

RESOLUTION NO. 618

SECRETARY OF COMM.

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED SWEPCO 345kV TRANSMISSION LINES LOCATED IN THE EUREKA SPRINGS AREA

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WHEREAS, the tourism based economy of Eureka Springs generates approximately \$130 million dollars a year; and

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WHEREAS, the tax revenue generated by the economy of Eureka Springs is significant to our schools and the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the following significant tourism assets of Eureka Springs and its environs are threatened by the encroachment of SWEPCO's proposed 345kV transmission lines

- * Highway 62, the main entry point to Eureka Springs
- * Thorncrowne Chapel, an internationally acclaimed architectural masterpiece
- * Spring Street, one of the top ten streets in America
- * Lake Leatherwood Park, one of the largest city parks in the United States
- * The Beaver Bridge, referred to as The Golden Gate of the Ozarks
- * Beaver Lake, a pristine recreational facility
- * Inspiration Point, an historic view of the White River Valley
- * The Great Passion Play, viewed by 7,000,000 visitors
- * Pea Ridge Battlefield, site of the largest battle west of the Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Eureka Springs has determined that placement of 345kV transmission lines in view of the above mentioned significant tourism assets will negatively impact the tourism income of the City and its businesses and those in the surrounding area.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPPOSES THE TRANSMISSION LINES IN THE EUREKA SPRINGS AREA. PASSED AND RESOLVED THIS 30th DAY OF APRIL, 2013.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Morris Pate, Mayor


Ann Armstrong, City Clerk/Treasurer

All voted "Aye" - James DeVito, Joyce Zeller, Dee Purkeypile, Mickey Schneider, David Mitchell and Terry McClung