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SPP
Notification to Construct with Conditions

April 9, 2012

Mr. Mo Awad
Westar Energy, Inc.
P.O. Box 889
Topeka, KS 66601

RE: Notification to Construct with Conditions Approved ITPNT Network Upgrades

Dear Mr. Awad,

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 Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar"), as the Designated Transmission Owner ("DTO"), to construct the Network Upgrade(s). This NTC is Conditioned upon Westar not ordering materials or beginning construction until:

(1) the DTO submits a refined project cost estimate (CPE) to SPP that has a variance bandwidth of -20% to +20% that does not exceed the Study Estimate variance bandwidth of -30% to +30% as provided for in SPP's Business Practices; **or**

(2) the SPP Board of Directors considers SPP's re-evaluation of a project that has a refined project cost estimate (CPE) from the DTO that exceeds the Study Estimate variance bandwidth of -30% to +30% as provided for in SPP's Business Practices.

On January 31, 2012, the SPP Board of Directors approved the Network Upgrade(s) listed below to be constructed as part of the 2012 Integrated Transmission Planning Near-Term ("ITPNT") Assessment.

New Network Upgrades

Project ID: 30349

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Project Name: XFR - Auburn Road 230/115 kV Transformer Ckt 1

Need Date for Project: 6/1/2014

Estimated Cost for Project: \$25,845,600

Network Upgrade ID: 50398

Network Upgrade Name: Auburn Road 230/115/13.8 kV Ckt 1 Auto Upgrade

Network Upgrade Description: Upgrade Auburn Road 230/115 kV transformer to 440 MVA.

Network Upgrade Owner: Westar

MOPC Representative: John Olsen, Tom Stuchlik

TWG Representative: Mo Awad

Categorization: Regional reliability

Network Upgrade Specification: All elements and conductor must have at least an emergency rating of 440 MVA, but are not limited to that amount.

Network Upgrade Justification: To address the overload of the Auburn Road 230/115 kV transformer for the loss of the Jeffrey Energy Center - Hoyt 345 kV line.

Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars): \$25,845,600

Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade: Base Plan

Estimated Cost Source: Westar

Date of Estimated Cost: 11/29/2011

Commitment to Construct

Please provide to SPP a written commitment to construct the Network Upgrade(s) within 90 days of the date of this NTC, 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 sufficient written commitment to construct as required by Attachment O could result in the Network Upgrade(s) being assigned to another entity.

NTC-C Project Estimate (CPE)

Please provide SPP a NTC-C Project Estimate (CPE) by August 31, 2012, as described in SPP's Business Practices regarding Notification to Construct with Conditions. Westar shall advise SPP of any inability to provide the CPE by August 31, 2012, as soon as the inability becomes apparent.

Removal of Conditions

Upon notice by SPP of removal of the conditions contained in this NTC, SPP will issue the DTO a new NTC and the following will be applicable:

Mitigation Plan

The Need Date represents the timing required for the Network Upgrade(s) to address the identified need. Your prompt attention is required in the formulation and approval of any

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necessary mitigation plans for the Network Upgrade(s) included in the Network Upgrade(s) if the Need Date is not feasible. Additionally, if it is anticipated that the completion of any Network Upgrade will be delayed past the Need Date, SPP requires a mitigation plan be filed within 60 days of the determination of expected delays.

Notification of Commercial Operation

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

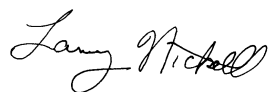
Notification of Progress

Please keep SPP advised of any inability on Westar's part to complete the approved Network Upgrade(s). For project tracking purposes, SPP requires Westar to submit status updates for the Network Upgrade(s) quarterly, in conjunction with the SPP Board of Directors meetings. However, Westar 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lanny Nickell".

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Dracy Jenkins - Westar Energy, Inc.