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Arkansas Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 400
Little Rock, AR 72203-0400
Re: Southwestern Electric Power Company

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to share my thoughts and concerns as related to the proposed power line route, specifically Route 108. As the Superintendent of Bentonville Public Schools, I ask that you consider the following factors.

- This route is of concern to our school district as we currently have over 3,000 students in this area.
- The distance between the proposed location of Route 108 and our four current schools, located in the SW region of our school district and on or near Bright Field Road, is less than a 1,000 feet in some areas.
- Land that we own in this area for future growth would border this route. An easement of this proposed line could potentially prohibit the full development of our property. Future growth of school age population could see an additional 1,000 students in this area.

Route 108 looks like the only Southern route being considered. We hope that other options are considered and acted on before Route 108 is used to solve the need for additional power lines. Shipe Road-Kings River 345-kV Transmission Project is a vital need but we hope that you will give consideration to how many children could be adversely impacted by the southern route.

Sincerely,



Michael Alan Poore
Superintendent Bentonville Public Schools