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**ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY )  
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL )  
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR THE )  
CONSTRUCTION, OWNERSHIP, OPERATION AND )  
MAINTENANCE OF A COAL-FIRED BASELOAD )  
GENERATING FACILITY IN HEMPSTEAD COUNTY, )  
ARKANSAS )

**FILED**

DOCKET NO. 06-154-U

**NOTICE OF RECUSAL**

I, Commissioner Sandra L. Hochstetter, have recently accepted an offer of employment from the Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC). My resignation from the Arkansas Public Service Commission and assumption of my duties as Vice President, Strategic Affairs, for AECC will be effective sometime during the fall of this year. The exact date, yet to be determined, will be announced later.

As you know, AECC has publicly disclosed that it is involved in negotiations with SWEPCO that could lead to a 70 MW equity ownership by AECC in the coal plant proposed by SWEPCO in Docket No. 06-154-U. I have not been involved in those negotiations nor have I been involved in any other work on behalf of AECC. Nor will I perform any work for AECC until my resignation from the Commission is finalized.

My future employment with AECC would not affect my ability to decide this matter in a fair, objective and impartial manner. However, in the interest of full disclosure and to avoid any appearance of impropriety, I hereby recuse from further participation in this Docket.

This 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

*Sandra L. Hochstetter*

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