Southwest Power Pool Elects Julian Brix to Board of Directors

April 22, 2008, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS — The members of Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP) elected Julian Brix of Williamsburg, Virginia to the SPP Board of Directors. Brix replaces board member Quentin Jackson and will serve the unexpired term vacated by Jackson, who recently resigned to pursue other interests.

Brix has a long history in the electric utility industry, including serving as president, CEO, and COO of Georgia Transmission Corporation in Tucker, Georgia; general manager of Cooperative Power in Eden Prairie, Minnesota; and general manager of Central Electric Power Cooperative in Jefferson City, Missouri. A graduate of Northwestern University, Brix began his electrical engineering career at Line Material Industries as a test engineer in the design of utility switchgear.

Most recently, Brix served as executive consultant for Brix International, an independent consulting company. In this role, he assisted clients in the development of merchant transmission projects and in the evaluation of transmission systems to accommodate generation acquisitions. Additionally, Brix served as board member and co-chairman for TRANSlink Management Development Corporation, a FERC-approved independent transmission company comprised of nine investor-owned, public power, and cooperative utilities.

“Julian brings considerable industry experience to Southwest Power Pool. His knowledge of transmission will be beneficial as SPP continues to grow as a regional organization,” said SPP President and CEO Nick Brown.

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Southwest Power Pool is a group of 50 members serving more than four million customers across eight states of the Eastern Interconnection. Membership is comprised of investor-owned utilities, municipal systems, generation and transmission cooperatives, state authorities, wholesale generators, power marketers, and independent transmission companies. SPP was a founding member of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation in 1968, and was designated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as a Regional Transmission Organization in 2004 and a Regional Entity in 2007.

Since 1997, SPP has provided independent security coordination and tariff administration, pursuant to a FERC-approved tariff, across its service area with over 40,000 miles of transmission lines and over 50,000 megawatts of capacity resources.