

THE TOWN OF BEAVER
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Mayor
Mary V. Hill
Recorder/Treasurer
(Currently Vacant)

August 5, 2013

Arkansas Public Service Commission
PO Box 400
Little Rock, AR 72203-0400

Re: DKT. 13-041-U - SWEPSCO Shipe Road 345 KV Line Application

Honorable PSC Commissioners:

The town of Beaver opposes the SWEPSCO application.

The town of Beaver has seen no evidence the proposed transmission line satisfies a real present or future need that could not better be supplied with distributive wind or solar sources, nor that any of the proposed routes satisfy the National Environmental Protection Act's requirements.

The town of Beaver thinks that any benefits from the proposed transmission line are outweighed by the environmental, cultural and business losses to this region. We are particularly disturbed by the cavalier proposal to introduce defoliant and other pollutants regularly to the Federal waters of the White River watershed. We think those pollutants will seriously degrade the quality of the White River, including all its pendent lakes and reservoirs, as well as the subsoil waters upon which thousands of people in this area and downstream -- including families and businesses in the Little Rock area -- depend for their daily drinking water.

Accordingly, the town of Beaver urges the Public Service Commissioners to disapprove this application in its entirety.

Sincerely,

Mary V. Hill
Mayor, Town of Beaver