



# Request for Proposal

RFP # **SPP-RFP-000001**

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## **RFP ORIGINATION STUDY:**

2015 Integrated Transmission Planning 10-Year Study ("2015 ITP10")

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## Section 1 - Background

### 1.1 RFP Solicitation Overview

SPP is issuing this Request for Proposal (“RFP”) to solicit proposals from Qualified RFP Participants or QRPs (“Respondent”) for the project described below in Section 2 of this RFP. By submitting a response to this RFP, Respondent agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of this RFP.

This RFP and the overall Transmission Owner Selection Process (“TOSP”) are governed by the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff (“Tariff”) and SPP Business Practices. If there is a conflict between this document and SPP’s Tariff or Business Practices, the SPP’s [Tariff](#) and [Business Practices](#) shall govern.

### 1.2 TOSP Deposit

The TOSP deposit and cost calculation are outlined in Section III.2.e. of Attachment Y of the SPP Tariff. The TOSP deposit must be submitted with each RFP proposal submittal, and is required to be paid by electronic funds transfer or by check at the time the RFP Proposal is submitted. SPP will hold each Respondent’s TOSP deposit in a segregated interest-bearing account in the name of the Respondent tied to the Respondent’s Internal Revenue Service Tax Identification Number. The TOSP deposit required for this RFP proposal is: **\$25,000.**

In accordance with Section III.2.e. of Attachment Y of the SPP Tariff, SPP will determine the actual costs to administer the TOSP at the completion of the TOSP. The cost will be allocated to each RFP proposal on a pro-rata share basis; calculated by taking the total TOSP costs for each Competitive Upgrade and dividing by the number of RFP proposals submitted for that Competitive Upgrade. Each Respondent is required to make additional payments or will be eligible to obtain refunds based on the reconciliation of the TOSP deposits collected and actual TOSP costs. Any unused deposit amounts will be refunded with interest earned on such deposits.

### 1.3 RFP Timetable

The following events are scheduled for this response:

Task	Deadline
RFP Issued Date	Tue., May 5, 2015
Pre-Response Meeting*	Thu., May 28, 2015
Notice of Intent to Submit RFP Response**	Mon., Aug. 3, 2015
Last Date SPP will Accept RFP Questions	Thu., Oct. 17, 2015
RFP Response/Deposit Deadline by 5 p.m. (Central Time)	Mon., Nov. 2, 2015

\* The Pre-Response Meeting will be an open meeting to allow QRPs and other interested parties to ask questions and receive feedback prior to submitting an RFP Response. The Q&A will be publicly posted to SPP.org.

\*\*The Notice of Intent to Submit RFP Response is a non-binding notice that will be used by SPP to assist in estimating the amount of resources required to evaluate the RFP Responses.

#### **1.4 Instructions for Submitting an RFP Proposal**

The Respondent shall provide the following items in a submitted RFP Proposal:

- A completed RFP Response Form, including any supporting documentation (itemized in the RFP Response Form, Tab C);
- An executed copy of the Acknowledgements in Section 4 of this RFP; and
- The TOSP deposit

All RFP proposals and any supporting documentation shall be submitted through the SPP Request Management System (“RMS”) (<https://spprms.issuetrak.com/login.asp>). See [SPP Business Practice 7700](#) for RFP receipt and response information.

Additional guidance on submitting the RFP Proposal can be found in the [RFP Response Form Instruction](#) document.

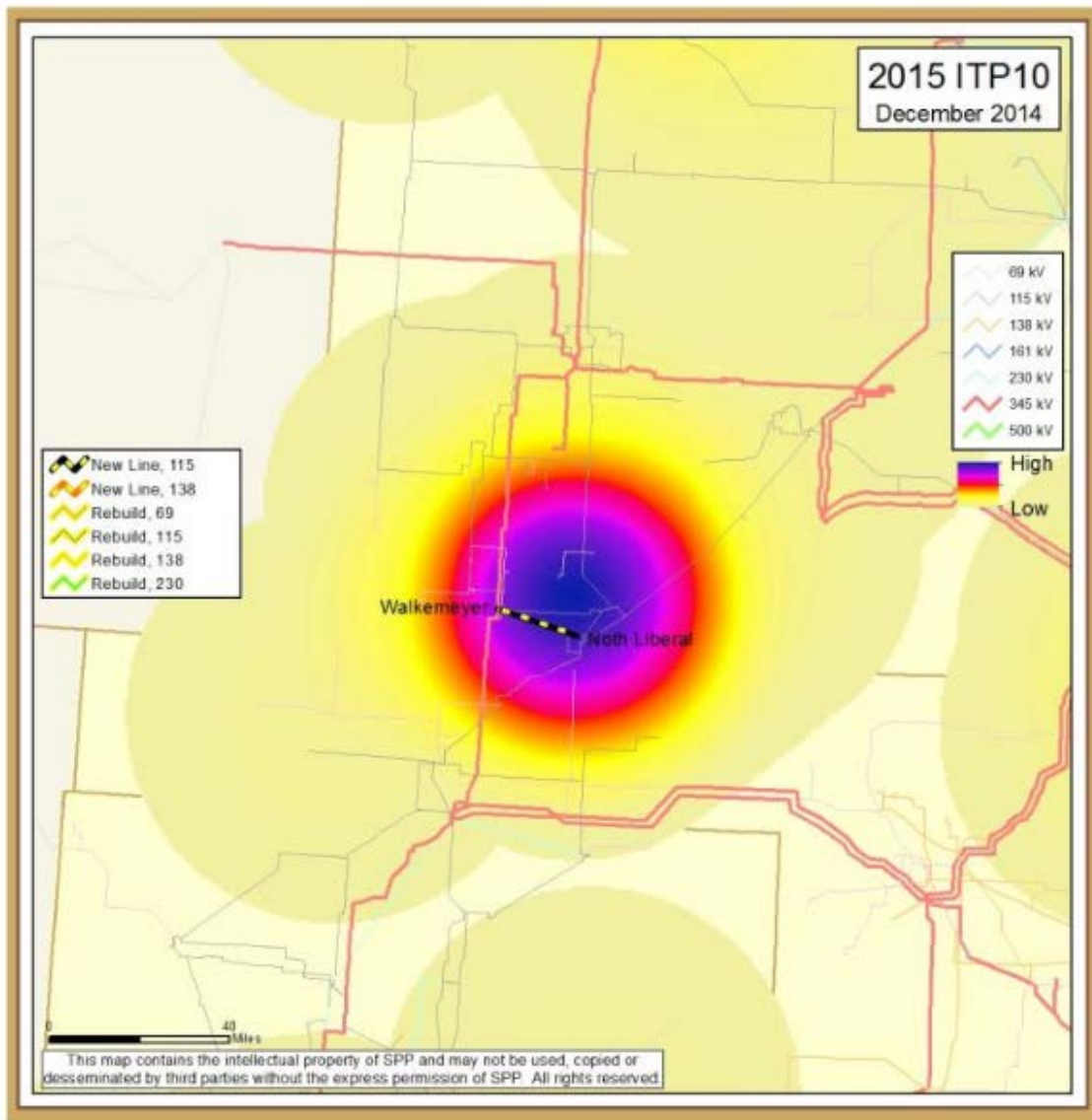
#### **1.5 RFP Communication**

The Respondent should submit any inquiries about the RFP process through [RMS](#). RMS responses will be posted publicly on the [RFP page](#) on [spp.org](http://spp.org).

## Section 2 – Project Objectives

### 2.1 Project Overview

On April 28, 2015, the SPP BOD approved the North Liberal - Walkemeyer 115 kV project (“North Liberal – Walkemeyer”) for construction as part of the [2015 ITP10](#). North Liberal – Walkemeyer meets the requirements of a Competitive Upgrade in Attachment Y of the SPP Tariff.



## 2.2 Project Specifications

**Project ID: 30922**

**Need Date for Project: 6/1/2019**

**Study Cost Estimate for entire Project (+/-30%): \$17,502,514**

**Project Name: Line - North Liberal - Walkemeyer 115 kV Ckt 1**

**Project Overview:** The Competitive Upgrade portion of this RFP requires construction of a new 115 kV transmission line from the North Liberal substation to the Walkemeyer substation to address voltage and thermal issues in the surrounding area of the project.

**Date Regulatory Approvals Are Required to Be Completed:** 1/1/2017 or a period of 8 months from the issuance of this NTC

**Expected Financial Expenditure Date:** 6/1/2016

The North Liberal – Walkemeyer project includes the following non-competitive portions:

- The North Liberal substation is owned by Mid-Kansas Electric Company (“MKEC”). SPP will issue a Notification to Construct (“NTC”) to MKEC to install any 115 kV terminal equipment at the existing North Liberal substation necessary to accommodate termination of new 115 kV line from Walkemeyer. (Project ID: 30922 / Upgrade ID: 51243)
- The Walkemeyer substation is owned by Sunflower Electric Power Corporation (“SEPC”). SPP will issue an NTC to SEPC to install any 115 kV terminal equipment at the existing Walkemeyer substation necessary to accommodate termination of new 115 kV line from North Liberal. (Project ID: 30912 / Upgrade ID: 51241)
- [MKEC/SEPC Interconnection Requirements](#) can be found here.

The North Liberal – Walkemeyer project includes the following competitive portion:

**Competitive Upgrade ID: 51242**

**Network Upgrade Name:** North Liberal - Walkemeyer 115 kV Ckt 1

**Network Upgrade Description:** Construct a new 115 kV line from North Liberal substation to Walkemeyer substation.

**Network Upgrade Specification:** All elements and conductor must have at least a minimum ampacity of 1200A.

**Network Upgrade Justification:** Upgrade identified in the 2015 ITP10 Needs Assessment as needed for regional reliability (need date: 6/1/2019).

**Study Cost Estimate for Competitive Upgrade: \$16,813,452**

## 2.3 Project Design Standards

The Respondent shall, at a minimum, comply with design specifications as outlined in the Minimum Transmission Design Standards for Competitive Upgrades, Revision 1, dated 1/23/2015 (“MTDS”), which can be found at [http://www.spp.org/publications/Minimum\\_Design\\_Standard\\_Rev\\_1.pdf](http://www.spp.org/publications/Minimum_Design_Standard_Rev_1.pdf). The RFP Respondent shall acknowledge all MTDS have been met. If the RFP Respondent exceeds the

MTDS, then it is the responsibility of the RFP Respondent to detail and support the reason it exceeded the MTDS.

The Repondent shall comply with all [SPP Criteria](#), dated July 29, 2014, as they pertain to this RFP.

## **2.4 Project Regulatory Context and Authority**

Pursuant to Section III of Attachment Y of the SPP Tariff, SPP is issuing this RFP providing QRPs with the opportunity to submit an RFP proposal for North Liberal – Walkemeyer. The SPP BOD approved North Liberal – Walkemeyer as part of the 2015 ITP10.

## **2.5 RFP Proposal Cost Estimate**

Respondent must include an RFP Response Estimate (“RRE”) as further described in [SPP Business Practice 7060](#) for North Liberal – Walkemeyer. The RRE will be used by the Industry Expert Panel (“IEP”) to evaluate the RFP Proposal that will be included in the reports given to the SPP BOD for RFP selection. The RRE will be used as the established baseline for reporting all cost estimate changes during the Project Tracking process and will be the basis for determining project cost variance. The final project cost is expected to be within a -20% to + 20% variance from the RRE.

# **Section 3 – RFP Proposal Process and Requirements**

## **3.1 Respondent Information**

The Respondent shall provide information for the authorized person(s) making this proposal and any alternate person with the same authority whom SPP should contact in the event of questions or clarification. If this is a Joint RFP Proposal or Multi-Owner RFP Proposal (or both) as those terms are defined in Section III.2(a) of Attachment Y of the SPP Tariff, Respondent(s) must complete applicable sections on Tab A-1 and A-2 on the RFP Response Form.

- Complete Tabs A-1 and A-2 (if applicable) on the RFP Response Form for all Respondent(s) and/or Competitive Upgrade Participant(s) information.

## **3.2 RFP Project Summary**

The Respondent shall provide overview information related to North Liberal – Walkemeyer.

- Complete Tab B on the RFP Response Form.

## **3.3 RFP Supporting Documentation**

The Respondent shall provide a complete indexed listing of any and all supporting documentation being submitted with the RFP Response Form referencing the appropriate section identifier in column D related to North Liberal – Walkemeyer.

- Complete Tab C on the RFP Response Form.

### **3.4 Engineering Design (Reliability/Quality/General Design)**

The Respondent shall provide proposed engineering design and technical information specific to North Liberal – Walkemeyer.

- Complete Tabs 1A and 1B on the RFP Response Form.

### **3.5 Project Management (Construction Project Management)**

The Respondent shall provide construction project management information specific to its proposal to construct North Liberal – Walkemeyer.

- Complete Tabs B, 1A, 1B, 2A and 2B on the RFP Response Form.

### **3.6 Operations (Operations/Maintenance/Safety)**

The Respondent shall provide operations information specific to its proposal to operate North Liberal – Walkemeyer.

- Complete Tab 3 on the RFP Response Form.

### **3.7 Rate Analysis (Cost to Customer)**

The Respondent shall provide detailed rate analysis information for North Liberal – Walkemeyer.

- Complete Tabs 4A, 4B, 4C and 4D on the RFP Response Form.

### **3.8 Finance (Financial Viability and Creditworthiness)**

The Respondent shall provide finance information specific to North Liberal – Walkemeyer.

- Complete Tab 5 on the RFP Response Form.

### **3.9 Conditions of Proposal**

In submitting a response to this RFP, the Respondent acknowledges and accepts the conditions detailed in Section 4 (Acknowledgements). To signify such acknowledgement, an authorized representative of Respondent must initial each sub-paragraph and sign at the bottom. If Respondent fails to include such acknowledgments or fails to accept any condition set forth herein, the RFP Proposal will be deemed withdrawn and will be disqualified from consideration.

If the RFP Proposal is a Multi-Owner RFP Proposal or Joint RFP Proposal, an authorized representative from each participating company must acknowledge and accept the conditions detailed in Section 4. If the RFP Proposal does not include such acknowledgments or acceptance of any of the conditions set forth herein by each participating company, the RFP Proposal will be deemed withdrawn and will be disqualified from consideration.



### **3.10 Confidential Information Identification**

The Respondent must identify any information in the RFP Proposal that the Respondent considers to be confidential.

### **3.11 Information Exchange Requirements**

Identification of data required to be provided to the Transmission Provider is in accordance with NERC reliability standards and CEII requirements.

### **3.12 Confidentiality**

In accordance with Attachment Y, Section III.2.d.iii of the SPP Tariff, SPP will not disclose the information contained in any RFP proposal, except to the IEP, until the issuance of the IEP reports in accordance with Attachment Y, Section III.2.d.vi.2 of the SPP Tariff. Any information identified by the Respondent as confidential in the RFP will be redacted from the public version of the IEP report.

### **3.13 Disclaimer**

This RFP is not an offer to enter into a contract, but is merely a request for the Respondent to submit information. Expenses incurred in responding to this request are solely the responsibility of the Respondent. SPP's issuance of this RFP does not constitute any commitment on SPP's part to move forward with North Liberal – Walkemeyer, and SPP may reevaluate North Liberal – Walkemeyer in accordance with the SPP Tariff and Business Practices and withdraw this RFP at any time.

### **3.14 RFP Evaluation**

Pursuant to Attachment Y, Section III of the SPP Tariff, an IEP will evaluate the written proposal. During this time, the IEP may initiate discussions with SPP or the Respondent for the purpose of clarifying aspects of the proposal. However, the proposal may be evaluated without such discussions. The Respondent shall not initiate such discussions with the IEP.

The RFP proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the process in Attachment Y, Section III.2.f of the SPP Tariff.

## Section 4 - Acknowledgments

In submitting a response to this RFP, the Respondent (and, in the case of a Multi-Owner RFP Proposal or Joint RFP Proposal, an authorized representative from each participating company) acknowledges and accepts the following conditions, and makes the following representations. Please initial each sub-paragraph in each box below in your response.

- A-1 RFP Proposal – RFP Respondent is providing the completed RFP Response Form, an executed copy of this Section 4 Acknowledgements, a TOSP deposit, as well as any supporting documentation itemized in the RFP Response Form on Tab C.
- A-2 No Cure Period – No additions or other changes to the original Proposal will be allowed after RFP Response Window is closed.
- A-3 TOSP Deposit – The RFP Respondent will make additional payments or obtain refunds based on the final reconciliation of the TOSP costs for this RFP.
- A-4 SPP Membership Agreement – (1) Each RFP Respondent agrees to execute the SPP Membership Agreement as a Transmission Owner if the RFP Proposal is selected by the Transmission Provider, if it has not already done so; and (2) Each Competitive Upgrade Participant in a Multi-Owner RFP Proposal shall agree in writing to execute the SPP Membership Agreement as a Transmission Owner at such time that the entity is first eligible to execute the Membership Agreement as a Transmission Owner, if it has not already done so.
- A-5 RFP Withdrawal – SPP may withdraw this RFP at any time.
- A-6 SPP Tariff and Business Practices – This RFP and the overall TOSP are governed by the SPP Tariff and Business Practices. If there is a conflict between this document and the SPP Tariff or Business Practices, the [SPP Tariff](#) and [Business Practices](#) shall govern.
- A-7 Joint RFP Proposal – (1) Each RFP Respondent shall be jointly and severally liable for all aspects of finance and construction of the Competitive Upgrade, such that if the Joint RFP Proposal is selected by the Transmission Provider, the other RFP Respondent(s) shall be liable for the defaulting RFP Respondent's(s') obligations in the event that one or more RFP Respondent(s) defaults on its obligations; and (2) In the event that each RFP Respondent(s) does not agree to be jointly and severally liable, as set forth in Section III.2(c)(xiv)(a) of Attachment Y of the SPP Tariff, if the Joint RFP Proposal is selected by the Transmission Provider, the Transmission Provider shall reevaluate the entire Competitive Upgrade pursuant to Section V(4) of Attachment Y of the SPP Tariff if one or more RFP Respondent(s) default on its obligations with respect to the Competitive Upgrade.
- A-8 Multi-Owner RFP Proposal – The RFP Respondent acknowledges and agrees that notwithstanding any defaults of any Competitive Upgrade Participant on its obligations under any participation agreement(s), each RFP Respondent, as identified on the RFP Response Form as responsible for any Competitive Upgrade Participant default, is responsible for all aspects of the Competitive Upgrade.



A-9 Minimum Transmission Design Standards for Competitive Upgrades – The RFP Respondent acknowledges all MTDS have been met, as referenced in Section 2.3 above. If the RFP Respondent exceeds the MTDS, then it is the responsibility of the RFP Respondent to detail and support the reason it exceeded the MTDS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this RFP Proposal to be executed by their respective authorized officials.

**RFP Respondent:\***

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Title Date

**Additional Authorized Representatives, if needed:\***

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 RFP Respondent  Competitive Upgrade Participant

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Title Date

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 RFP Respondent  Competitive Upgrade Participant

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Title Date

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 RFP Respondent  Competitive Upgrade Participant

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Title Date

\* For a single RFP Respondent, only one signature is required. For a Joint RFP, each company submitting the Joint RFP is expected to complete a signature block and indicate "RFP Respondent" under the Company line. For a Multi-Owner RFP, each company submitting the Multi-Owner RFP are expected to complete a signature block and indicate whether they are a "RFP Respondent" or "Competitive Upgrade Participant" under the Company line.