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APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR	§	
WAIVER OF RATE FILING PACKAGE	§	OF TEXAS
SCHEDULE S	§	

**COMMISSION STAFF’S COMMENTS ON THE APPLICATION,
RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE, AND COMMENTS ON PROPOSED
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On April 8, 2025, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) filed an application for a waiver of the requirement of 16 Texas Administrative Code § 22.243(b) to file a rate filing package and supporting workpapers as required by the Commission’s current rate filing package at the time it files a statement of intent. SWEPCO specially requests a waiver of the requirement required by Schedule S - Independent Audit of Application and perform the related audit required by Schedule S as part of its base rate change application.

On April 10, 2025, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 1, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file comments on the application, a recommendation regarding notice, and comments on SWEPCO’s proposed procedural schedule by April 24, 2025. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. COMMENTS ON APPLICATION

Staff recommends that the application be found administratively complete. This recommendation does not address the merits of the application.

II. SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

Because the Commission’s rules do not specify the notice to be given in this type of proceeding, notice is governed by 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.55. Under 16 TAC § 22.55, a “presiding officer may require a party to provide reasonable notice to affected persons.” In its application, SWEPCO proposed that reasonable notice to affected persons would be accomplished by serving a copy of this request on the parties to SWEPCO’s last rate proceeding,

Docket No. 51415.¹ Staff has reviewed the proposal and recommends that SWEPCO's proposed notice is reasonable.

III. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

In its application, SWEPCO proposed a procedural schedule for the continued processing of this application.² Staff agrees with this schedule.

IV. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully recommends that SWEPCO's application be found administratively complete and SWEPCO's proposed notice is reasonable. Additionally, Staff agrees with SWEPCO's proposed procedural schedule. Staff requests the filing of an order consistent with this recommendation.

Dated: April 24, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ *Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company for Authority to Change Rates*, Docket No. 51415 (Jan. 14, 2022).

² *Southwestern Electric Power Company's Request for Waiver of Rate Filing Package Schedule S in its Next Base Rate Application at 5* (Apr. 8, 2025).

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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 24, 2024, in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ David Berlin
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