

**Recommendation
to the
Southwest Power Pool Regional State Committee (RSC)**

**Pat Mosier, CAWG Member
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Recommendation:

It is my recommendation that the Regional State Committee engage Patricia Salman & Associates to perform the audit of the 2011 records of the RSC and to prepare the tax returns for that same year.

Background Information:

Since its inception in 2004, the Regional State Committee (RSC), pursuant to its by-laws, has engaged an auditor to provide an independent audit of its cash receipts and expenditures and to file the relevant income tax returns. Also since its inception, because the books and records of the RSC reside in Little Rock, Arkansas, it has been the responsibility of the Arkansas Commissioner member of the RSC to seek out an auditor to perform these functions.

For both its initial filings with the Internal Revenue Service and the performance of its initial audit, the Arkansas Commissioner member of the RSC engaged Patricia Salman & Associates of Cabot, Arkansas. Ms. Salman is a Certified Public Accountant licensed to practice in the state of Arkansas and was an associate of the accounting firm previously engaged by the Arkansas Commission to audit the records of the annual meeting of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference held in Little Rock. As such, Ms. Salman was familiar with the regulatory commission and was, and has continued to be, approved by the RSC for engagement to audit its records and file its tax returns. Ms. Salman was subsequently engaged to also audit the records of the Entergy-Regional State Committee (ERSC) and file its tax returns, beginning for the year 2010, the first year of financial activity for the ERSC.

I propose that the following motion be made to be voted on by the RSC at this time.

The SPP Regional State Committee agrees to retain Patricia Salman & Associates to conduct the annual examination of the financial accounts of the Regional State Committee for 2011 as required by Section 9, *Audits*, of the Regional State Committee Bylaws and to prepare the related tax returns.