VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Brandon Frey
Executive Secretary
Louisiana Public Service Commission
Galvez Building, 12th Floor
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Re: Docket No. U-35753: Cleco Power LLC and Southwestern Electric Power Company, ex parte. In re: Joint Application for: (I) Authorization to Close the Oxbow Mine; and (II) Authorization to Include and Defer Certain Accelerated Mine Closing Costs in Fuel and Related Ratemaking Treatments; (III) Review of Cleco Power and Southwestern Electric Power Decision to Retire Dolet Hills Power Station by December 31, 2021, Including Whether Such Decision was Prudent; and (IV) Related Rate Issues.

Dear Mr. Frey,

Enclosed for filing in the captioned docket is Cleco Power LLC’s (“Cleco Power”) and Southwestern Electric Power Company’s (“SWEPCO”) Joint Request for Oral Argument. Cleco Power and SWEPCO are requesting oral argument at the Commission’s Business and Executive Session when the Commission considers the Administrative Law Judge’s Final Recommendation in this docket. If you have any questions, or require any additional information whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have on this 8th day of February, 2024, served copies of the referenced filing upon all known parties to this proceeding by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, or by electronic mail.

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BEFORE THE
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SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY,
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JOINT REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Pursuant to Rule 56(a)(9) of the Rules of Practices and Procedures of the Louisiana Public Service Commission (the “Commission”), Joint Applicants, Cleco Power LLC (“Cleco Power”) and Southwestern Electric Power Company (“SWEPCO”), respectfully request the opportunity to present oral argument at the Commission’s Business and Executive Session when the Commission considers the Administrative Law Judge’s Final Recommendation in this docket. Cleco Power and SWEPCO respectfully request the opportunity to present oral argument to provide the Commissioners with further background and to fully address all matters at issue in this proceeding and present why Cleco Power and SWEPCO maintain that the Administrative Law Judge’s Final Recommendation in this docket should not be adopted.

WHEREFORE, Cleco Power and SWEPCO respectfully request the opportunity to present oral argument at the Commission’s Business and Executive Session.
Respectfully Submitted,

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