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Dear Mr. Szenher

SWEPCO should not be allowed to change water quality standards by this "end run" procedure.

Did they disclose they were going to propose lowering of water quality standards when they applied for the Turk plant? What claims did they make about water quality standards in the plant application? Did they know they would need to degrade water quality standards in the future? If they did not, I suggest denying this rulemaking and reopening the original plant application to find out what other claims they made and knew they would not keep.

They have an existing solution and that is to put in a water treatment plant, but that cost should be borne by investors not ratepayers.

Thank you as always for the opportunity to comment
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Attached is a news release, the text of which appears below, concerning a public hearing at Hope on proposed third-party changes to Regulation 2 of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission.

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HEARING SET ON PROPOSED THIRD-PARTY CHANGES TO REGULATION

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) will hold a public hearing at Hope on Nov. 17, 2014, to receive comments on a third-party proposal by the Southwestern Electric Power Company John W. Turk, Jr. Power Plant (SWEPCO) to change APC&EC Regulation 2, the Arkansas Water Quality Standards. The hearing will begin at 6 p.m. in the Washington Suite in Hempstead Hall, University of Arkansas Community College at Hope, 2500 South Main Street.

The deadline for submitting written comments on the proposed changes is 4:30 p.m. (Central Time) December 3, 2014.

State law and APC&EC regulations provide that outside parties may petition the Commission to initiate the rulemaking process to adopt or amend regulations under its jurisdiction. The fact that APC&EC has agreed to initiate such a third-party rulemaking procedure does not constitute an endorsement of the proposal at this time. The APC&EC will decide whether to adopt the proposed changes after the conclusion of the public comment period for the proposal and after SWEPCO and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) respond to all public comments submitted during the open comment period.

The SWEPCO proposal would change the water quality standards for the Little River from Millwood Lake to the Red River and for the Red River from the mouth of the Little River to the Arkansas/Louisiana state line.

The Turk Plant is a coal-fired electrical generating facility near Fulton in Hempstead County. It discharges treated wastewater from a holding pond containing primarily cooling tower

blowdown and previously monitored low volume waste. SWEPCO is requesting the following amendments to Regulation 2:

- For the Little River from Millwood Lake to the mouth of the Little River, modification of the Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) water quality criterion from 100 milligrams per liter (mg/L) to 138 mg/L and modification of the temperature criterion from 30 degrees Centigrade (C), or 86 degrees Fahrenheit (F), to 32° C (89.6° F).
- For the Red River from the mouth of the Little River to the Arkansas/Louisiana state line, modification of the TDS water quality criterion from 500 mg/L to 860 mg/L and removal of the designated, but not existing, domestic water supply use.

Detailed copies of the proposed regulation change, along with supporting documents and summary information, are available for public inspection during normal business hours in the Public Outreach and Assistance Division, located on the second floor of ADEQ's Headquarters Building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, and in ADEQ information depositories located in public libraries at Hope, Little Rock (main branch), Magnolia, Mena, and Texarkana, and the Arkansas State Library, 900 West Capitol, Suite 100, Little Rock, AR.

In addition, summary information concerning the proposal is available at other ADEQ information depositories located in public libraries at Arkadelphia, Batesville, Blytheville, Camden, Clinton, Crossett, El Dorado, Fayetteville, Forest City, Fort Smith, Harrison, Helena, Hot Springs, Jonesboro, Monticello, Mountain Home, Pocahontas, Russellville, Searcy, Stuttgart, and West Memphis; and in campus libraries at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and the University of Central Arkansas at Conway.

Information concerning the proposed changes also can be viewed and downloaded at the ADEQ's website at: www.adeq.state.ar.us.

Oral and written comments on the proposed changes will be accepted at the hearing, but written comments are preferred in the interest of accuracy. In addition, written or electronic mail comments will be accepted if received no later than 4:30 p.m. (Central Time), Dec. 3, 2014. Written comments should be sent to Doug Szenher, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, Public Outreach and Assistance Division, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. E-mail comments should be sent to the following address:

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