SPP
Notification to Construct

July 29, 2011

Mr. Kelly Harrison
Prairie Wind Transmission
P.O. Box 889
Topeka, KS 66601

RE: Notification to Construct Approved Priority Projects

Dear Mr. Harrison,

Pursuant to Section 3.3 of the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. ("SPP") Membership Agreement and Attachment O, Section VI, of the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT"), SPP provides this Notification to Construct ("NTC") directing Prairie Wind Transmission ("PW"), as the Designated Transmission Owner, to construct the Network Upgrades.

In June 2010 and October 2010 respectively, SPP issued NTCs to Mid-Kansas Electric Company ("MKEC") and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") for construction of the approved Priority Projects. Upon accepting the NTCs, MKEC and Westar provided notice to SPP that certain Priority Projects were being designated to PW. MKEC and Westar entered into a Designee Qualification and Novation Agreement ("Novation Agreement") with PW and SPP on March 29, 2011. On June 24, 2011, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued an order accepting the Novation Agreement, effective April 1, 2011. Pursuant to SPP’s business practices, if there is a change in Designated Transmission Owner, a modified NTC shall be issued.

Upgrades with Modifications

Previous NTC number: 20102, 20103
Previous NTC Issue Date: 06/30/2010
Project ID: 946
Project Name: Line - Spearville - Clark County - Thistle - Wichita 345 kV double circuit
Estimated In-Service Date for Project: 12/31/2014
Estimated Cost for Project: $463,689,790 (cost for entire project including all entities)
Estimated Cost Source: ITC Great Plains and PW
Date of Cost Estimate: October 2010

Network Upgrade ID: 11258, 11259
Network Upgrade Description: Double circuit 345 kV line from the Wichita substation to the Thistle 345 kV substation
Network Upgrade Owner: PW
MOPC Representative: Brian Weber
Categorization: High priority
Reason For Change: Change in Designated Transmission Owner(s) from MKEC and Westar to PW. For future project tracking purposes, the Project IDs and Upgrade IDs for these PW upgrades were consolidated into Project ID # 946 and Upgrade IDs # 11258 and 11259.
Network Upgrade Specification: Build 78 mile 345 kV double circuit transmission; 3,000 amp or greater capacity for each circuit, from the Wichita substation to the new Thistle 345 kV substation.
Network Upgrade Justification: Priority Projects
Estimated In-Service Date for Network Upgrade: 12/31/2014
Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars): $163,488,000
Estimated Cost Source: PW
Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade: Base Plan

Previous NTC number: 20120
Previous NTC Issue Date: 11/22/2010
Project ID: 943
Project Name: Line – Woodward District EHV- Thistle 345 kV double circuit
Estimated In-Service Date for Project: 12/31/2014
Estimated Cost for Project: $194,972,759 (cost for entire project including all entities)
Estimated Cost Source: Oklahoma Gas and Electric (“OGE”) and PW
Date of Cost Estimate: October 2010

Network Upgrade ID: 11248, 11249
Network Upgrade Description: Double circuit 345 kV line from the new Thistle substation to the OGE interception point
Network Upgrade Owner: PW
MOPC Representative: Brian Weber
Categorization: High priority
Reason For Change: Change in Designated Transmission Owner from MKEC to PW.
Network Upgrade Specification: Build 30 mile 345 kV double circuit transmission; 3,000 amp or greater capacity for each circuit, from the new Thistle substation to the OGE interception point from the Woodward District EHV substation.
Network Upgrade Justification: Priority Projects
Estimated In-Service Date for Network Upgrade: 12/31/2014
Estimated Cost for Network Upgrades (current day dollars): $60,590,000
Estimated Cost Source: PW
Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade: Base Plan
Commitment to Construct
Please provide to SPP a written commitment to construct the Network Upgrade(s) within 90 days of the date of this Notification to Construct, pursuant to Attachment O, Section VI.6 of the SPP OATT, in addition to providing a construction schedule for the Network Upgrade(s). Failure to provide a written commitment to construct as required by Attachment O could result in the Network Upgrade(s) being assigned to another entity.

Coordination with Neighbors
PW is responsible for coordinating these jointly owned projects with other constructing Designated Transmission Owners. Coordination includes, but is not limited to, construction specifications, facility ratings, interception location, and construction timing.

Notification of Commercial Operation
Please submit a notification of commercial operation for each listed Network Upgrade to SPP as soon as the Network Upgrade is complete and in-service. Please provide SPP with the actual costs of the Network Upgrade(s) as soon as possible after completion of construction. This will facilitate the timely billing by SPP based on actual costs.

Notification of Progress
On an ongoing basis, please keep SPP advised of any inability on PW’s part to complete the approved Network Upgrade(s). For project tracking purposes, SPP requires PW to submit updates on the status of the Network Upgrade(s) on a quarterly basis in conjunction with the SPP Board of Directors meetings. However, PW shall also advise SPP of any inability to comply with the Project Schedule as soon as the inability becomes apparent.

All terms and conditions of the SPP OATT and the SPP Membership Agreement shall apply to this Project, and nothing in this NTC shall vary such terms and conditions.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or comments regarding these instructions. Thank you for the important role that you play in maintaining the reliability of our electric grid.

Sincerely,

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