

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

August 25, 2021

Julia A. Sloat Vice President & Chief Financial Officer SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER CO 1 Riverside Plaza Columbus, OH 43215

> Re: SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER CO Registration Statement on Form S-3 Filed August 20, 2021 File No. 333-258961

Dear Ms. Sloat:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Please contact Michael Purcell at 202-344-9074 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Energy & Transportation