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Mr. John Bethel, Executive Director  
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**RE: Docket No. 13-041-U - Shipe Road – Kings River 345-kV Project**

Dear Mr. Bethel:

I have been contacted by a number of constituents in the City of Garfield, Arkansas, whose property may be effected by SWEPCO's new transmission line. On behalf of the City of Garfield and many of my constituents in the area, I would like to request that Proposed Route #33 not be adopted for the Shipe Road – Kings River 345-kV Project.

Route #33 cuts directly through the middle of the City of Garfield, and it would be hard to find anything that could cause greater damage to the economic and social health of this community. It is my understanding that several other routes for the Shipe Road – Kings River 345-kV Project have been proposed. Proposed routes #62, #86, #91, and #109 all pass through this area of the state without bisecting the City of Garfield, and I think they would be preferable to Route #33.

As such, I would like to request that SWEPCO's proposal to use route #33 not be adopt in favor of another of the proposed routes.

Sincerely,

Duncan Baird  
State Representative  
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