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Honorable Rachelle Nicolette Robles  
Honorable Christiaan Siano  
State Office of Administrative Hearings  
300 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 504  
Austin, TX 78701

**RE: SOAH Docket No. 473-22-04394, PUC Docket No. 53719 – *Application of Entergy Texas, Inc. for Authority to Change Rates***

Dear Judges Robles and Siano:

Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) submits this letter addressing the policy issue underlying Preliminary Order Issue Nos. 68 and 69.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, SWEPCO agrees with Entergy Texas, Inc. (ETI)—as well as the two other non-ERCOT utilities, Southwestern Public Service Company and El Paso Electric Company—that the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) should find that vertically integrated utilities are not prohibited from owning electric vehicle (EV) charging facilities or other transportation electrification and charging infrastructure.<sup>2</sup> SWEPCO believes that there exists a need for the development of EV-charging infrastructure. To that end, allowing vertically integrated utilities to own and/or operate EV charging stations, if they choose, would not preclude ownership by non-utilities and would allow the market and the industry the most flexibility in order to meet the needs of the customers.

Regards,

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Peter Kimani  
Director Regulatory Services  
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<sup>1</sup> SWEPCO is a fully integrated electric utility serving retail and wholesale customers in Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

<sup>2</sup> SWEPCO does not take a position on whether the Commission should approve ETI's requested EV-related riders.