

## Regulatory Status Report

### **FERC or State Jurisdiction: FERC**

**10-1227 SPP Filing of FERC Form 1 and 3-Q**

On April 17, 2015, SPP filed FERC Form No. 1, Annual Report of Major Electric Utilities, for the fourth quarter ending 2014.

**AD13-7 Centralized Capacity Markets in Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators**

On April 21, 2015, the Organization of MISO Stated filed Reply Comments to add additional detail on the activities related to fuel assurance that take place within the regulatory commissions in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s footprint.

**AD14-3 Coordination Across the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO")/PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. ("PJM") Seam**

On April 2, 2015, MISO and PJM filed a Joint Motion for Extension of Time to submit the information filing required by the February 24, 2015 Order.

On April 9, 2015, FERC issued a Notice of Extension of Time for MISO and PJM to submit the information filing required by the February 24, 2015 Order. The deadline is now May 11, 2015, with reply comments due on May 26, 2015.

**AD14-8 Winter 2013-2014 Operations and Market Performance in Regional Transmission Organizations ("RTOs") and Independent System Operators ("ISOs")**

On April 21, 2015, the Organization of MISO Stated filed Reply Comments to add additional detail on the activities related to fuel assurance that take place within the regulatory commissions in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s footprint.

**AD15-4 Technical Conference on Environmental Regulations and Electric Reliability, Wholesale Electricity Markets, and Energy Infrastructure (To Discuss Implications of Compliance Approaches to the Clean Power Plan Proposed Rule issued by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"))**

On April 21, 2015, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation filed its Report on the Potential Impacts of the Environmental Protection Agency's Proposed Clean Power Plan - Chapter 7 Reliability Assurance Mechanism.

**AD15-5 Available Transfer Capability ("ATC") Standards for Wholesale Electric Transmission Services**

On April 21, 2015, FERC held a workshop to discuss standards for calculating Available Transfer Capability for wholesale electric transmission services.

On April 21, 2015, FERC issued a Supplemental Notice Providing for Post-Workshop Comments. Comments are due on May 6, 2015.

On April 28, 2015, the Transmission Dependent Utility Systems filed a Motion for Extension of Time to File Post-Technical Workshop Comments.

On April 29, 2015, Powerex Corp. filed Comments in Support of Motion for Extension of Time to file Post-Technical Workshop Comments.

### AD15-7 Reliability Technical Conference

On April 9, 2015, FERC issued a Notice of Technical Conference to be held on June 4, 2015 to discuss policy issues related to the reliability of the Bulk-Power System.

On April 28, 2015, FERC issued a Supplemental Notice with Agenda for the technical conference to be held on June 4, 2015.

### AD15-11 Electronic Filing Protocols for Commission Forms

On April 16, 2015, FERC issued an Order Instituting Proceeding to Develop Electronic Filing Protocols for Commission Forms. For various forms submitted to the Commission in Visual FoxPro, the Commission believes the best electronic format for submission of these forms is the Extensible Mark-Up Language (XML) file format. This will affect Forms 1, 1-F, 2, 2-A, 3-Q, 6, 6-Q, FERC-60 and FERC-714.

### EL11-34 Midwest Independent Transmission Operator, Inc. ("MISO") Petition for Declaratory Order Seeking Commission Confirmation Regarding Section 5.2 of the Joint Operating Agreement ("JOA") between MISO and SPP

On April 6, 2015, Judge Cintron issued an Order Scheduling Settlement Conference to be held on May 28, 2015.

On April 13, 2015, Judge Cintron issued a Settlement Judge Report stating the settlement conference scheduled for May 28, 2015 will be cancelled, and recommending that settlement judge procedures remain in place.

On April 15, 2015, Judge Cintron issued an Order Cancelling and Rescheduling Settlement Conference. The May 28, 2015 conference is cancelled and rescheduled for June 9, 2015.

### EL12-59 Complaint of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Golden Spread") Against Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS") Regarding Rate of Return on Common Equity ("ROE") Input Value for the Formula Rate Applicable to the Replacement Power Sales Agreement ("RPSA")

On April 1, 2015, Commission Trial Staff filed Direct Answering Testimony and supporting exhibits of Douglas M. Green.

On April 29, 2015, Southwestern Public Service Company filed Cross-Answering Testimony and Exhibits.

### EL14-19 Section 206 Proceeding to Investigate into the Justness and Reasonableness of Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s ("MISO") Proposed Regional Through-and-out Rate ("RTOR") for Service over the Transmission System in the MISO South Region

On April 17, 2015, Entergy Services, Inc. filed a Motion for Temporary and Limited Waiver of Formula Rate Implementation Requirements and to Maintain Existing Transmission Revenue Requirements Pending Conclusion of Settlement Proceedings.

On April 27, 2015, Judge Baten issued a Notice Suspending Settlement Filing Deadline and Setting Settlement Conference. The settlement deadline of April 30, 2015 was suspended. A settlement conference is scheduled for May 12, 2015.

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**EL14-21** **SPP Complaint for an Order Finding the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") is Violating the Joint Operating Agreement ("JOA") between SPP and MISO and the SPP Tariff and Requiring MISO to Compensate SPP for Use of SPP's Transmission System**

On April 6, 2015, Judge Cintron issued an Order Scheduling Settlement Conference to be held on May 28, 2015.

On April 13, 2015, Judge Cintron issued a Settlement Judge Report stating the settlement conference scheduled for May 28, 2015 will be cancelled, and recommending that settlement judge procedures remain in place.

On April 15, 2015, Judge Cintron issued an Order Cancelling and Rescheduling Settlement Conference. The May 28, 2015 conference is cancelled and rescheduled for June 9, 2015.

**EL14-30** **Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") Complaint Regarding Transmission Service Invoices from SPP**

On April 6, 2015, Judge Cintron issued an Order Scheduling Settlement Conference to be held on May 28, 2015.

On April 13, 2015, Judge Cintron issued a Settlement Judge Report stating the settlement conference scheduled for May 28, 2015 will be cancelled, and recommending that settlement judge procedures remain in place.

On April 15, 2015, Judge Cintron issued an Order Cancelling and Rescheduling Settlement Conference. The May 28, 2015 conference is cancelled and rescheduled for June 9, 2015.

**EL15-8** **Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Golden Spread"), Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Central Valley"), Farmers' Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Farmers"), Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Lea County"), Roosevelt County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Roosevelt") and the West Texas Municipal Power Agency ("WTMPA") (collectively the "Complainants") Complaint Against Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS") Involving the Input Value for Rate of Return on Common Equity ("ROE") in the Formula Rate Applicable to the Replacement Power Sales Agreements Pursuant to which SPS Sells Capacity and Energy to the Complainants and the Formula Rate Applicable to Determination of the SPS Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement ("ATTR")**

On April 1, 2015, FERC issued an Order Granting Rehearing for Further Consideration of the January 29, 2015 Order.

**ER13-366** **Submission of Tariff Revisions to Comply with Order No. 1000 Regional Planning and Cost Allocation Requirements**

On April 16, 2015, FERC issued an Order on Rehearing and Compliance Filing.

The Commission denied LS Power Transmission, LLC and LSP Transmission Holdings, LLC request for rehearing of the order issued on October 16, 2014.

The Commission conditionally accepted SPP's December 15, 2014 Compliance Filing, effective March 30, 2014, subject to a further compliance filing. The revisions removing provisions to incorporate Service Upgrades into SPP's competitive bidding process were accepted, effective January 1, 2015.

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SPP's compliance filing is due on May 18, 2015.

ER13-367

### **Submission of Revisions to its Membership Agreement to Comply with Order No. 1000**

On April 16, 2015, FERC issued an Order on Rehearing and Compliance Filing.

The Commission denied LS Power Transmission, LLC and LSP Transmission Holdings, LLC request for rehearing of the order issued on October 16, 2014.

The Commission conditionally accepted SPP's December 15, 2014 Compliance Filing, effective March 30, 2014, subject to a further compliance filing. The revisions removing provisions to incorporate Service Upgrades into SPP's competitive bidding process were accepted, effective January 1, 2015.

SPP's compliance filing is due on May 18, 2015.

ER13-948

### **Entergy Services, Inc. ("ESI") and the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") Filing of Six Attachment O Templates to the MISO Open Access Transmission, Energy and Operating Reserve Markets Tariff to Establish Formula Rates for the Entergy Operating Companies' Recovery of Transmission Revenue Requirements**

On April 17, 2015, Entergy Services, Inc. filed a Motion for Temporary and Limited Waiver of Formula Rate Implementation Requirements and to Maintain Existing Transmission Revenue Requirements Pending Conclusion of Settlement Proceedings.

On April 27, 2015, Judge Baten issued a Notice Suspending Settlement Filing Deadline and Setting Settlement Conference. The settlement deadline of April 30, 2015 was suspended. A settlement conference is scheduled for May 12, 2015.

ER13-1864

### **Joint Operating Agreement ("JOA") between SPP and the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") to Include Market-to-Market ("M2M") Terms and Conditions (SPP Rate Schedule FERC No. 9)**

On April 9, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting the compliance filing revising SPP's Joint Operating Agreement with the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. pursuant to the January 22, 2015 order on market-to-market coordination.

An effective date of March 1, 2015 was granted.

On April 24, 2015, SPP submitted revisions to the Joint Operating Agreement between SPP and the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. to revise Attachment 2, Section 8.1.2 in compliance with the order issued on January 22, 2015.

An effective date of March 1, 2015 was requested.

ER13-1937

### **Joint Operating Agreement ("JOA") between SPP and the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") to Comply with Interregional Requirements of Order No. 1000 (SPP Rate Schedule FERC No. 9)**

On April 2, 2015, SPP and the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. filed a motion requesting a 120-day extension to and including August 18, 2015, to comply with the February 19, 2015 Order.

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On April 17, 2015, FERC issued an order granting a 120-day extension of time to and including August 18, 2015, for SPP and the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. to comply with the February 19, 2015 Order.

ER13-1938

**Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") Submission of Joint Operating Agreement ("JOA") between SPP and MISO to Comply with Interregional Requirements of Order No. 1000**

On April 2, 2015, SPP and the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. filed a motion requesting a 120-day extension to and including August 18, 2015, to comply with the February 19, 2015 Order.

On April 17, 2015, FERC issued an order granting a 120-day extension of time to and including August 18, 2015, for SPP and the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. to comply with the February 19, 2015 Order.

ER13-1939

**SPP Submission of Tariff Revisions to Comply with Order No. 1000 Interregional Coordination and Cost Allocation Requirements**

On April 2, 2015, SPP and the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. filed a motion requesting a 120-day extension to and including August 18, 2015, to comply with the February 19, 2015 Order.

On April 17, 2015, FERC issued an order granting a 120-day extension of time to and including August 18, 2015, for SPP and the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. to comply with the February 19, 2015 Order.

ER14-1174

**Unexecuted Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service Agreement between SPP as Transmission Provider and Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") as Transmission Customer**

On April 6, 2015, Judge Cintron issued an Order Scheduling Settlement Conference to be held on May 28, 2015.

On April 13, 2015, Judge Cintron issued a Settlement Judge Report stating the settlement conference scheduled for May 28, 2015 will be cancelled, and recommending that settlement judge procedures remain in place.

On April 15, 2015, Judge Cintron issued an Order Cancelling and Rescheduling Settlement Conference. The May 28, 2015 conference is cancelled and rescheduled for June 9, 2015.

ER14-1736

**Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") Filing of Tariff Revisions to Recover Certain Costs Paid by the Transmission Provider**

On April 20, 2015, Judge Sterner issued a Notice Scheduling Settlement Conference to be held on May 20, 2015.

ER14-2022

**Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") Request for Waiver of Certain Provisions of the Open Access Transmission, Energy and Operating Reserve Markets Tariff ("Tariff") Relating to Long-Term Firm Transmission Service Requests ("TSRs")**

On April 21, 2015, the Joint Parties filed a response to MISO's Request for Extension of Waiver stating that they do not oppose MISO's request.

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On April 21, 2015, SPP filed an answer in response to MISO's Request for Extension of Waiver.

SPP stated it is concerned that MISO has not honored the "firm limit" represented by MISO's 1000 MW contract path between MISO North and MISO South. As MISO's Request indicates, MISO has already soled a number of Long-Term Firm TSRs exceeding the 1000 MW threshold through 2019 and intends to honor these commitments. SPP stated that the Commission should demand further information regarding MISO's 1500 MW firm service arrangement.

On April 21, 2015, the SPP Transmission Owners filed comments in response to MISO's Request for an Extension of Waiver.

On April 21, 2015, South Central MCN, LLC and Midcontinent MCN, LLC filed Comments and Protest in response to MISO's Request for an Extension of Waiver.

The parties stated they object to the waiver request because MISO's reliance on waivers to satisfy demand in excess of the 1000 MW contract path would allow MISO to put off necessary transmission planning and development, including needed transmission upgrades, going forward that would be harmful to competition and to transmission customers.

ER14-2363

**Southwestern Public Service Company's ("SPS") Request for Waiver of the Provisions in Schedules 1A and 11 of SPP's Open Access Transmission Tariff ("Tariff")**

On April 21, 2015, FERC issued an Order Granting Rehearing for Further Consideration.

ER14-2850

**Submission of Tariff Revisions to Facilitate the Integration of Western Area Power Administration - Upper Great Plains Region ("Western-UGP"), Basin Electric Power Cooperative ("Basin Electric"), and Heartland Consumers Power District ("Heartland") (collectively the "IS Parties"), which Jointly Own and Operate the Integrated System, into the SPP Regional Transmission Organization ("RTO")**

On April 2, 2015, Judge McCartney filed a status report recommending that settlement judge procedures be continued.

On April 20, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's compliance filing submitted on December 10, 2014.

Effective dates of October 1, 2015 for the tariff revisions, and November 10, 2014 for the Amendments to the Membership Agreement were granted.

This order constitutes final agency action.

On April 20, 2015, Judge Wagner issued an Order of Chief Judge Making Substitute Designation of Settlement Judge. H. Peter Young was appointed as the settlement judge.

ER14-2851

**Submission of Bylaws and Membership Agreement ("Governing Documents") Revisions to Facilitate the Integration of Western Area Power Administration - Upper Great Plains Region ("Western-UGP"), Basin Electric Power Cooperative ("Basin Electric"), and Heartland Consumers Power District ("Heartland") (collectively the "IS Parties"), which Jointly Own and Operate the Integrated System, into the SPP Regional Transmission Organization ("RTO")**

On April 2, 2015, Judge McCartney filed a status report recommending that settlement judge

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procedures be continued.

On April 20, 2015, Judge Wagner issued an Order of Chief Judge Making Substitute Designation of Settlement Judge. H. Peter Young was appointed as the settlement judge.

On April 20, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's compliance filing submitted on December 10, 2014.

Effective dates of October 1, 2015 for the tariff revisions, and November 10, 2014 for the Amendments to the Membership Agreement were granted.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER15-42

### **Informational Filing to Notify the Commission of Implementation of Year-Three Reallocation of Revenue Requirements Pursuant to Attachments J and O for the Balanced Portfolio**

On April 22, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's notice to the Commission of the implementation of the year-three reallocation of revenue requirements in accordance with the Balanced Portfolio process described in Attachments J and O of the Tariff.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER15-492

### **Petition for Waiver of Tariff Provisions in Attachment O to enable SPP to Modify the Study Schedule for the Integrated Transmission Planning ("ITP") Process**

On April 20, 2015, FERC issued an order granting SPP a limited waiver of the provisions in Attachment O of the Tariff to enable SPP to modify the study schedule for its Integrated Transmission Planning process. SPP requested that, for the three year planning cycle commencing in January 2015, the Commission waive the requirement to perform the ITP-20 and the timing requirements for the ITP-10.

An effective date of January 1, 2015 was granted.

ER15-509

### **Submission of Tariff Revisions to Refine Processes Related to SPP's Order No. 1000 Competitive Transmission Owner Selection Process**

On April 17, 2015, SPP filed an answer in response to ITC Great Plains, LLC's Protest submitted on March 16, 2015.

SPP stated:

- 1) ITC's protest constitutes a collateral attack on the January 23, 2015 Order;
- 2) the Compliance Filing complied with the only reasonable interpretation of the January 23 Order, and ITC does not demonstrate otherwise; and
- 3) the Commission should reject ITC's arguments regarding novation.

ER15-763

### **Submission of Tariff Revisions to Modify Allocation of Over-Collected Losses ("OCL")**

On April 29, 2015, SPP submitted a compliance filing to include the explanation of the formulae in Sections 8.6.16.2(a) and 8.6.16.2(b) of Attachment AE of the Tariff.

ER15-788

### **Submission of Tariff Revisions Regarding Thresholds for Uneconomic Production Investigation**

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On April 13, 2015, SPP submitted its response to the Commission's request for additional information issued on February 27, 2015.

ER15-929

**Submission of Changes to Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority's ("OMPA") Stated Rate**

On April 10, 2015, SPP submitted an amendment to the January 29, 2015 filing revising the stated rate for Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority.

An effective date of April 1, 2015 was requested.

On April 27, 2015, Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER15-1027

**Transmission Interconnection Agreement between Southwestern Electric Power Company ("SWEPCO"), Rayburn Country Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Rayburn") and East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("ETEC"), with SPP as Signatory**

On April 8, 2015, FERC issued a letter order accepting the agreement, effective April 13, 2015 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER15-1043

**Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Kansas Power Pool ("KPP") as Network Customer, and Midwest Energy, Inc. ("Midwest"), Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC ("MKEC"), and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Host Transmission Owners**

On April 8, 2015, FERC issued a letter order accepting the agreement and Notice of Cancellation, effective September 1, 2014 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER15-1044

**Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Network Customer, and Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company ("OGE") and Westar as Host Transmission Owners**

On April 8, 2015, FERC issued a letter order accepting the agreement, effective February 1, 2015 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER15-1139

**Submission of Tariff Revisions to Section III.D of Attachment J to Add Potential Remedies that SPP Could Recommend as Part of the Regional Cost Allocation Review ("RCAR") Process**

On April 2, 2015, Lincoln Electric System filed a Motion to Intervene Out of Time.

On April 6, 2015, the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Notice of Intervention.

On April 6, 2015, City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri, Kansas City Power & Light Company, The Empire District Electric Company, and Lincoln Electric System ("Joint Parties") filed an answer in response to the Protest filed by Xcel Energy Services Inc. on March 20, 2015.



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The Joint Parties stated:

- 1) Xcel supported the Highway/Byway methodology, including Unintended Consequences/RCAR;
- 2) RCAR is essential to the Commission-approved Highway/Byway methodology;
- 3) the first RCAR analysis demonstrates Xcel has disproportionately benefited from implementation of the Highway/Byway methodology;
- 4) SPP's filing to incorporate a list of potential remedies is ministerial; and
- 5) SPP's filing does not harm Xcel.

On April 7, 2015, SPP filed an answer in response to the Protest filed by Xcel Energy Services Inc. on March 20, 2015.

SPP stated:

- 1) the proposed revisions are consistent with the existing RCAR process under the Tariff;
- 2) the proposed revisions do not require additional detail to be just and reasonable;
- 3) any remedy implemented to alleviate an imbalance or unintended consequence shall be prospective only;
- 4) Xcel's criticisms of aspects of the Commission-accepted RCAR process are beyond the scope of this proceeding and provide no basis for rejecting the proposed revisions; and
- 5) Xcel's request that SPP be directed to review and modify the Highway-Byway cost allocation methodology if imbalances are found should be rejected.

On April 20, 2015, Kansas Corporation Commission filed a Notice of Intervention.

On April 22, 2015, Xcel Energy Services Inc. filed an answer in response to SPP's April 7, 2015 Answer.

Xcel stated:

- 1) SPP's proposal will create ongoing uncertainty and thereby discourage transmission development;
- 2) even under SPP's analysis the benefits and costs are "roughly commensurate";
- 3) SPP's and the Joint Parties' Answers demonstrate that the threat of retroactive ratemaking is real;
- 4) the Commission should rule on the proposed remedies and not delay to review a particular implementation;
- 5) there is no justification for the vagueness of the Tariff language;
- 6) Section 205 filing obligation remains unclear; and
- 7) the benefits received by Xcel are mischaracterized and irrelevant.

On April 30, 2015, FERC issued an order rejecting SPP's tariff revisions to add potential remedies to Section III.D of Attachment J that SPP could recommend as part of its Regional Cost Allocation Review process.

ER15-1140

**Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Kansas Power Pool ("KPP") as Network Customer, and Midwest Energy, Inc. ("Midwest"), Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC ("MKEC"), and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Host Transmission Owners**

On April 23, 2015, FERC issued a letter order accepting the agreement, effective February 1, 2015 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

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- ER15-1141**                    **Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") Filing of Operations Reliability Coordination Agreement ("ORCA") between MISO, SPP, Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., Louisville Gas and Electric Company, Kentucky Utilities Company, PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, Southern Companies, and Tennessee Valley Authority**
- On April 15, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting the Operations Reliability Coordination Agreement, effective April 1, 2015 as requested.
- ER15-1145**                    **Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s ("MISO") Filing of Revisions to the Joint Operating Agreement ("JOA") between MISO and SPP to Include Provisions for Market-to-Market ("M2M") Coordination**
- On April 9, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting MISO's revisions to the Joint Operating Agreement between MISO and SPP in order to include provisions for Market-to-Market coordination.
- An effective date of March 1, 2015 was granted.
- ER15-1152**                    **Submission of Tariff Revisions Regarding a Transitional Process for Allocation of Auction Revenue Rights ("ARRs")**
- On April 10, 2015, Westar Energy, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene Out-of-Time.
- ER15-1163**                    **Revisions to Bylaws Section 6.6 to Add an Additional Seat for an Independent Transmission Company to the Corporate Governance Committee**
- On April 10, 2015, Westar Energy, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene Out-of-Time.
- On April 27, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting the revisions to Section 6.6 of the SPP Bylaws to add an additional seat for an independent transmission company to the Corporate Governance Committee.
- An effective date of May 3, 2015 was requested.
- This order constitutes final agency action.
- ER15-1225**                    **Submission of Tariff Revisions to Update the List of Seams Agreements in Section 2.2.2 of Attachment C**
- On April 28, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's revisions to Attachment C Section 2.2.2 to reflect the current seams agreements of which SPP is a party, where such seams agreements may impact the calculation of Available Flowgate Capacity.
- An effective date of May 10, 2015 was granted.
- This order constitutes final agency action.
- ER15-1293**                    **Submission of Tariff Revisions Regarding Multi-Day Reliability Commitment in Conservative Operations (Revising Attachment AE Sections 4.5.2 and 4.5.3)**
- On April 6, 2015, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC filed a Motion to Intervene.

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On April 6, 2015, SPP's independent Market Monitoring Unit filed a Motion to Intervene and Protest. The MMU stated it believes that market impacts should be assessed by the Day-Ahead Market when the Resource is no longer needed to address an emergency reliability condition.

On April 21, 2015, SPP filed an answer in response to the Protest filed by the SPP independent Market Monitoring Unit on April 6, 2015.

On April 22, 2015, American Electric Power Service Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER15-1304

**Affected Systems' Facilities Construction Agreement Among SPP as Transmission Provider, Kansas Municipal Energy Agency ("KMEA") as Interconnection Customer and Sunflower Electric Power Corporation ("Sunflower") as Transmission Owner**

On April 7, 2015, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER15-1340

**Submission of Tariff Revisions to Clarify Certification as a Regulation Qualified Resource in the Integrated Marketplace**

On April 8, 2015, Exelon Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

On April 9, 2015, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC filed a Motion to Intervene.

On April 9, 2015, South Central MCN, LLC filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER15-1370

**Interconnection Agreement between KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company ("KCPL-GMO") and Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("AECI"), with SPP as Signatory**

On April 9, 2015, Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company filed Motions to Intervene.

ER15-1414

**Submission of Tariff Revisions to Modify the Aggregate Transmission Service Study ("ATSS") Process**

On April 10, 2015, American Electric Power Service Corporation and Westar Energy, Inc. filed motions to intervene.

On April 15, 2015, Exelon Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

On April 21, 2015, South Central MCN, LLC and Sunflower Electric Power Corporation and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC filed Motions to Intervene.

ER15-1420

**Notice of Cancellation of Operations Reliability Coordination Agreement ("ORCA")**

On April 23, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting the Notice of Cancellation of the original Operations Reliability Coordination Agreement filed in Docket No. ER13-2162. The agreement is being replaced by the ORCA filed in Docket No. ER15-1141.

An effective date of April 1, 2015 was granted.

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- ER15-1448**                    **Meter Agent Services Agreement between Kansas Municipal Energy Agency ("KMEA") as Market Participant and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Meter Agent**
- On April 3, 2015, SPP submitted an executed Meter Agent Services Agreement between Kansas Municipal Energy Agency as the Market Participant and Westar Energy, Inc. as the Meter Agent. SPP Service Agreement No. Third Revised 2825.
- An effective date of April 1, 2015 was requested.
- ER15-1450**                    **Meter Agent Services Agreement between RPM Access LLC ("RPM") as Market Participant and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Meter Agent**
- On April 3, 2015, SPP submitted an executed Meter Agent Services Agreement between RPM Access LLC as the Market Participant and Westar Energy, Inc. as the Meter Agent. SPP Service Agreement No. 2998.
- An effective date of April 1, 2015 was requested.
- ER15-1499**                    **Submission of Tariff Revisions to Incorporate City of Independence, Missouri as a Transmission Owner and to Implement a Stated Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement ("ATRR")**
- On April 13, 2015, SPP submitted tariff revisions to implement a stated annual transmission revenue requirement for SPP's Member, the City of Independence, Missouri, to be included in the Kansas City Power & Light Company pricing zone under the Tariff.
- An effective date of June 1, 2015 was requested.
- On April 20, 2015, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene.
- On April 23, 2015, the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Notice of Intervention.
- On April 28, 2015, American Electric Power Service Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.
- On April 29, 2015, Westar Energy, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.
- ER15-1511**                    **Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority ("OMPA") as Network Customer, and American Electric Power Service Corporation ("AEP"), Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company ("OG&E") and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative ("WFEC") as Host Transmission Owners**
- On April 15, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority as Network Customer, as well as a NOA with American Electric Power Service Corporation, Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative as Host Transmission Owners. SPP Service Agreement No. Twenty-Third Revised 1166.
- An effective date of April 1, 2015 was requested.
- ER15-1512**                    **Notice of Cancellation of the Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service Agreement between SPP as Transmission Provider and Grand River Dam Authority ("GRDA") as Transmission Customer**

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On April 15, 2015, SPP submitted a Notice of Cancellation of the service agreement for Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service between SPP as Transmission Provider and Grand River Dam Authority as Transmission Customer. SPP Service Agreement No. 2199.

An effective date of April 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-1528

**Submission of Revisions to Attachment P to Clarify and Define the Procedure for Processing Transmission Service Requests ("TSRs") that are Considered to be Simultaneously Submitted and to Correct an Obsolete Reference to North American Energy Standards Board ("NAESB") Wholesale Electric Quadrant ("WEQ-001") Business Practice Standards**

On April 17, 2015, SPP submitted revisions to Attachment P of the Tariff to clarify and define the procedure for processing transmission service requests that are considered to be simultaneously submitted; and also to correct an obsolete reference to North American Energy Standards Board Wholesale Electric Quadrant Business Practice Standards.

An effective date of June 16, 2015 was requested.

ER15-1531

**Compliance Filing to Implement a Distribution Mechanism for Penalty Revenues for Unreserved Use of Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service**

On April 17, 2015, SPP submitted a compliance filing to incorporate a mechanism to distribute penalty revenues collected by SPP for unreserved use of Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service.

An effective date of April 17, 2015 was requested.

On April 21, 2015, Exelon Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

On April 24, 2015, American Electric Power Service Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

On April 27, 2015, Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER15-1540

**Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Northeast Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("NTEC") as Network Customer, and American Electric Power Service Corporation ("AEP") as Host Transmission Owner**

On April 21, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Northeast Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. as Network Customer, as well as a NOA with American Electric Power Service Corporation as Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Seventh Revised 1066.

An effective date of April 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-1558

**Transmission Interconnection Agreement Between Sunflower Electric Power Corporation ("Sunflower") and ITC Great Plains, LLC ("ITC"), with SPP as Signatory**

On April 23, 2015, SPP filed a Transmission Interconnection Agreement between Sunflower Electric Power Corporation and ITC Great Plains, LLC, with SPP as signatory. SPP Service Agreement No. Second Revised 2403.

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An effective date of the date of acceptance by the Commission was requested.

ER15-1568

**Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Kansas Municipal Energy Agency ("KMEA") as Network Customer, and Midwest Energy, Inc. ("Midwest") and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Host Transmission Owners and Notice of Cancellation**

On April 27, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Kansas Municipal Energy Agency as Network Customer, as well as a NOA with Midwest Energy, Inc. and Westar Energy, Inc. as Host Transmission Owners. SPP Service Agreement No. Second Revised 2900.

SPP also submitted a Notice of Cancellation of the NITSA and NOA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Westar Energy, Inc. as both Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Third Revised 2166.

An effective date of April 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-1572

**Notice of Cancellation of the Large Generator Interconnection Agreement ("LGIA") between Solomon Forks Wind, LLC ("Solomon Forks") as Interconnection Customer and Sunflower Electric Power Corporation ("Sunflower") as Transmission Owner**

On April 28, 2015, SPP submitted a Notice of Cancellation of the LGIA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Solomon Forks Wind, LLC as Interconnection Customer, and Sunflower Electric Power Corporation as Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. 1803.

An effective date of April 2, 2015 was requested.

ER15-1594

**Generator Interconnection Agreement ("GIA") between Hallam Wind, LLC ("Hallam") as Interconnection Customer and Lincoln Electric System ("LES") as Transmission Owner**

On April 29, 2015, SPP submitted an executed GIA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Hallam Wind, LLC as Interconnection Customer, and Lincoln Electric System as Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. 3023.

An effective date of April 20, 2015 was requested.

ER15-1613

**Submission of Tariff Revisions to add Network Integration Transmission Service ("NITS") Rate for Southwestern Power Administration ("Southwestern")**

On April 30, 2015, SPP submitted tariff revisions to add a Network Integration Transmission Service Rate for such services provided in the Southwestern Power Administration pricing zone under the Tariff.

An effective date of June 1, 2015 was requested.

OA08-5

**SPP Order 890 Compliance Filing - Rollover Reform**

On April 17, 2015, SPP filed its annual compliance report of assessments and distributions of operational penalties for unreserved use for the year January 1-December 31, 2014.

On April 30, 2015, Eric S. Morris filed a Motion to Intervene and Protest in response to SPP's

annual compliance report filed on April 17, 2015.

**RM05-5**

### **Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities**

On April 16, 2015, FERC issued an Order on Rehearing, granting clarification, in part, but otherwise denying requests for rehearing and/or clarification of Order No. 676-H.

The Commission clarified that a standard requiring the posting of Available Transfer Capability narratives within one business day appears reasonable and consistent with Order No. 890.

The Commission clarified that whenever a standard specifically states on its face that it only applies to certain types of entities, there is no need for other entities outside of that grouping to obtain a waiver of that standard to be excused from compliance, as those standards clearly do not apply to them.

**RM14-2**

### **Coordination of the Scheduling Processes of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines and Public Utilities**

On April 16, 2015, FERC issued Order No. 809, Final Rule revising the Commission's regulations to better coordinate the scheduling of wholesale natural gas and electricity markets in light of increased reliance on natural gas for electric generation, as well as to provide additional scheduling flexibility to all shippers on interstate natural gas pipelines. The revised regulations in this Final Rule modify the scheduling practices used by interstate pipelines to schedule natural gas transportation service and provide additional contracting flexibility to firm natural gas transportation customers through the use of multi-party transportation contracts. The revisions in this Final Rule, together with the Commission's action in certain related proceedings, will better ensure the reliable and efficient operation of both the interstate natural gas pipeline and electricity systems.

This rule becomes effective on July 8, 2015.

**RM14-10**

### **Real Power Balancing Control Performance Reliability Standard**

On April 16, 2015, FERC issued Order No. 810, Final Rule approving Reliability Standard BAL-001-2 (Real Power Balancing Control Performance) and four new definitions submitted by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), the Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization. Reliability Standard BAL-001-2 is designed to ensure that applicable entities maintain system frequency within narrow bounds around a scheduled value, and improves reliability by adding a frequency component to the measurement of a Balancing Authority's Area Control Error. In addition, the Commission directed NERC to submit an informational filing pertaining to the potential impact of the Reliability Standard, and also directed NERC to revise one definition.

This rule becomes effective on June 22, 2015.

**RM14-11**

### **Open Access and Priority Rights on Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities**

On April 20, 2015, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association filed a Request for Rehearing and Clarification of Order No. 807.

On April 20, 2015, the American Public Power Association and the Transmission Access Policy Study Group filed a Request for Rehearing, or in the Alternative, Clarification of Order

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No. 807.

RM14-13

**Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Proposing to Approve Reliability Standards COM-001-2 (Communications) and COM-002-4 (Operating Personnel Communications Protocols) Developed by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC")**

On April 16, 2015, FERC issued Order No. 808, Final Rule approving two revised Reliability Standards, COM-001-2 (Communications) and COM-002-4 (Operating Personnel Communications Protocols), developed by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), which the Commission has certified as the Electric Reliability Organization responsible for developing and enforcing mandatory Reliability Standards. The two revised Reliability Standards will enhance reliability by, among other things, requiring adoption of predefined communication protocols, annual assessment of those protocols and operating personnel's adherence thereto, training on the protocols, and use of three-part communications. In addition, the Commission directed NERC to develop a modification to Reliability Standard COM-001-2 that addresses internal communications capabilities that could involve the issuance or receipt of Operating Instructions or other communications that could have an impact on reliability.

This rule becomes effective on June 22, 2015.

RM14-15

**Physical Security Reliability Standard**

On April 23, 2015, FERC issued an Order Denying Rehearing of Order No. 802 issued on November 20, 2014.

RM15-4

**Disturbance Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Reliability Standard**

On April 16, 2015, FERC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing to approve Reliability Standard PRC-002-2 (Disturbance Monitoring and Reporting Requirements) submitted by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation. The purpose of proposed Reliability Standard PRC-002-2 is to have adequate data available to facilitate analysis of bulk electric system disturbances.

Comments are due on June 22, 2015.

RM15-9

**Protection System, Automatic Reclosing, and Sudden Pressure Relaying Maintenance Reliability Standard**

On April 16, 2015, FERC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing to approve a revised Reliability Standard, PRC-005-4 (Protection System, Automatic Reclosing, and Sudden Pressure Relaying), developed and submitted by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation. In addition, the Commission proposed to approve one new definition and four revised definitions referenced in the proposed Reliability Standard, as well as NERC's proposed violation risk factors, violation severity levels, and implementation plan. Consistent with Order No. 758, the proposed Reliability Standard requires applicable entities to test and maintain certain sudden pressure relays as part of a protection system maintenance program.

Comments are due on June 22, 2015.

RR15-4

**North American Electric Reliability Corporation's ("NERC") Petition for Approval of Proposed Revisions to the NERC Rules of Procedure to Implement NERC's Risk-Based Registration ("RBR") Initiative**



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On April 13, 2015, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation filed a Motion for a 60-Day Extension of Time to file NERC Rules of Procedure changes in accordance with the Commission's Order issued on March 19, 2015.

On April 20, 2015, FERC issued a Notice of Extension of Time to and including July 17, 2015 for NERC to file its compliance filing in response to the March 19, 2015 Order.

## Regulatory Status Report

**FERC or State Jurisdiction: State of Arkansas**

13-041-U

**In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company ("SWEPCO") for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need ("CECPN") for the Construction, Ownership, Operation and Maintenance of the Proposed 345 kV Transmission Line Between the Shipe Road Station and the Proposed Kings River Station and Associated Facilities to be Located in Benton, Carroll and/or Madison and Washington Counties, Arkansas**

On April 24, 2015, Save the Ozarks filed a Petition for Rehearing of Order No. 37.

On April 24, 2015, SWEPCO filed a Motion for Limited Rehearing of Order No. 37.

**FERC or State Jurisdiction: State of Kansas**

**15-WSEE-365-MIS**

**In the Matter of the Application of Westar Energy, Inc. for a Siting Permit for the Construction of a 345 kV Transmission Line in Riley and Pottawatomie Counties, Kansas**

On April 7, 2015, SPP filed the Direct Testimony of Antoine Lucas.

On April 10, 2015, Andy Fry filed Direct Testimony on behalf of the Kansas Corporation Commission.

On April 10, 2015, Leo M. Haynos filed Direct Testimony on behalf of the Kansas Corporation Commission.

On April 21, 2015, Leo M. Haynos filed Revised Direct Testimony on behalf of the Kansas Corporation Commission.

On April 24, 2015, Kelly Harrison filed Supplemental Testimony on behalf of Westar Energy, Inc.

**FERC or State Jurisdiction: State of Texas**

44671

**Joint Application of Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS") and Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor") for Approval of Accounting Entries Associated with the Purchase and Sale of Facilities, and for True-Up of the Gain-On-Sale Calculation Associated with Docket No. 41430**

On April 22, 2015, SPS and Oncor filed a Joint Application for approval of accounting entries associated with the sale of certain transmission assets from SPS to Oncor. SPS and Oncor have executed an agreement under which, subject to obtaining regulatory approvals and meeting other conditions of closing, Oncor has agreed to purchase a 24.6-mile segment of SPS' remaining 230-kilovolt Hobbs-Midland transmission line located in Andrews County, Texas.

## Regulatory Status Report

***FERC or State Jurisdiction: United States Court of Appeals***

**14-1281**

**Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company ("OG&E") v. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") Concerning Orders Issued in Docket Nos. ER13-366 and ER13-367 Regarding SPP's Order No. 1000 Regional Compliance Filings**

On April 22, 2015, FERC filed the Certified Index to the Record.