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RE: *Shipe Road-Kings River 345-kV Project*

Eureka Springs Hospital is a small community hospital serving Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and surrounding areas. We are deeply concerned with the potential health and economic effects of the proposed high voltage lines SWEPCO intends to erect across this region.

These proposed lines fall near homes, businesses, and tourist attractions that provide the majority of the income in this area. The City of Eureka Springs and surrounding area is largely dependent on the tourist industry for survival.

Scientific evidence indicates that children under the age of 15 living within .6 miles of a high transmission line have twice the risk of developing leukemia. Pesticides used under the lines are a threat to the watershed as well, considering the proximity to Beaver Lake and the White River. Further, we feel that the need for these lines is based on population growth studies which are no longer relevant due to economic changes within the community.

We strongly urge that SWEPCO's plans to extend these lines over a scenic and populated area be reconsidered.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Bariola".

Chris Bariola, MBA CEO
Eureka Springs Hospital LLC