

**LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DIVISION**

**DOCKET NUMBER U-37794**

**SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, EX PARTE.**

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*In re: Application for authorization of a System Improvement Plan, including related rate recovery.*

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**REPORT OF INITIAL STATUS CONFERENCE**

A status conference was convened in this proceeding on January 20, 2026, before Louisiana Public Service Commission (“Commission”) Chief Administrative Law Judge Melanie Verzwuyvelt. Participating in the conference by telephone were: Bobby Gilliam, Chris Martel, Jonathan McCartney, and Etheldreda Smith on behalf of Southwestern Electric Power Company, ex parte (“SWEPCO”), and Alaina DiLaura on behalf of the Alliance for Affordable Energy. Participating in person was Arvind Viswanathan on behalf of the Commission Staff.

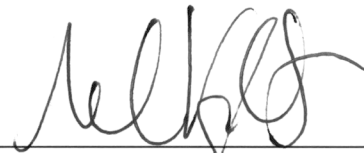
Mr. McCartney provided an overview of SWEPCO’s application, including SWEPCO’s request for expedited treatment. Mr. Viswanathan advised that the Commission Staff intended to seek a consultant at the Commission’s February 25, 2026 Business and Executive Session (“B&E”) and asked that a schedule not be set until a consultant is hired. The parties agreed that a second status conference would be scheduled after the February B&E. If the parties agree to a procedural schedule prior to the second status conference, they may file an unopposed motion to adopt the agreed-upon schedule and request cancellation of the status conference. Accordingly,

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a **status conference** has been set for **Friday, March 6, at 10:00 A.M.**, in the 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Galvez Building, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Parties can participate in the status conference either in-person or telephonically. For telephonic participation the following is the dial-in information:

**Call in Number:** 1-646-255-1997

**Access Code:** 288 316 3066

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.



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