

**DATE:** Monday, May 20, 2013

**TO:** Arkansas Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 400  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0400

**FROM:** The Quorum Court of Carroll County, AR

**RE:** A Resolution:

SECRETARY OF COMMISSION

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN  
ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR  
THE CONSTRUCTION OWNERSHIP, OPERATION AND  
MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPOSED 345 KV TRANSMISSION  
LINE BETWEEN THE SHIPE ROAD STATION AND THE  
PROPOSED KINGS RIVER STATION AND ASSOCIATED  
FACILITIES TO BE LOCATED IN BENTON, CARROLL AND/OR  
MADISON AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES, ARKANSAS**

**Docket No.: 13-041-U**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013- 2**

Be it resolved by the Quorum Court of Carroll County, State of Arkansas a Resolution to be entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SWEPSCO'S APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TRANSMISSION FACILITIES IN BENTON AND CARROLL COUNTIES, INCLUDING A 345 kV TRANSMISSION LINE APPROXIMATELY 48 MILES IN LENGTH THAT WILL ORIGINATE NEAR CENTERTON, BENTON COUNTY AND TERMINATE AT A PROPOSED STATION TO BE CONSTRUCTED NORTHWEST OF BERRYVILLE IN CARROLL COUNTY.**

**WHEREAS**, since SWEPSCO filed its application with the Arkansas Public Service Commission (PSC) on April 3, 2013, several thousands of objections to the proposed project have been filed with the PSC, including the Cities of Bentonville, Cave Springs, Eureka Springs, Garfield, Gateway, Springdale; the Town of Beaver; the Arkansas Department of Health; State Senator Cecile Bledsoe; State Representatives Duncan Baird and Jim Dotson; and the Wal-Mart Corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a preferred route and five alternatives, five (including the preferred route) which travel mainly through western Carroll County, impacting such popular attractions as the Pea Ridge National Military Park, Thorncrown Chapel, the Inspiration Point Observation area, the historic Beaver Bridge, the White River, the City of Eureka Springs and Lake Leatherwood Park, the Great Passion Play and the Silver Wings Air Field; and

**WHEREAS**, all of the proposed routes will terminate in Carroll County at the proposed Kings River station on Highway 143 just north of the Intersection with Highway 62; and

**WHEREAS**, all of the proposed routes will impact owners of parcels of pristine wilderness, homesteads and farmland (some of which is and has been maintained for organic farming), many of which will be bisected by the proposed 150 foot wide easements, the use of herbicides to keep those areas clear and the 100 to 150 foot tall towers carrying high voltage lines that are known to emit a constant humming sound; and

**WHEREAS**, this project affects the viability of the White River as America's second National Blueway designee, chosen by Secretary of the Interior Salazar in 2012, in recognition of it being a river that is "being protected and restored through diverse stakeholder partnerships"; and

**WHEREAS**, this project will have a major impact on the natural beauty of the county in and around Eureka Springs, Holiday Island and the Town of Beaver, something that is a primary reason why people come here to visit and to move; and

**WHEREAS**, there is great potential to this loss of natural beauty impacting the economic engine of the area, an engine that, in 2012 alone, generated sales in Eureka Springs of over \$94 million dollars, resulting in over \$450 thousand dollars in sales tax revenue to the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the sales tax impact to the County will be even greater when the areas outside of the Eureka Springs city limits are accounted for; and

**WHEREAS**, the Quorum Court for Carroll County, Arkansas, has determined that the placement of any of the 345kV transmission lines as proposed by the SWEPCO application will negatively impact the residents and businesses of Carroll County as well the tourism industry which is a major player in the economic viability of this area.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Quorum Court of Carroll County, Arkansas, opposes the application filed by SWEPCO, formally recorded with the PSC as Docket 13-041-U, for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction of New Transmission Facilities in Benton and Carroll Counties.

**THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN REGULAR SESSION** May 17, 2013.

Saml L. Barr  
SAML L. BARR  
CARROLL COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: Jamie Correia  
JAMIE CORREIA  
CARROLL COUNTY CLERK

DATE APPROVED: 05-17-2013

SPONSOR: LAMONT RICHIE