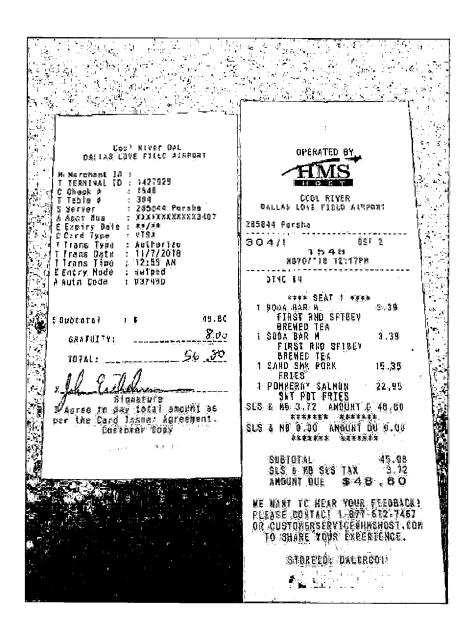
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Statements and Receipts Supporting Golden Spread's Expenses





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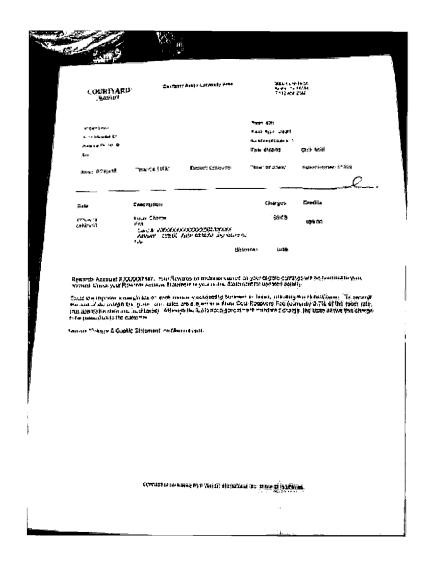
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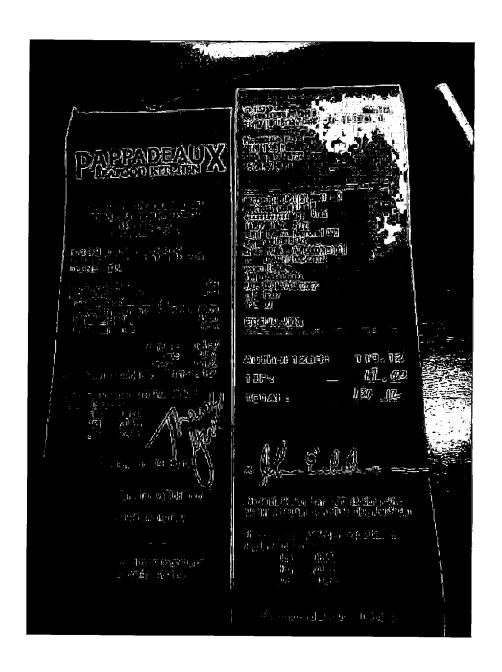
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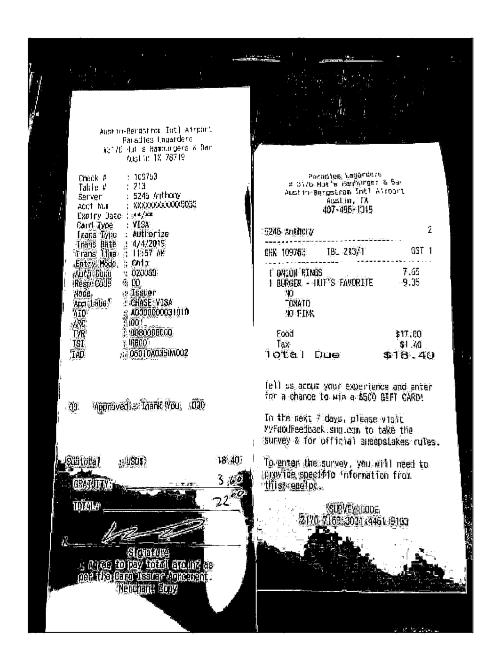
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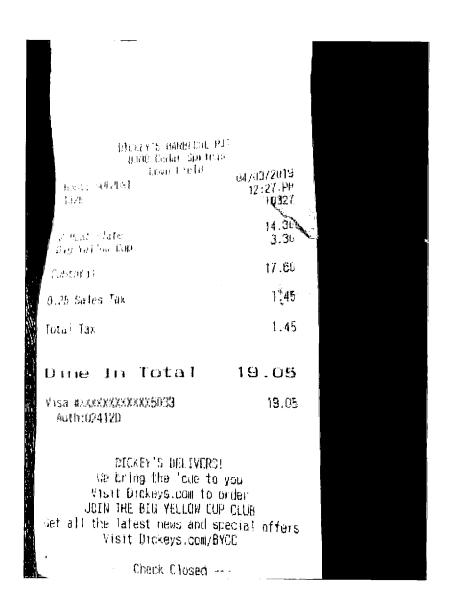
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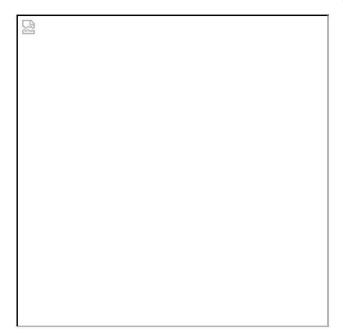
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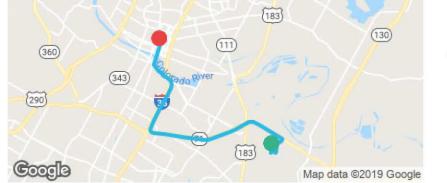
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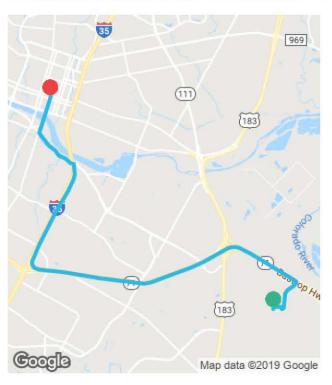
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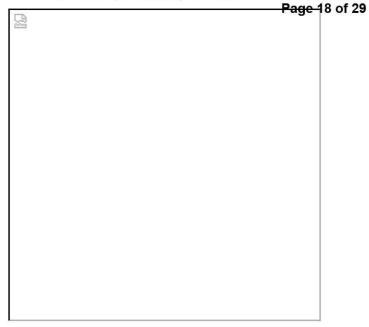
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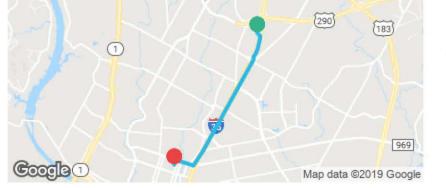
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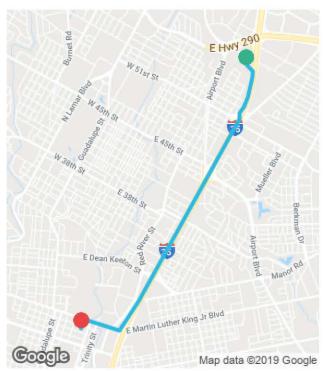
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From: M Lowe <loweridder@yahoo.com> Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2019 12:01:50 PM

To: Matt Lowe

Subject: Fwd: Your Thursday morning trip with Uber

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Uber Receipts" <uber.us@uber.com>
Date: April 4, 2019 at 10:44:27 AM CDT

To: <loweridder@yahoo.com>

Subject: Your Thursday morning trip with Uber

Total: \$20.45 Thu, Apr 04, 2019

Thanks for riding, Matt

We hope you enjoyed your ride this morning.



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Total \$20.45

Trip Fare \$16.10

Subtotal \$16.10



VISA

••• 5033 Switch

\$20.45

A temporary hold of \$20.45 was placed on your payment method •••• 5033 at the start of the trip. This is not a charge and has or will be removed. It should disappear from your bank statement shortly. Learn More

You rode with Aslam





5.0 * Rating

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Great Conversation

How was your ride?



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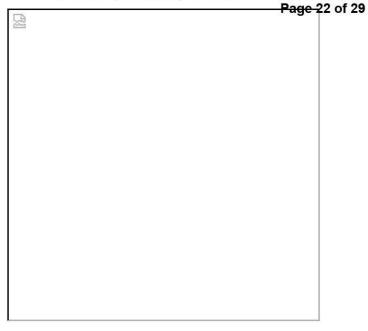
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Austin, TX

10:44am

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Barbara Jordan Terminal, Austin, TX





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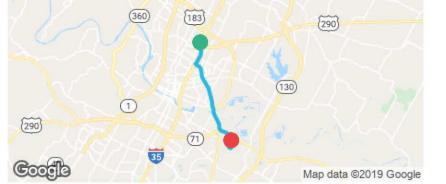
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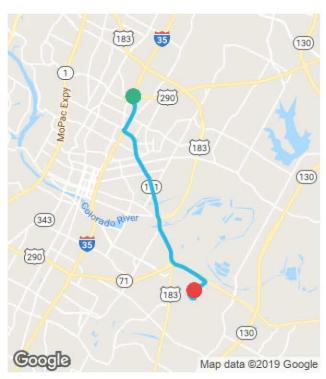
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From: Matt Lowe

Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 4:17:58 PM

To: Ashley Fuston

Subject: FW: Robert M Lowe's 04/03 Austin trip (UYO3W9): Your reservation is confirmed.

From: Southwest Airlines <southwestairlines@ifly.southwest.com>

Sent: Saturday, March 23, 2019 3:50 PM **To:** Matt Lowe < MLowe@gsec.coop>

Subject: Robert M Lowe's 04/03 Austin trip (UYO3W9): Your reservation is confirmed.

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Hi Robert M,

We're looking forward to flying together! It can't come soon enough. Below you'll find your itinerary, important travel information, and trip receipt. See you onboard soon!

APRIL 3 - APRIL 4



Amarillo to Austin

Confirmation # UYO3W9

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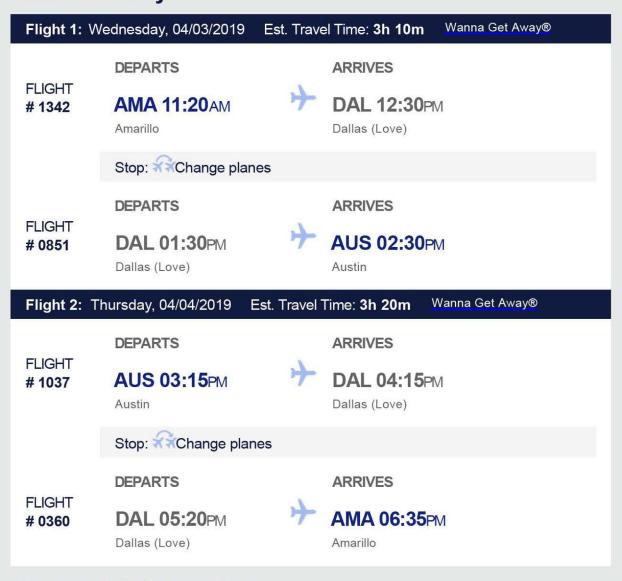
TICKET# 5262455414493

EXPIRATION¹ March 22, 2020

EST. POINTS EARNED 2,870

Rapid Rewards® points are only estimations.

Your itinerary



Payment information

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Φ.	470.44	Visa ending in 5033 Date: March 23, 2019
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\$	35.86	Payment Amount: \$560.00
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Fare Rules: If you decide to make a change to your current itinerary it may result in a fare increase. In the case you're left with tra Rage 26 of 29 funds from this confirmation number, you're in luck! We're happy to let you use them towards a future flight for the individual named on the ticket, as long as the new travel is completed by the expiration date.

Your ticket number: 5262455414493

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Arrive: 03Apr19

Time: 08:14PM

Room: 317

Room Type: QNQN Number of Guests: 1

Rate: \$147.00

Time: 07:26AM

Clerk: MLH

Folio Number: 70932

DATE	DESCRIPTION	CHARGES	CREDITS
 20Mar19	Advance Deposit		170.24
03Apr19	Room Charge	147.00	
04Apr19	Visa	23.24	
·		Card #: VIXXXXXXXXXXXX5033/XXXX	

Depart: 04Apr19

ard #: VIXXXXXXXXXXXXX5033/XXXX Amount: 23.24- Signature on File

BALANCE: 0.00

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Please provide Golden Spread's calculation of its requested property tax expense including the rationale for any underlying assumptions used in the calculation.

RESPONSE:

The amount requested as property tax expense is the sum of Golden Spread's property tax invoices for 2020.

Preparer: Melanie Hall Sponsor: John Simpsen

Reference WP/D-2/2. Please provide the composition of the "Remainder" expenses as listed in FERC Account 921. Please explain how the expenses benefitted Golden Spread and whether the expenses are recurring.

RESPONSE:

Description	Amount	Recurring
Dues & Subscriptions	88,627.56	Υ
Office & Computer supplies/equipment/maintenance	251,326.70	Υ
Rating Agency Fees	145,000.00	Υ
Seminars and Training	36,710.24	Υ
Telephone (including cellular) equipment/service	186,224.04	Υ
Travel and meals	83,910.40	_ Y

Total "Remainder" for FERC 921 \$791,798.94

The above-listed categories of expenses, and the expenses themselves, are reasonable and necessary to Golden Spread in providing wholesale transmission service, and are expenses customarily incurred by electric cooperatives and other businesses. Dues, subscriptions, seminars, and training are used for education and training of staff and board members, to stay apprised of market developments, and to meaningfully participate with organizations in the industry. Office and computer supplies and equipment are used to perform virtually all tasks in the operation of the cooperative. Rating agency fees are reasonable and necessary to rate debt, remain in the debt market, and obtain financing. Telephone equipment and services are used for communication with and among staff, the board, members, vendors, consultants, and regulators, among others. Travel and meal expenses are incurred to visit members, vendors, and facilities and to otherwise operate the business.

Preparer: Melanie Hall Sponsor: John Simpsen

Reference WP/D-2/2. Please provide the composition of the \$336,490.80 adjustment to FERC Account 926 by component.

RESPONSE:

See Golden Spread Response to Staff RFI 2-18, Attachment 1 (CONF).

This response contains confidential information provided by separate attachment pursuant to the protective order in this case.

Preparer: Melanie Hall, Katherine Diaz

Sponsor: John Simpsen

Reference Staff 2-18. Please provide a description of each non-wage benefit paid to employees and the classification or level of employee to which the benefit is applicable.

RESPONSE:

See Golden Spread Response to Staff RFI 2-19, Attachment 1 (CONF).

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Preparer: Katherine Diaz Sponsor: John Simpsen

Please provide Golden Spread's method of funding the benefits described in Staff 2-19 (self-insurance or outside carrier). If the benefit is funded by self-insurance, please provide the amount of claims paid each month during the test year. If the benefit is funded primarily by monthly premium payments to an outside insurance carrier, provide 1) a schedule detailing the monthly premium paid for all months during the test year, and 2) copies of premium billings for all months during the test year or a copy of the policy which details the monthly premium(s).

RESPONSE:

See Golden Spread Response to Staff RFI 2-20, Attachment 1 (CONF) and Attachment 2 (CONF).

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Preparer: Katherine Diaz Sponsor: John Simpsen

Please provide copies of Golden Spread's deferred compensation plans and policies.

RESPONSE:

See Golden Spread Response to Staff RFI 2-21, Attachment 1 (CONF).

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Preparer: Katherine Diaz Sponsor: John Simpsen