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Subject: Intervenor Initial Brief

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I. INTRODUCTION

On July 23, 2024, the administrative law judge (ALJ) ordered to submit all Initial Brief by August 9, 2024. On August 12, 2024 the Intervenor requested an extension to August 16, 2024. Per the instructions provided by the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) administrative law judge (ALJ) after the extension approval, the deadline for intervenors to file initial briefs is August 16, 2024. Therefore, this brief is timely filed.

II. ARGUMENT

My arguments against this Sale, Transfer, and Merger (STM) are:

Imposing TWU initial rates will unjustly burden all of us customers with an outrageously high tariff (100% increase from today to tomorrow).

Public interest, just and reasonable must be taken seriously. This is a strain on all of us who are "trying" to make ends meet. We feel like our rights are being taken from us

by a large corporation. Does this sound just and reasonable, to you, by imposing TWU tariff on us? What is the benefit of this STM? Just because SHDI wants to sell should not give TWU a right to impose their initial rates on us or future STMs.

Our subdivisions are struggling, as it is, to pay their bills now. Conversations on our community website reflect all their concerns on this STM. A large population of our subdivisions are low income, retired, veterans, and or of Hispanic descent and have little or no idea what this STM is all about (hence the low intervenor participation). No money for legal representation, time, or stamina to go through this grueling intervenor process.

An STM with TWU initial rate would be devastating. Existing rates should remain to alleviate further strain and burden on us customers.

If the intervenor process would have been on a petition basis, I know for a fact, the participation rate would have reflected a greater number of customers from our subdivision.

III. CONCLUSION

I have been living in Southern Crossing for 22 years and seen how we all are struggling to survive. Helping others when I can and assisting them with information on the community website. This STM is not in the public interest and should not go forward unless our current SHDI existing rates stay.

Respectfully submitted,

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Intervenor