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July 29, 2013

Mr. John P. Bethel, Executive Director
Arkansas Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 400
1000 Center Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

RE: Docket #13-041-U

Dear Mr. Bethel:

We write regarding Docket #13-041-U, SWEPSCO's application for the Shipe Road-Kings River 345-kV Project. We have received feedback on this issue from numerous entities and are deeply concerned about the outcomes should this application be approved. Areas of concern include the impact on local landowners and our state's tourism industry, in addition to the overall economic impact.

We respectfully ask the Public Service Commission to carefully study this issue for the period of at least one year before reaching a decision. The implications of this application are far-reaching, and we believe a one-year period will allow for full consideration. We welcome your feedback on this request and hope you will feel free to contact us. Thank you for your time and attention in this matter. We appreciate everything you do on behalf of the State of Arkansas.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Cecile Bledsoe in black ink.

Senator Cecile Bledsoe
State Senator
District 3

Handwritten signature of Bryan King in black ink.

Senator Bryan King
State Senator
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cc: Ms. Colette Honorable, Chairman
Mr. Olan Reeves, Commissioner
Ms. Elana Willis, Commissioner

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