

May 21, 2012

The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*, Docket No. ER12-1820
Submission of Notice of Cancellation of Generator Interconnection
Agreement

Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to section 35.15 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("Commission") regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 35.15, Southwest Power Pool, Inc. ("SPP") submits for filing a notice of cancellation of the Generator Interconnection Agreement ("GIA") between SPP as Transmission Provider, Rio Blanco Wind Farm, LLC ("Rio Blanco") as Interconnection Customer, and Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS") as Transmission Owner ("Rio Blanco GIA"). SPP respectfully requests an effective date of July 9, 2012 for the cancellation of the Rio Blanco GIA.

Background and Notice of Cancellation

On January 20, 2011, SPP filed the Rio Blanco GIA in Docket No. ER11-2711-000. On March 18, 2011, the Commission rejected the Rio Blanco GIA because it found that the agreement was conforming and should be reported in SPP's electronic quarterly report ("EQR").¹ Consequently, SPP reported the Rio Blanco GIA in its EQR.

On April 10, 2012, in accordance with Article 2.3.1 of the Rio Blanco GIA, Rio Blanco sent a letter to SPP requesting termination of the Rio Blanco GIA. On April 18, 2012, SPP notified Rio Blanco in writing that SPP had received Rio Blanco's request for termination of the Rio Blanco GIA and that, in accordance with Article 2.3.1 of the Rio

¹ See *Sw. Power Pool, Inc.*, 134 FERC ¶ 61,222, at P 7-8 (2011). SPP designated the Rio Blanco GIA as Original Service Agreement No. 2152.

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Blanco GIA, SPP would terminate the Rio Blanco GIA effective July 9, 2012, which is 90 days after the request for termination.²

Accordingly, SPP is notifying the Commission that it is terminating the Rio Blanco GIA effective July 9, 2012. SPP also will reflect the termination of the Rio Blanco GIA in its EQR.

Effective Date and Waiver

SPP requests that the Commission grant an effective date of July 9, 2012 for the cancellation of the Rio Blanco GIA. To permit such an effective date, SPP further requests waiver of the Commission's sixty day notice requirement.³ Good cause exists for such a waiver because, consistent with Article 2.3.1 of the Rio Blanco GIA, July 9, 2012, is 90 days after Rio Blanco requested termination of the Rio Blanco GIA; and therefore, termination of the Rio Blanco GIA on that date is in accordance with the terms of the Rio Blanco GIA.

Service

SPP is serving a copy of this filing on the representatives for Rio Blanco and SPS listed in the Rio Blanco GIA.

Communications

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² Article 2.3.1 of the Rio Blanco GIA provides, in relevant part, that the "GIA may be terminated by Interconnection Customer after giving Transmission Provider and Transmission Owner ninety (90) Calendar Days advance written notice."

³ See 18 C.F.R. § 35.15.

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