

SPP-NTC-200344

**SPP
Notification to Construct**

August 13, 2015

Mr. Clarence Suppes
Sunflower Electric Power Corp.
P.O. Box 170
Great Bend, KS 67530

RE: Notification to Construct Approved Reliability Network Upgrades

Dear Mr. Suppes,

Pursuant to Section 3.3 of the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. ("SPP") Membership Agreement and Attachments O and Y of the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT"), SPP provides this Notification to Construct ("NTC") directing Sunflower Electric Power Corp. ("SEPC"), as the Designated Transmission Owner, to construct the Network Upgrade(s).

On June 15, 2015, the SPP Board of Directors approved the Network Upgrade(s) listed below to be constructed.

New Network Upgrades

Project ID: 30912

Project Name: Multi - Walkemeyer Tap - Walkemeyer 345/115 kV

Need Date for Project: 6/1/2015

Estimated Cost for Project: \$17,838,846 (this project cost contains Network Upgrades not included in this NTC)

Network Upgrade ID: 51240

Network Upgrade Name: Walkemeyer - Walkemeyer Tap 115 kV Ckt 1 (SEPC)

Network Upgrade Description: Construct new 115 kV line from Walkemeyer to the new Walkemeyer Tap substation. The total estimated length of the Walkemeyer to Walkemeyer Tap line is 1 mile. SEPC and Southwestern Public Service Company shall decide who shall build how much of these Network Upgrades and shall provide such information, along with specific cost estimates for each DTO's portion of the Network Upgrades, to SPP in its response to this NTC.

Network Upgrade Owner: SEPC

MOPC Representative(s): Al Tamimi

TWG Representative: Al Tamimi

SPP-NTC-200344

Categorization: Regional reliability

Network Upgrade Specification: All elements and conductor must have at least an emergency rating of 304 MVA.

Network Upgrade Justification: To address low voltages in the Cimarron area and overloads on Cimarron River Plant - Seward 115 kV Ckt 1, CTU Sublette - Pioneer Tap 115 kV Ckt 1, and Haskell - Seward 115 kV Ckt 1 for the loss of Hugoton Substation - Pioneer Natural Resources Tap 115 kV Ckt 1.

Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars): \$423,644

Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade: Base Plan

Estimated Cost Source: SPP

Date of Estimated Cost: 12/1/2014

Network Upgrade ID: 51241

Network Upgrade Name: Walkemeyer 115 kV Terminal Upgrades

Network Upgrade Description: Install 115 kV terminal equipment at the existing Walkemeyer substation required to accommodate the terminations of the new 1-mile 115 kV line from the new Walkemeyer Tap substation and the new 21-mile 115 kV line from North Liberal.

Network Upgrade Owner: SEPC

MOPC Representative(s): Al Tamimi

TWG Representative: Al Tamimi

Categorization: Regional reliability

Network Upgrade Specification: All elements and conductor must have at least an emergency rating of 304 MVA.

Network Upgrade Justification: To address low voltages in the Cimarron area and overloads on Cimarron River Plant - Seward 115 kV Ckt 1, CTU Sublette - Pioneer Tap 115 kV Ckt 1, and Haskell - Seward 115 kV Ckt 1 for the loss of Hugoton Substation - Pioneer Natural Resources Tap 115 kV Ckt 1.

Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars): \$3,907,813

Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade: Base Plan

Estimated Cost Source: SPP

Date of Estimated Cost: 12/1/2014

Network Upgrade ID: 51326

Network Upgrade Name: Walkemeyer Tap 345 kV Substation (SEPC)

Network Upgrade Description: Tap the existing 345 kV line from Finney to Hitchland to construct the new Walkemeyer Tap substation. Install any necessary 345 kV terminal equipment. SEPC and Southwestern Public Service Company shall decide who shall build how much of these Network Upgrades and shall provide such information, along with specific cost estimates for each DTO's portion of the Network Upgrades, to SPP in its response to this NTC.

SPP-NTC-200344

Network Upgrade Owner: SEPC

MOPC Representative(s): Al Tamimi

TWG Representative: Al Tamimi

Categorization: Regional reliability

Network Upgrade Specification: All elements and conductor must have at least an emergency rating of 1052 MVA.

Network Upgrade Justification: To address low voltages in the Cimarron area and overloads on Cimarron River Plant - Seward 115 kV Ckt 1, CTU Sublette - Pioneer Tap 115 kV Ckt 1, and Haskell - Seward 115 kV Ckt 1 for the loss of Hugoton Substation - Pioneer Natural Resources Tap 115 kV Ckt 1.

Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars): \$9,639,744

Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade: Base Plan

Estimated Cost Source: SPP

Date of Estimated Cost: 12/1/2014

Network Upgrade ID: 51327

Network Upgrade Name: Walkemeyer Tap 345/115 kV Transformer (SEPC)

Network Upgrade Description: Install new 345/115 kV transformer at the new Walkemeyer Tap substation. Install any necessary 115 kV terminal equipment. SEPC and Southwestern Public Service Company shall decide who shall build how much of these Network Upgrades and shall provide such information, along with specific cost estimates for each DTO's portion of the Network Upgrades, to SPP in its response to this NTC.

Network Upgrade Owner: SEPC

MOPC Representative(s): Al Tamimi

TWG Representative: Al Tamimi

Categorization: Regional reliability

Network Upgrade Specification: All elements and conductor must have at least an emergency rating of 280 MVA.

Network Upgrade Justification: To address low voltages in the Cimarron area and overloads on Cimarron River Plant - Seward 115 kV Ckt 1, CTU Sublette - Pioneer Tap 115 kV Ckt 1, and Haskell - Seward 115 kV Ckt 1 for the loss of Hugoton Substation - Pioneer Natural Resources Tap 115 kV Ckt 1.

Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars): \$3,444,000

Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade: Base Plan

Estimated Cost Source: SPP

Date of Estimated Cost: 12/1/2014

Commitment to Construct

Please provide to SPP a written commitment to construct the Network Upgrade(s) within 90 days

SPP-NTC-200344

of the date of this NTC, in addition to providing a construction schedule and an updated $\pm 20\%$ cost estimate, NTC Project Estimate, in the Standardized Cost Estimate Reporting Template for the Network Upgrade(s). Failure to provide a sufficient written commitment to construct as required by the SPP OATT could result in the Network Upgrade(s) being assigned to another entity.

Mitigation Plan

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

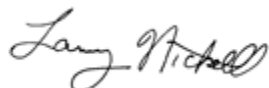
Notification of Progress

On an ongoing basis, please keep SPP advised of any inability on SEPC's part to complete the approved Network Upgrade(s). For project tracking, SPP requires SEPC to submit status updates of the Network Upgrade(s) quarterly in conjunction with the SPP Board of Directors meetings. However, SEPC 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".

Lanny Nickell
Vice President, Engineering
Phone: (501) 614-3232 • Fax: (501) 482-2022 • lnickell@spp.org

SPP-NTC-200344

cc: Carl Monroe - SPP
Antoine Lucas - SPP
Tom Hestermann - SEPC
Al Tamimi - SEPC
Moe Shahriar - SEPC