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<b>APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT A NET REFUND FOR OVER- COLLECTED FUEL COSTS</b>	<b>§ § § § §</b>	<b>BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE  OF  ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS</b>
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**SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY'S  
SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT OF PROOF OF NOTICE**

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**AFFIDAVIT OF J. RICH SPARKS**

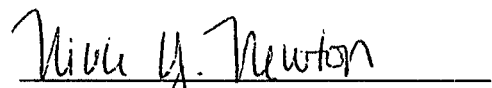
STATE OF TEXAS       §  
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COUNTY OF RANDALL   §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared J. Rich Sparks, who being by me first duly sworn, on oath, deposed and said the following:

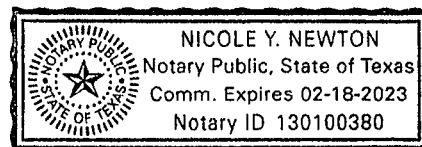
1. My name is J. Rich Sparks. I am employed by Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS") as Case Specialist. I am authorized to make this affidavit and I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein.
2. On February 14, 2020, SPS filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas an application for authority to implement a net refund for over-collected fuel costs. The application has been assigned PUC Docket No. 49690.
3. On March 27, 2020 SPS filed its affidavit of proof of notice in this docket. Exhibit B of that filing contained errors in the affidavit of the *Amarillo Globe News*, in particular neglecting to identify Randall County as being in the paper's area of general circulation. A corrected affidavit from the *Amarillo Globe News* is attached as Exhibit A. SPS regrets this error in the prior filing.

  
J. RICH SPARKS

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, in and for the State of Texas, this 12 day of May, 2020.

  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission Expires:  
2/18/2023



# **Exhibit A**

## **Supplemental Publishers' Affidavits**

**Amarillo Globe News**



AFFIDAVIT of PUBLICATION STATE  
OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF POTTER

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Heather Contreras the Legal Clerk of the Amarillo Globe News a newspaper having general circulation in the counties of: Armstrong, Carson, Castro, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Gray, Hansford, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall and Swisher, TEXAS, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that the foregoing attached notice was published in said newspaper on the following date(s) to wit:

March 16, 2020

Heather Contreras

Heather Contreras/Legal Clerk

AMARILLO GLOBE NEWS

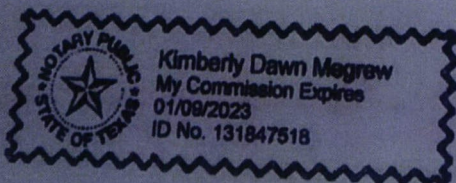
Gatehouse Media Texas Holding Inc.

Kimberly Dawn Megrew

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Texas

My commission expires 01/09/2023

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020





AFFP  
SPS FUEL REFUND

## Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF TEXAS }  
COUNTY OF POTTER } SS

Heather Contreras, being duly sworn, says:

That she is Legal Clerk of the Amarillo Globe-News, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Amarillo, Potter County, Texas; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

March 16, 2020

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:

*Heather Contreras*  
Legal Clerk

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 16th day of March 2020.

*Kimberly Dawn Megrew*  
Kimberly Dawn Megrew, Notary Public, Potter County, Texas

My commission expires: January 09, 2023



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## VESTS

Two years ago, APD received \$100,000 in state grant funds to purchase 25 rifle caliber resistant ballistic vests for the department's SWAT Team and other members. Officials said the allocation was part of a statewide \$21 million funding initiative announced by Gov. Greg Abbott in response to the Dallas area police officers killed in a 2016 attack.

The allocation provided law enforcement personnel representing 45 jurisdictions statewide with 12,342 rifle-resistant vests, officials said.

According to the National Institute of Justice, firearms are one of the most dangerous threats faced by law enforcement officers.

## OFFICER

Under Robertson's direction, the Student Crime Stoppers Program continues to grow across the Panhandle. The program currently covers Amarillo ISD, Canyon ISD, Bushland ISD, River Road ISD, and Highland Park ISD, with a total student population of approximately 47,000.

During the next school year, Robertson plans on expanding the program by adding Carson County (Dumas ISD), White Deer ISD, and Groen ISD, Armetrong County (Claude ISD), and Oldham County (Vega ISD, Roy's Ranch ISD), which would add another 1,600 students to the program.

Robertson has also partnered with Tobacco Free Amarillo, and he plans on conducting quarterly awareness campaigns to include human trafficking, narcotics training, and the dangers of vaping.

On February 2020, Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS"), doing business as Xcel Energy, filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") to implement a net refund for over-collected fuel costs incurred from July 2018 through December 2019. The docket number assigned to this proceeding is Commission Docket No. 50556. This filing was made in compliance with 16 Texas Administrative Code § 25.25(b)(3)(B). The filing affects only the fuel portion of the rates charged by SPS for electricity in Texas and has no effect on SPS' non-fuel base rates. This application, if granted, will affect all Texas retail customers who pay fixed fuel factors.

From July 2018 through December 2019, SPS has materially over-collected its retail fuel and purchased power expenses by \$38,805,504.89, including interest, including interest on the amount of \$78,009.50 through May 2020, the total amount of the net over-collected, including that SPS proposes to refund is approximately \$39,342,147.39. SPS proposes that Texas retail customers who receive service at transmission voltage levels be given a one-time credit (or assessed a surcharge, if applicable) during the month of May 2020, based on each transmission voltage level customer's historical usage. SPS proposes to give all other customers a one-time credit based on a factor that will be applied to their known-hour usage for a one-month period occurring on and after May 2020.

The effect of the net refund on customer bills will vary depending on the rate schedule under which a customer takes service, and in some instances will result in a surcharge. For example, a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month and a secondary general customer using 14,000 kWh per month will receive a one-time refund of \$35.00 and \$316.83, respectively. Additionally, transmission voltage level customers as a group will receive a net refund; however, certain individual transmission voltage level customers may experience a surcharge. These changes will be subject to final review by the Commission as SPS will need a reconciliation proceeding. The table below presents how the net refund will affect a representative customer for each service class or subclass, except Large General Service - Transmission because the refund (or surcharge) amount for this class will be based on individual historical usage.

Service Class or Subclass	Current Average Monthly Bill	Approximate Fuel Refund
Residential Service	\$52.68	\$35.00
Residential Space Heating Service	\$42.87	\$355.00
Small General Service	\$37.99	\$24.30
Small Municipal and School Service	\$461.66	\$158.87
Large Municipal Service (Primary)	\$356.41	\$1,402,700
Large School Service (Primary)	\$25.37	\$24.83
Large Municipal Service (Secondary)	\$513.94	\$636,771
Large School Service (Secondary)	\$807.78	\$608,759
Secondary General Service	\$769.81	\$777,480
Primary General Service	\$730.52	\$707,441
Municipal and State Service - Lighting Service	\$12.14	\$1,879
Ground and Fixed Lighting Service	\$8.33	\$2,321

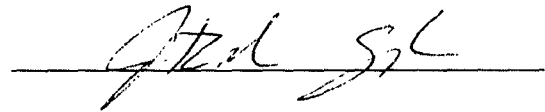
Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact Southwestern Public Service Company at 790 S. Buchanan Street, 7th Floor, Amarillo, Texas 79101, or call 1-888-495-4999 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this petition is available for inspection at the address listed above.

Persons who wish to formally participate in the proceeding or who wish to express their comments concerning this petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13320, Austin, Texas 78713-0320 or call (512) 936-7226 or toll-free at (800) 752-8477. A request to intervene or for further information should include Docket No. 4900, Hearing and proceedings, schedule, with last initials (177) may call (512) 936-7131 or use Relay Texas (800) 486-5528.



**Certificate of Service**

I certify that on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020, this instrument was filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas and a true and correct copy of it was served on the parties by hand delivery, regular First Class mail, Federal Express, or electronic mail.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. L. S. C.", is written over a horizontal line.