BEFORE THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF SOUTWESTERN 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

PETITION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW, the City of Cave Springs, and for its Petition to Intervene in this proceeding pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §23-18-517, as amended, and Rule 3.04 of the Arkansas Public Service Commission (the "Commission")'s Rules of Practice and Procedure, states as follows:

- 1. On or about March 26, 2013, Southwestern Electric Power Company ("SWEPCO") filed its Notice of Filing of Application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need ("Notice of Filing") and sent a copy of same to the City of Cave Springs under cover letter from SWEPCO's counsel.
- 2. On or about April 3, 2013, SWEPCO filed its application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need ("CECPN") pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §2-1-501 et seq. and in compliance with Rule 7.08 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The City of Cave Springs would be impacted by Proposed Route 108 as shown on the map accompanying the application for the CECPN.
- 3. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §23-18-517, the City of Cave Springs should be granted intervener status in this matter, in that it has an interest that will be directly affected by

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the Commission's action, its interest will not be represented by other parties, and it has

petitioned the Commission for leave to intervene as a party within thirty (30) days after the date

given in the Notice as of the date of filing the application.

4. The City of Cave Springs is concerned with and may therefore address the

potential health and safety risks, the potential environmental impacts, and the potential adverse

effects upon its residents and businesses associated with the proposed 345 KV transmission line.

However, the City of Cave Springs has not yet had adequate time to identify or fully evaluate all

of these issues. Therefore, the City of Cave Springs wishes to preserve its rights to make

arguments and present evidence to preserve its interests. The City of Cave Springs may also

address other issues including the development and desirability of alternate routes, and whether

SWEPCO's evidence and testimony supports its asserted need for the transmission line in

question.

5. Pursuant to Rule 2.03 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the

following person should be notified of all correspondence and filings with the Commission as

representative for the City of Cave Springs:

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WHEREFORE, the City of Cave Springs respectfully prays that this Petition to Intervene

be granted and that it be provided notice of all further proceedings in this docket and a full

opportunity to participate in these proceedings, and for all other relief as may be appropriate

under the premises.

Respectfully Submitted, City of Cave Springs

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, R. Justin Eichmann, attorney for the City of Cave Springs, state that I have on this 2nd day of May, 2013, provided a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing instrument to all parties of record electronically, by first class mail or both.

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