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Michael Sappington
Secretary of the Commission
Arkansas Public Service Commission
1000 Center Street
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Re: APSC Docket 13-041-U

Dear Secretary Sappington:

In response to Order No. 36, SWEPCO representatives met with representatives of Southwest Power Pool (SPP) to discuss the protocol and timetable for complying with the Commission's request for "more recent, comprehensive evidence on whether the proposed 345 kV project is needed, whether transmission requirements in the region might be met by alternative options, such as expanding, upgrading, or building lower capacity facilities, including 161 kV lines, and if not why not, the comparative costs associated with the options, the environmental impact of the options, and the long term sufficiency of the options."

SPP intends to inform its stakeholders of the evaluation requested by the Commission. SPP will share a general study approach with its stakeholders and offer opportunities for their involvement in the process. SPP intends to conduct the requested evaluation in parallel with its Integrated Transmission Plan (ITP) process for 2015 which SPP believes will best achieve the comprehensive study results ordered by the Commission. The ITP process follows a regular and routine timetable that will be concluded in January 2015. Thus, SPP anticipates that the comprehensive evaluation requested by the Commission will be complete at the end of January 2015.

Order 36 indicated that the Commission will issue a separate order to "set a procedural schedule for additional testimony and hearings[]" in this docket. Given the lapse of time between now and when the SPP study process will be completed, SWEPCO hereby commits to file an official Notice of Completion of the SPP evaluation in the docket within seven days of SPP's presentation of final study results. With the Commission's permission, after the SPP process is completed, SWEPCO and the other parties to this Docket with the direction of the General Staff could work with all parties to agree upon a procedural

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schedule to propose to the Commission for the completion of the docket.

I am aware of the keen interest in this docket by all the potentially affected parties and wanted to let everyone know what the likely timetable for gathering and presenting a comprehensive evaluation would entail.

I am filing this letter with the Secretary of the Commission in order to be sure that all parties are apprised of the time frame for the presentation of any further evidence in this case.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure