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AD11-9 Inquiry into Recent Outages in Texas and the Southwest

On July 31, 2015, FERC issued a request that ReliabilityFirst Corporation, SERC Reliability Corporation, SPP Regional Entity, and Texas Reliability Entity provide data and documents for the extreme cold weather periods experienced during 2015 and preparations for the upcoming 2015-2016 winter.

Responses are due on September 29, 2015.

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

On July 2, 2015, the Independent Market Monitor for PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. filed a reply to the response of the Independent Market Monitor for the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

AD15-11 Electronic Filing Protocols for Commission Forms

On July 16, 2015, FERC issued a Notice of Meeting of North American Energy Standards Board. NAESB will hold its first conference call on August 13, 2015 to initiate its process for developing standards for the submission of Commission Forms in XML format.

EF15-8 Western Area Power Administration ("Western") Filing of Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program - Eastern Division Transmission and Ancillary Services Rates (Order No. WAPA-170)

On July 22, 2015, Western Area Power Administration submitted rate schedules placing formula transmission and ancillary services rates for the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program - Eastern Division into effect, beginning on or after October 1, 2015, upon transfer of functional control of eligible Western-Upper Great Plains facilities to SPP.

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 July 13, 2015, Judge Cintron issued an Order Cancelling Settlement Conference to be held on July 21, 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 July 1, 2015, the ALJ issued an Order Waiving Cross-Examination and Hearing, and Amending Procedural Schedule.

On July 28, 2015, the parties filed an Amended Joint Motion for Admission of Exhibits Into Record.

On July 30, 2015, the parties filed a Motion to Hold Procedural Schedules in Abeyance and to Waive the Filing of Answers.

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The parties requested that the procedural schedules in EL12-59/EL13-78 and EL15-8 be held in abeyance until August 31, 2015, to provide the participants with an opportunity to submit a Joint Offer of Settlement.

On July 31, 2015, Judge Wagner issued an Order of Chief Judge Holding Procedural Schedules in Abeyance and Waiving Period for Answers.

The procedural schedules are held in abeyance until August 31, 2015, to allow the parties to reduce their settlement agreement to principle to writing and file the Joint Offer of Settlement with the Commission.

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 July 31, 2015, Entergy Services, Inc. submitted an Offer of Partial Settlement regarding all of the issues set for hearing in Docket Nos. ER13-948, ER14-649, and ER14-1645 relating to the proposed transmission formula rates for the Entergy Operating Companies under Attachment O of the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s Tariff, which the exception of unresolved issues regarding MISO's proposed Regional Through-and-Out Rate for the MISO South Region.

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 July 13, 2015, Judge Cintron issued an Order Cancelling Settlement Conference to be held on July 21, 2015.

EL14-27 **Investigation into Independent System Operator ("ISO") and Regional Transmission Organization ("RTO") Scheduling Practices**

On July 1, 2015, FERC issued a Notice Granting Extension of Time to and including August 4, 2015 for SPP to submit its compliance filing required by the March 20, 2014 order.

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

On July 13, 2015, Judge Cintron issued an Order Cancelling Settlement Conference to be held on July 21, 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 ("ATRR")**

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On July 30, 2015, the parties filed a Motion to Hold Procedural Schedules in Abeyance and to Waive the Filing of Answers.

The parties requested that the procedural schedules in EL12-59/EL13-78 and EL15-8 be held in abeyance until August 31, 2015, to provide the participants with an opportunity to submit a Joint Offer of Settlement.

On July 31, 2015, Judge Wagner issued an Order of Chief Judge Holding Procedural Schedules in Abeyance and Waiving Period for Answers.

The procedural schedules are held in abeyance until August 31, 2015, to allow the parties to reduce their settlement agreement to principle to writing and file the Joint Offer of Settlement with the Commission.

EL15-86 ITC Grid Development, LLC's ("ITC") Petition for Declaratory Order Regarding Rates for Competitively Selected Transmission Projects

On July 28, 2015, ITC Grid Development, LLC filed a Petition for Declaratory Order seeking a Commission ruling:

- 1) that binding revenue requirement bids selected as the result of a Commission-approved, Order No. 1000-compliant, and demonstrably competitive transmission project selection processes will be deemed just and reasonable when filed at the Commission as a stated rate pursuant to Federal Power Act; and
- 2) that such binding bids are entitled to protection under the Mobile-Sierra standard, and may not subsequently be changed by means of a complaint filed under FPA Section 206 unless required by the public interest.

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 July 31, 2015, Entergy Services, Inc. submitted an Offer of Partial Settlement regarding all of the issues set for hearing in Docket Nos. ER13-948, ER14-649, and ER14-1645 relating to the proposed transmission formula rates for the Entergy Operating Companies under Attachment O of the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s Tariff, which the exception of unresolved issues regarding MISO's proposed Regional Through-and-Out Rate for the MISO South Region.

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 July 22, 2015, SPP filed its first informational report regarding Interface Bus Pricing and a Day-Ahead Firm Flow Entitlement exchange process.

ER14-67 Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP and American Electric Power Service Corporation ("AEP") as Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner, and a unexecuted NOA between SPP, AEP as Network Customer, and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative ("WFEC") as Host Transmission Owner

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On July 2, 2015, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative and American Electric Power Service Corporation filed a status report regarding their progress in drafting a settlement agreement.

The Parties requested that settlement negotiations be permitted to continue and committed to filing a formal settlement package or written status report by August 7, 2015.

On July 20, 2015, Judge Coffman filed a Report of Settlement Judge, recommending that the settlement proceeding continue.

ER14-781

Submission of Tariff Revisions to Modify the Generator Interconnection Procedures

On July 20, 2015, SPP submitted its compliance filing in response to the order issued on June 18, 2015.

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 July 13, 2015, Judge Cintron issued an Order Cancelling Settlement Conference to be held on July 21, 2015.

ER14-2553

Order No. 681 Compliance Filing to Implement Long-Term Congestion Rights ("LTCRs")

On July 16, 2015, FERC issued an order denying rehearing of the order issued on October 28, 2014. FERC conditionally accepted SPP's January 30, 2015 compliance filing, subject to a further compliance filing.

FERC found that SPP has partially complied with the directives in the October 2014 Order. FERC found that SPP justified the continuation of Attachment Z2 transmission revenue credits as an alternative alongside Incremental LTCRs. However, FERC found that SPP's proposed minimum upgrade cost threshold of \$5 million per upgrade has not been shown to be just and reasonable. SPP was directed to make a further compliance filing to remove the minimum upgrade cost threshold for Incremental LTCRs from its Tariff.

FERC conditionally accepted SPP's proposal to include a nomination process, but found that SPP has only partially complied with the directives in the October 2014 Order. By including Incremental LTCRs in the second step of the allocation, it is unclear whether upgrade sponsors will be able to receive their full entitlement of Incremental LTCRs consistent with Order No. 681. SPP was directed to make a further compliance filing to separate the provision of Incremental LTCRs from the proposed nomination process, and to establish a new process to provide the Incremental LTCRs when the sponsored upgrade goes into service. Additionally, FERC stated the Incremental LTCRs should be immediately converted into Transmission Congestion Rights (TCRs) until the next annual allocation. FERC stated it is unclear if this change would result in changes to the initial allocation of LTCRs. In the event that a change is required, FERC directed SPP to treat the LTCRs allocated in the 2015 initial allocation as a single year LTCRs, i.e., treat them as though they are valid for only one year, and to implement the initial allocation of LTCRs in the 2016 Auction Revenue Rights (ARR)/TCR year. SPP was directed to inform the Commission whether the initial allocation of LTCRs will be implemented in the 2016 ARR/TCR year. SPP was directed to explain in its compliance filing how its proposed process will treat the provision of LTCRs and Incremental LTCRs for network upgrades that are funded through a combination of rolled-in transmission rates and directly assigned charges.

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FERC accepted SPP's compliance filing with regard to the transmission planning and expansion requirements of Order No. 681.

FERC found that SPP has failed to comply with the directive to revise the Tariff to include the clarification that the term "Network Integration Transmission Service Candidate LTRCs" should appear in section 7.1.3(1) of Attachment AE instead of "Candidate LTRCs" and will also require SPP to include parallel language concerning the transfer of LTRCs to account for wholesale load shifts between transmission customers in sections 7.1.3 (2), (3), and (4). FERC also found that SPP failed to include the revision to section 7.2.1.a of Attachment AE to make it clear that only Eligible Entities that are surrendering previously awarded LTRCs are required to submit the information requested in the Tariff.

SPP's compliance filing is due on August 17, 2015.

On July 29, 2015, SPP filed a Motion for Extension of Time and Expedited Consideration. SPP requested an extension of time to and including October 30, 2015, to submit the compliance filing required by the Commission's order issued on July 16, 2015.

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 July 7, 2015, Judge Young issued an Order Scheduling Settlement Conference to be held on August 19, 2015.

On July 30, 2015, Judge Young issued a Settlement Judge Report to the Commission and Chief Judge. The next formal settlement conference is scheduled for August 19, 2015.

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 July 7, 2015, Judge Young issued an Order Scheduling Settlement Conference to be held on August 19, 2015.

On July 30, 2015, Judge Young issued a Settlement Judge Report to the Commission and Chief Judge. The next formal settlement conference is scheduled for August 19, 2015.

ER15-279

Submission of Tariff Revisions to Implement a Stated Rate to Accommodate Recovery of the Annual Transmission Revenue Requirements ("ATRR") for The Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District ("Central")

On July 15, 2015, SPP submitted its compliance filing to update the stated rate for SPP Transmission Owing Member Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, pursuant to the unopposed settlement agreement and the order issued on June 25, 2015.

An effective date of January 1, 2015 was requested.

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- ER15-1152** **Submission of Tariff Revisions Regarding a Transitional Process for Allocation of Auction Revenue Rights ("ARRs")**
- On July 1, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's June 1, 2015 filing revising the Tariff in compliance with the order issued on May 1, 2015.
- An effective date of May 1, 2015 was granted.
- This order constitutes final agency action.
- 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 July 9, 2015, Judge Wagner issued an Order of Chief Judge granting South Central MCN, LLC's Motion to Intervene Out-of-Time.
- On July 14, 2015, Judge Baten issued an order cancelling the settlement conference to be held on July 20, 2015.
- On July 14, 2015, Judge Baten filed a recommendation to terminate the settlement proceedings and to assign a presiding administrative law judge.
- On July 15, 2015, Judge Wagner issued an order granting City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri's Motion to Intervene Out-of-Time.
- On July 16, 2015, Judge Wagner issued an order terminating settlement judge procedures, designating presiding administrative law judge, establishing Track II procedural time standards, and scheduling a prehearing conference to be held on July 30, 2015.
- A pre-hearing conference was held on July 30, 2015.
- ER15-1729** **Ministerial Filing of Non-Substantive Tariff Revisions in Attachment Y**
- On July 6, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's ministerial tariff revisions in Attachment Y to reflect Tariff language accepted by the Commission in various overlapping dockets.
- Effective dates of January 1, 2015 and January 26, 2015 were granted.
- ER15-1744** **Notice of Cancellation of the Large Generator Interconnection Agreement ("LGIA") between Wind Farm Bear Creek, LLC ("Bear Creek") as Interconnection Customer and Sunflower Electric Power Corporation ("Sunflower") as Transmission Owner**
- On July 8, 2015, FERC issued a letter order accepting the Notice of Cancellation, effective April 24, 2015 as requested.
- This order constitutes final agency action.
- ER15-1750** **Generator Interconnection Agreement ("GIA") between Steele Flats Wind Project, LLC ("Steele Flats") as Interconnection Customer and Nebraska Public Power District ("NPPD") as Transmission Owner and Notice of Cancellation**
- On July 6, 2015, FERC issued a letter order accepting the agreement and Notice of Cancellation, effective April 23, 2015 as requested.

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This order constitutes final agency action.

ER15-1751

Generator Interconnection Agreement ("GIA") between Buckeye Wind Energy LLC ("Buckeye Wind") as Interconnection Customer and Midwest Energy, Inc. ("Midwest") as Transmission Owner

On July 6, 2015, FERC issued a letter order accepting the agreement, effective April 29, 2015 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER15-1752

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 July 6, 2015, FERC issued a letter order accepting the agreement, effective June 1, 2015 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER15-1753

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company ("OG&E") as Network Customer, and OG&E, American Electric Power Service Corporation ("AEP"), and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative ("WFEC") as Host Transmission Owners

On July 6, 2015, FERC issued a letter order accepting the agreement, effective June 1, 2015 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER15-1797

Notice of Cancellation of the Interconnection Agreement between Tres Amigas LLC ("Tres Amigas") and Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS"), with SPP as Signatory

On July 6, 2015, Xcel Energy Services Inc. filed an answer in response to the Motion to Intervene and Request to Reject Filing of Tres Amigas LLC.

Xcel stated:

- 1) SPP fully cooperated with Tres Amigas;
- 2) the notice of termination is sufficient to be accepted for filing;
- 3) termination is just and reasonable;
- 4) Southwestern Public Service Company acted in good faith and dealt fairly; and
- 5) SPP acted appropriately.

On July 9, 2015, SPP filed an answer in response to the Motion to Intervene and Request to Reject Filing of Tres Amigas LLC.

SPP stated:

- 1) SPP's role is a limited signatory;
- 2) Tres Amigas' arguments lack merit and should be rejected;

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3) SPP has concerns about the uncertainty of the project since Tres Amigas has been unable to provide any certainty to SPP or Southwestern Public Service Company about the status of the project.

On July 27, 2015, FERC issued a letter order accepting the Notice of Cancellation, effective July 27, 2015.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER15-1827

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, American Electric Power Service Corporation ("AEP") as Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner, and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative ("WFEC") as Host Transmission Owner

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

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER15-1859

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

On July 29, 2015, FERC issued a letter order accepting the agreement, effective June 1, 2015 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER15-1870

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Tex-La Electric Cooperative of Texas, Inc. ("Tex-La") as Network Customer, and American Electric Power Company ("AEP") as Host Transmission Owner

On July 29, 2015, FERC issued a letter order accepting the agreement, effective June 1, 2015 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER15-1891

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("ETEC") as Network Customer, and American Electric Power Company ("AEP") as Host Transmission Owner

On July 29, 2015, FERC issued a letter order accepting the agreement, effective June 1, 2015 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER15-1902

Generator Interconnection Agreement ("GIA") between Prairie Breeze Wind Energy II LLC ("Prairie Breeze") as Interconnection Customer and Nebraska Public Power District ("NPPD") as Transmission Owner

On July 27, 2015, SPP filed an amended agreement.

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ER15-1906 **Amendments to SPP Membership Agreement for Corn Belt Power Cooperative ("Corn Belt"), East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("East River"), and Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative ("NIPCO") (collectively the "Cooperatives")**

On July 2, 2015, Corn Belt Power Cooperative, East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Northwest Iowa Cooperative, South Central MCN, LLC, Western Area Power Administration, and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative filed Motions to Intervene.

ER15-1910 **Submission of Revisions to Attachment AD of the Tariff to Extend the 2014 Tariff Administration Agreement with Southwestern Power Administration ("Southwestern")**

On July 2, 2015, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene.

On July 13, 2015, Southwestern Power Resources Association submitted a Motion to Intervene.

ER15-1918 **Submission of Tariff Revisions to Clarify and Modify Transmission Owner Selection Process Provisions**

On July 1, 2015, Exelon Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

On July 6, 2015, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC filed a Motion to Intervene.

On July 6, 2015, Ameren Services Company filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments.

Ameren stated it supports the Tariff revisions proposed by SPP that provide clarity to the Transmission Owner Selection Process and to the implementation of the Transmission Owner Selection Process. However, Ameren stated that SPP's request to charge Request for Proposal respondents \$2000 for each bid submitted in accordance with the Transmission Owner Selection Process to recover undefined general costs not directly traceable to a specific Competitive Upgrade solicitation should be rejected.

On July 10, 2015, South Central MCN, LLC filed a Motion to Intervene Out-of-Time.

On July 24, 2015, SPP filed an answer in response to the comments filed by Ameren Services Company on behalf of its affiliates, ATX Southwest, LLC and Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois on July 6, 2015.

SPP stated:

- 1) notwithstanding Ameren's mischaracterizations, the implementation cost charge is just and reasonable;
- 2) the implementation cost charge is consistent with cost causation; and
- 3) Ameren's arguments that the implementation cost charge will hinder competition and is unworkable lack merit.

ER15-1924 **Revisions to Bylaws to Expand the Board of Directors**

On July 2, 2015, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER15-1939 **Generator Interconnection Agreement ("GIA") between Sunwind Energy Group, LLLP ("Sunwind") as Interconnection Customer and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Transmission Owner**

On July 28, 2015, SPP filed an amended agreement.

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Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Missouri River Energy Services ("MRES")

On July 1, 2015, the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Notice of Intervention.

On July 2, 2015, Basin Electric Power Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene.

On July 9, 2015, Basin Electric Power Cooperative filed a Protest.

Basin Electric stated:

- 1) MRES has not demonstrated that the proposed formula rate is just and reasonable and consistent with Commission policy; and
- 2) the proposed rate of return on equity is not just and reasonable.

On July 9, 2015, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene with Request for Clarification.

Western stated that it fully supports MRES' inclusion of facilities that qualify under Attachment AI of SPP's Tariff. However, Western stated there is a lack of detail in SPP's filing as to which facilities of MRES, in particular at the Watertown Peaking Plant Substation, are proposed to be included in MRES' annual transmission revenue requirement for the Upper Missouri Zone and the basis upon which MRES' transmission facilities are qualified under Attachment AI of SPP's Tariff.

Western also requested clarification that an Integrated System true-up for the remainder of 2013 will be included and that MRES intends to true-up the last 3 months of 2015.

On July 10, 2015, Xcel Energy Services Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene Out-of-Time.

On July 10, 2015, the Missouri Public Service Commission filed Comments, Conditional Protest, and Request to Reject Filing as Deficient.

MoPSC stated:

- 1) MRES should be required to provide notice to Interested Parties of both its Annual True-Up and Projected Net Revenue Requirement postings;
- 2) all adjustments to the formula rate should be identified and explained;
- 3) the time period between the Publication Date and the Annual True-Up Meeting should be no more than 30 days;
- 4) SPP should be required to implement a service list dedicated to transmission formula rate postings; and
- 5) there is insufficient information or analysis for the Commission to determine that MRES' requested 12.38% return on equity will be just and reasonable rate for consumers.

On July 21, 2015, Missouri River Energy Services filed an answer in response to comments filed by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, the Missouri Public Service Commission, and the Western Area Power Administration.

MRES stated:

- 1) Basin Electric's and the MoPSC's objections to the return on equity developed by MRES have no merit;
- 2) the Watertown Peaking Plant facilities are properly considered transmission assets, and will not increase the annual transmission revenue requirement for MRES; and
- 3) the protocols as proposed are fully consistent with Commission requirements, and provide

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reasonable notice and opportunities for intervention.

MRES also provided clarification regarding the true-up of Integrated System rates and the 2015 ATRR.

ER15-1973

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation ("AECC") as Network Customer, and American Electric Power Service Corporation ("AEP") as Host Transmission Owner

On July 9, 2015, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER15-1974

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation ("AECC") as Network Customer, and Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company ("OG&E") as Host Transmission Owner

On July 9, 2015, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER15-1976

Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("East River")

On July 1, 2015, the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Notice of Intervention.

On July 10, 2015, South Central MCN, LLC filed a Motion to Intervene.

On July 15, 2015, Xcel Energy Services Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.

On July 15, 2015, East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of SPP's filing.

East River stated:

- 1) the proposed formula rate is just and reasonable and consistent with Commission policy;
- 2) the source of East River's formula rate inputs is just and reasonable;
- 3) the proposed return on common equity is just and reasonable;
- 4) the formula rate implementation protocols are just and reasonable;
- 5) the transmission facilities East River proposes to transfer to SPP's functional control meet the the criteria for inclusion; and
- 6) the grandfathered agreements East River proposes to include in Attachment W of the Tariff meet the criteria for grandfathered agreements.

On July 15, 2015, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene with Request for Clarification.

Western stated that it appears some of the listed facilities have already been included in the Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement (ATRR) for Basin Electric Power Cooperative. Western requested clarification whether the costs of these facilities are also included in the Basin Electric ATRR for the Upper Missouri Zone.

Western requested clarification that East River intends to true-up the period of October 1 through December 31, 2015.

Western requested clarification of whether East River's ATRR will be reduced to account for other transmission revenue received under grandfathered agreement service over the East River

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facilities included in its ATRR.

On July 15, 2015, the Missouri Public Service Commission filed Comments, Conditional Protest, and Request to Reject Filing as Deficient.

The MoPSC stated:

- 1) East River should provide for remote access to its Annual Meeting;
- 2) the compressed timeline proposed in East River's protocols for information exchanges, informal and formal challenges does not give interested parties enough time to properly evaluate East River's annual update, true-up adjustments for the current rate year, and projections for the future rate year;
- 3) source documents for formula rate inputs should be clearly identified;
- 4) East River's formula rate protocols are deficient in not providing a level of transparency with the posting of its annual update, true-up adjustment and details to identify the projected and actual cost of each element of its Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement and actual revenues; and
- 5) East River's testimony fails to support its proposal to set its base return on equity at 10.37%.

On July 15, 2015, Missouri River Energy Services filed a Motion to Intervene and Comment.

MRES stated that East River's proposed formula rate fails to include key data, information, and explanations which are necessary for any formula rate to be approved.

On July 16, 2015, Basin Electric Power Cooperative filed a Motion for Leave to Intervene Out-of-Time and Comments in support of SPP's filing.

Basin Electric stated:

- 1) the proposed formula rate and protocols are just and reasonable and consistent with Commission policy;
- 2) the proposed rate of return on equity is just and reasonable; and
- 3) the formula rate implementation protocols are just and reasonable.

On July 30, 2015, East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. filed an answer in response to protests and comments filed in this proceeding.

East River stated:

- 1) the proposed formula rate and related inputs will be publically available;
- 2) the proposed implementation protocols are just and reasonable;
- 3) the transmission facilities listed for transfer to the functional control of SPP meet the standard under the Tariff;
- 4) the formula rate properly accounts for revenues associated with Grandfathered Agreements; and
- 5) the proposed return on common equity is just and reasonable.

ER15-2028

Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Corn Belt Power Cooperative ("Corn Belt")

On July 2, 2015, NorthWestern Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

On July 6, 2015, American Electric Power Service Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

On July 10, 2015, South Central MCN, LLC filed a Motion to Intervene.

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On July 14, 2015, the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Notice of Intervention.

On July 17, 2014, Interstate Power and Light Company, Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska, and Xcel Energy Services Inc. filed Motions to Intervene.

On July 17, 2015, Missouri River Energy Services filed a Motion to Intervene and Comment.

MRES stated that Corn Belt's filing of a proposed Formula Rate fails to include key data, information, and explanations which are necessary for any formula rate to be approved.

On July 17, 2015, the Missouri Public Service Commission filed Comments, Conditional Protest, and Request to Reject Filing as Deficient.

The MoPSC requested Corn Belt consider having its Annual Meeting by July 31st, rather than September 1st, so that Interested Parties can ask questions at the Annual Meeting and would not need to submit the questions in writing.

The MoPSC stated that Corn Belt's testimony fails to support its request for a base return on equity of 10.37% and a 50 basis point adder for joining SPP.

On July 17, 2015, MidAmerican Energy Company filed a Motion to Intervene, Conditional Protest, and Comment.

MidAmerican stated:

- 1) Corn Belt proposes to include certain grandfathered agreements (GFAs) in Attachment W of SPP's Tariff that do not involve facilities that Corn Belt owns and/or do not involve facilities that will be included in the SPP footprint;
- 2) MidAmerican supports the inclusion in Attachment W of those GFAs under which MidAmerican's bundled retail loads are served, but protests the June 26, 2015 filing to the extend that it would automatically pass GFA-related charges to the GFA customer;
- 3) MidAmerican is concerned about its inability so far to secure rather basic information about the ongoing service it will receive under its GFAs.

On July 17, 2015, Basin Electric Power Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of SPP's filing.

On July 17, 2015, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene with Request for Clarification.

Western requested clarification whether the costs of certain facilities and any other Corn Belt facilities, included in the Corn Belt Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement (ATRR) are also included in Basin Electric Power Cooperative's ATRR for the Upper Missouri Zone; and if so, the costs of these Corn Belt facilities should be removed from the Corn Belt ATRR for the Upper Missouri Zone, or alternatively the costs of these Corn Belt facilities should be removed from the Basin Electric ATRR in Docket No. ER15-1775.

Western stated that there is a lack of detail in the filing as to which facilities, including components of substations, of Corn Belt, or its member cities, are proposed to be included in Corn Belt's ATRR for the Upper Missouri Zone and the basis upon which those transmission facilities are qualified under Attachment AI of SPP's Tariff.

Western stated that its review of the filing failed to reveal a clearly associated revenue credit to

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Corn Belt's ATRR for the service being taken under grandfathered agreements on the Corn Belt facilities to be included in the Upper Missouri Zone.

On July 17, 2015, Corn Belt Power Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of SPP's filing.

ER15-2069

NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy's Filing of Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols to be included in the SPP Tariff

On July 17, 2015, the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Notice of Intervention.

On July 20, 2015, Basin Electric Power Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene.

On July 20, 2015, Missouri River Energy Services filed a Motion to Intervene and Comment.

MRES stated NorthWestern's filing of a proposed Formula Rate fails to include key data, information, and explanations which are necessary for any formula rate to be approved.

On July 20, 2015, the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Protest and Request for Suspension, Hearing and Settlement Judge Procedures.

The MoPSC stated:

- 1) the evidence filed is insufficient for the Commission to determine if NorthWestern's proposed base return on equity is just and reasonable; and
- 2) the Commission should suspend the formula rate filing and set the issues for hearing and settlement.

On July 20, 2015, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene with Request for Clarification.

Western requested clarification of NorthWestern Energy's facilities qualifying under Attachment AI of SPP's Tariff, along with the basis for those facilities qualifying for inclusion in the annual transmission revenue requirement.

Western also requested clarification regarding true-ups of the last three months of 2013, all of 2014, and the first nine months of 2015.

ER15-2075

Submission of Tariff Revisions to Incorporate NorthWestern Energy's ("NorthWestern") Formula Rate

On July 6, 2015, NorthWestern Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

On July 14, 2015, the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Notice of Intervention.

On July 16, 2015, South Central MCN, LLC filed a Motion to Intervene.

On July 20, 2015, Missouri River Energy Services filed a Motion to Intervene.

On July 20, 2015, the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Protest and Request for Suspension, Hearing and Settlement Judge Procedures.

The MoPSC stated:

- 1) the evidence filed is insufficient for the Commission to determine if NorthWester Energy's proposed base return on equity is just and reasonable; and

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2) the Commission should suspend the formula rate filing and set the issues for hearing and/or settlement.

On July 20, 2015, Basin Electric Power Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene.

On July 21, 2015, Xcel Energy Services Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.

On July 21, 2015, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene with Request for Clarification.

Western requested that the Commission require clarifications under the NorthWestern filing which were filed in Docket No. ER15-2069 and incorporated herein, specifically as to NorthWestern's facilities qualifying under Attachment AI of SPP's Tariff, along with the basis for those facilities qualifying for inclusion in the annual transmission revenue requirement.

Western also requested that the Commission require clarifications as to NorthWestern's intent regarding an Integrated System true-up, if any.

ER15-2115

Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative ("NIPCO")

On July 7, 2015, SPP submitted tariff revisions to implement a formula rate, and associated formula rate implementation protocols, to accommodate the recovery of the annual transmission revenue requirement for SPP Member Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative.

An effective date of October 1, 2015 was requested.

On July 10, 2015, South Central MCN, LLC filed a Motion to Intervene.

On July 14, 2015, the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Notice of Intervention.

On July 15, 2015, NorthWestern Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

On July 23, 2015, the Missouri Public Service Commission filed Comments, Conditional Protest, and Request to Reject Filing as Deficient.

The MoPSC requested that the Commission reject the filing as deficient and require NIPCO to provide data and analyses to allow Interested Parties and the Commission to examine and assess whether NIPCO's justification for its 10.37% return on equity, results in a just and reasonable rate.

On July 27, 2015, MidAmerican Energy Company filed a Motion to Intervene, Conditional Protest, and Comment.

MidAmerican stated that NIPCO proposed to include in Attachment W of SPP's Tariff two grandfathered agreements that either do not involve facilities or do not involve transmission service in the SPP footprint.

MidAmerican stated that it supports the inclusion in Attachment W of those GFAs which MidAmerican's bundled retail loads are served. However, MidAmerican protests the filing to the extent it would automatically pass associated charges to the GFA customer.

MidAmerican stated that it is concerned over delays in its ability to secure information regarding the ongoing service it will receive under its GFAs and its options for being a Market

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Participant and/or acquire Transmission Congestion Rights as of October 1, 2015.

On July 28, 2015, Xcel Energy Services Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.

On July 28, 2015, Missouri River Energy Services filed a Motion to Intervene, Comment, and Conditional Protest.

MRES stated the filing of a proposed Formula Rate fails to include key data, information, and explanations which are necessary for any formula rate to be approved.

MRES also expressed concern regarding the transmission agreement between NIPCO and the Missouri Basin Municipal Electric Cooperative Association.

On July 28, 2015, Basin Electric Power Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of the filing.

On July 28, 2015, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene with Request for Clarification.

Western stated there is a lack of detail in the filing as to which facilities of NIPCO, in particular substation facilities along the NIPCO transmission lines, that are proposed to be included in NIPCO's Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement for the Upper Missouri Zone and the basis upon which NIPCO's transmission facilities are qualified under Attachment AI of SPP's Tariff.

Western stated it believes that the cost of some listed NIPCO facilities included in the NIPCO ATRR are already included in the Basin Electric Power Cooperative ATRR.

Western requested clarification regarding specific credits to account for other transmission revenue received under grandfathered agreement service over the NIPCO facilities included in its ATRR.

On July 28, 2015, Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of the filing.

ER15-2184

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("AECI") as Network Customer, and Southwestern Power Administration ("SPA" or "Southwestern") as Host Transmission Owner

On July 13, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. as Network Customer, as well as a NOA with Southwestern Power Administration as Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. 3055.

An effective date of June 1, 2015 was requested.

On July 28, 2015, Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.

On July 30, 2015, Southwestern Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER15-2212

Notice of Cancellation of the Joint Operating Agreement ("JOA") Between SPP and Western Area Power Administration, Upper Great Plains Region ("Western") (FERC Rate Schedule No. 13)

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On July 15, 2015, SPP submitted this filing to notify the Commission of the termination of the Joint Operating Agreement Among and Between Southwest Power Pool, Inc. and Western Area Power Administration.

SPP requested an effective date of October 1, 2015 or, in the alternative, an effective date corresponding with the actual date the Western Area Power Administration integrates into SPP, whichever is later.

On July 30, 2015, SPP filed a Motion to Withdraw its submission of notice of cancellation of the Joint Operating Agreement between SPP and the Western Power Administration filed on July 15, 2015.

ER15-2227

Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s ("MISO") Filing of the Coordination and Operating Agreement between MISO and Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.

On July 20, 2015, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. filed a Coordination and Operating Agreement between MISO and Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.

An effective date of September 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2235

Submission of Tariff Amendments to Clarify and Modify Provisions Governing Eligibility for Start-Up Offer Cancellation Costs

On July 21, 2015, SPP submitted tariff revisions to modify the procedures by which SPP provides Real-Time Balancing Market start-up cost reimbursement for Resources that are cancelled by SPP prior to the Reliability Unit Commitment period.

An effective date of October 1, 2015 was requested.

On July 23, 2015, Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Notice of Intervention.

On July 23, 2015, American Electric Power Service Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER15-2247

Notice of Cancellation of the Generator Interconnection Agreement ("GIA") between WindFarm 66 LLC ("WindFarm 66") as Interconnection Customer and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative ("WFEC") as Transmission Owner

On July 23, 2015, SPP submitted a Notice of Cancellation of the GIA between SPP as Transmission Provider, WindFarm 66 LLC as Interconnection Customer, and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc. as Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. 2207.

An effective date of June 30, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2248

Generator Interconnection Agreement ("GIA") between Upstream Wind Energy, LLC ("Upstream") as Interconnection Customer and Nebraska Public Power District ("NPPD") as Transmission Owner

On July 23, 2015, SPP submitted an executed GIA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Upstream Wind Energy, LLC as Interconnection Customer, and Nebraska Public Power District as Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. 3054.

An effective date of June 26, 2015 was requested.

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ER15-2261 **Meter Agent Services Agreement between Kansas Municipal Energy Agency ("KMEA") as Market Participant and Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCPL") as Meter Agent**

On July 24, 2015, SPP submitted an executed Meter Agent Services Agreement between Kansas Municipal Energy Agency as the Market Participant and Kansas City Power & Light Company as the Meter Agent. SPP Service Agreement No. First Revised 2855.

An effective date of July 1, 2015 was requested.

On July 30, 2015, Kansas City Power & Light Company filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER15-2263 **Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("AECI") as Network Customer, and Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company ("OG&E") as Host Transmission Owner**

On July 24, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. as Network Customer, as well as a NOA with Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company as Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Eleventh Revised 1154.

An effective date of July 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2265 **Submission of Tariff Revisions to Modify Procedures for Establishing Trading Hubs and Resource Hubs**

On July 24, 2015, SPP filed tariff revisions to set forth one set of procedures for establishing, modifying, and terminating Trading Hubs and another for Resource Hubs.

An effective date of September 23, 2015 was requested.

On July 30, 2015, of Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company filed a Motion to Intervene.

On July 31, 2015, the SPP Market Monitoring Unit filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER15-2268 **Submission of Tariff Revisions Regarding Components of Mitigated Offers**

On July 24, 2015, SPP submitted tariff revisions to clarify the costs to be included in Mitigated Energy Curve Offers, Start-Up Offers, and No-Load Offers submitted by Market Participants pursuant to the SPP Market Power Mitigation Plan.

SPP requested that the Commission accept the proposed revisions for filing, allow a specified portion of the revisions to become effective September 22, 2015, and allow the remainder of the revisions to become effective approximately five months later.

On July 27, 2015, American Electric Power Service Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

On July 31, 2015, the SPP Market Monitoring Unit filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER15-2291 **Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Harlan Municipal Utilities ("HMU")**

On July 28, 2015, SPP submitted tariff revisions to implement a Formula Rate Template to

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calculate the annual transmission revenue requirement for SPP's Member, Harlan Municipal Utilities.

An effective date of October 1, 2015 was requested.

On July 29, 2015, Harlan Municipal Utilities filed a Motion to Intervene.

On July 30, 2015, South Central MCN, LLC filed a Motion to Intervene.

On July 31, 2015, MidAmerican Energy Company filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER15-2295

Petition of Southwest Power Pool, Inc. for Tariff Waiver Regarding One-Year Billing Adjustment Limitation in Section 7.1

On July 28, 2015, SPP filed a petition requesting that the Commission waive the one-year billing adjustment limitation in Section 7.1 of SPP's Tariff to facilitate SPP's resettlement of past invoices necessitated by computer software issues.

ER15-2297

Submission of Tariff Revisions to Clarify Ramp Sharing Provisions

On July 29, 2015, SPP filed tariff revisions to include Regulation-Down Service among those Operating Reserve products capable of ramp sharing with Energy during clearing to ensure that any short-term ramping deficiencies from hour to hour in the Day-Ahead Market or across Dispatch Intervals in the Real-Time Balancing Market do not initiate unjustified Scarcity Pricing.

An effective date of September 28, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2315

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 July 30, 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-Fifth Revised 1166.

An effective date of July 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2324

Submission of Revenue Requirements, Formula Rate Templates and Formula Rate Protocols for the Following Members of Missouri River Energy Services ("MRES"): Moorhead, Minnesota; Orange City, Iowa; Pierre, South Dakota; Sioux Center, Iowa; and Watertown, South Dakota

On July 30, 2015, SPP submitted tariff revisions to add an Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement and to implement individual formula rate templates and implementation protocols for the following members of Missouri River Energy Services: Moorhead, Minnesota; Orange City, Iowa; Pierre, South Dakota; Sioux Center, Iowa; and Watertown, South Dakota.

An effective date of October 1, 2015 was requested.

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- ER15-2341** **Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation ("AECC") as Network Customer, and American Electric Power Service Corporation ("AEP") and Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company ("OG&E") as Host Transmission Owners**
- On July 31, 2015, SPP filed an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation as Network Customer, as well as a NOA with American Electric Power Service Corporation, as agent for Southwestern Electric Power Company and Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, as Host Transmission Owners. SPP Service Agreement No. Tenth Revised 1518.
- An effective date of July 1, 2015 was requested.
- ER15-2346** **Unexecuted Agreement Establishing a Pseudo-Tie Electrical Interconnection Point between SPP, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") as the External Balancing Authority, and Resale Power Group of Iowa ("RPGI") as the Market Participant**
- On July 31, 2015, SPP submitted an unexecuted Agreement Establishing a Pseudo-Tie Electrical Interconnection Point between SPP, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. as the External Balancing Authority, and Resale Power Group of Iowa as the Market Participant. SPP Service Agreement No. 3072.
- An effective date of October 1, 2015 was requested.
- ER15-2347** **Contract Services Agreement Between Southwest Power Pool, Inc. and Western Area Power Administration**
- On July 31, 2015, SPP filed tariff revisions to incorporate an agreement governing the tariff administration and other duties that SPP will perform on behalf of SPP Member Western Area Power Administration-Upper Great Plains Region, for its transmission facilities in the Western Interconnection that will transfer to the functional control of SPP on October 1, 2015.
- An effective date of October 1, 2015 was requested.
- ER15-2350** **Submission of Tariff Revisions to Attachment AE to Support the Application of the Federal Service Exemption in the Integrated Marketplace**
- On July 31, 2015, SPP submitted tariff revisions to support the implementation, accounting, and settlement of the Federal Service Exemption when the Western Area Power Administration - Upper Great Plains Region, a Federal power marketing agency, joins SPP and begins taking Tariff services on October 1, 2015.
- An effective date of October 1, 2015 was requested.
- ER15-2351** **Unexecuted Market Participant Agreement between SPP as Transmission Provider and Alliant Energy Corporate Services, Inc. ("Alliant") as Customer and an Unexecuted Agreement Establishing a Pseudo-Tie Electrical Interconnection Point between SPP, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") as the External Balancing Authority, and Alliant as the Market Participant**
- On July 31, 2015, SPP submitted an unexecuted Market Participant Service Agreement

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between SPP as Transmission Provider and Alliant Energy Corporate Services, Inc. as Customer. SPP Service Agreement No. 3066.

SPP also submitted an unexecuted Agreement Establishing a Pseudo-Tie Electrical Interconnection Point between SPP, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. as External Balancing Authority, and Alliant as Market Participant. SPP Service Agreement No. 3071.

An effective date of October 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2354 **Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template, and Formula Rate Protocols for the Western Area Power Administration-Upper Great Plains Region ("Western-UGP")**

On July 31, 2015, SPP submitted tariff revisions to add an Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement and to implement a formula rate template and implementation protocols for transmission service using the facilities of Western Area Power Administration-Upper Great Plains Region when Western-UGP transfers functional control of its transmission facilities to SPP.

An effective date of October 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2356 **Unexecuted Market Participant Service Agreement between SPP as Transmission Provider and MidAmerican Energy Company ("MidAmerican") as Customer**

On July 31, 2015, SPP submitted an unexecuted Market Participant Service Agreement between SPP as Transmission Provider and MidAmerican Energy Company as Customer. SPP Service Agreement No. First Revised 2725.

An effective date of October 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2360 **Contract Services Agreement Between Southwest Power Pool, Inc. and Basin Electric Power Cooperative**

On July 31, 2015, SPP filed tariff revisions to incorporate an agreement governing the tariff administration and other duties that SPP will perform on behalf of SPP Member Basin Electric Power Cooperative, for its transmission facilities in the Western Interconnection that Basin Electric will transfer to the functional control of SPP on October 1, 2015.

An effective date of October 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2361 **Market Participant Service Agreement between SPP as Transmission Provider and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. ("MDU") as Customer**

On July 31, 2015, SPP submitted an executed Market Participant Service Agreement between SPP as Transmission Provider and Montana-Dakota Utilities as Customer. SPP Service Agreement No. 3065.

An effective date of October 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2363 **Market Participant Service Agreement between SPP as Transmission Provider and Western Area Power Administration-Upper Great Plains Region ("Western-UGP") as Customer**

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On July 31, 2015, SPP submitted an executed Market Participant Service Agreement between SPP as Transmission Provider and Western Area Power Administration-Upper Great Plains Region as Customer. SPP Service Agreement No. 3070.

An effective date of October 1, 2015 was requested.

RM12-6 **Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC") for Approval of a Revised Definition of "Bulk Electric System" in the NERC Glossary of Terms Used in Reliability Standards (Order No. 773)**

On July 1, 2015, NERC submitted its compliance filing to identify in detail the types of local network configurations that may be excluded from the bulk electric system ("BES") following the implementation of the revised definition of the BES under Exclusion E3 of that definition.

RM12-7 **Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC") for Approval of Revisions to its Rules of Procedure to Adopt a Bulk Electric System Exception Procedure (Order No. 773)**

On July 1, 2015, NERC submitted its compliance filing to identify in detail the types of local network configurations that may be excluded from the bulk electric system ("BES") following the implementation of the revised definition of the BES under Exclusion E3 of that definition.

RM13-17 **Communication of Operational Information Between Natural Gas Pipelines and Electric Transmission Operators**

On July 16, 2015, FERC issued an order dismissing the request for clarification of Order Nos. 787 and 787-A filed by National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation on August 27, 2014, finding that the request is beyond the scope of this rulemaking.

RM14-2 **Coordination of the Scheduling Processes of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines and Public Utilities (Order No. 809)**

On July 7, 2015, the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) filed a report regarding errata to Version 2.0 of the NAESB Wholesale Gas Quadrant standards to support Order No. 809 issued on April 16, 2015.

On July 31, 2015, FERC issued an Order on Request for Clarification and Notice of Comment Procedures.

FERC granted clarification requested by the American Gas Association, et al. on May 28, 2015, concerning the manner in which all pipelines should implement the standards on April 1, 2016.

FERC also requested initial comments on the proposed default recall rights for capacity release transactions. Comments are due 20 days from the date of this order, with reply comments due 10 days thereafter.

RM15-3 **Revisions to Part 46 Filing Requirements (FERC-566 - Annual Report of a Utility's 20 Largest Customers) (Order No. 812)**

On July 16, 2015, FERC issued Order No. 812 revising its regulations to eliminate the requirement to submit FERC-566 (Annual Report of a Utility's 20 Largest Customers) for regional transmission organizations, independent system operators, and exempt wholesale generators. The Commission also is revising its regulations to eliminate the requirement to

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submit FERC-566 for public utilities that have not made any reportable sales under FERC-566 in any of the three preceding years. Further, the Commission is eliminating the requirement for public utilities submitting FERC-566 to identify individual residential customers by name and address.

This rule becomes effective 75 days after publication in the Federal Register.

RM15-4 Disturbance Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Reliability Standard

On July 13, 2015, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation filed Reply Comments in response to comments submitted by the Bonneville Power Administration and the American Public Power Association.

RM15-11 Reliability Standard for Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events

On July 14, 2015, the Foundation for Resilient Societies, Inc. filed a Motion for Extension of Time to Submit Comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued on May 14, 2015.

On July 23, 2015, FERC issued a Notice Denying Extension of Time. Comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking are due on July 27, 2015.

Parties filed comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued on July 14, 2015.

RM15-14 Revised Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards

On July 16, 2015, FERC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing to approve seven critical infrastructure protection (CIP) Reliability Standards: CIP-003-6 (Security Management Controls), CIP-004-6 (Personnel and Training), CIP-006-6 (Physical Security of BES Cyber Systems), CIP-007-6 (Systems Security Management), CIP-009-6 (Recovery Plans for BES Cyber Systems), CIP-010-2 (Configuration Change Management and Vulnerability Assessments), and CIP-011-2 (Information Protection).

Comments are due 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.

RM15-21 Petition for Rulemaking to Revise Generator Interconnection Rules and Procedures

On July 7, 2015, FERC issued a Notice of Petition for Rulemaking. Comments are due on August 6, 2015.

On July 10, 2015, Edison Electric Institute filed a Motion to Extend the Period for Filing Comments.

On July 16, 2015, FERC issued a Notice of Extension of Time to and including September 8, 2015 to file comments in response to the Petition for Rulemaking.

RR15-2 North American Electric Reliability Corporation's ("NERC") Implementation of the Reliability Assurance Initiative ("RAI")

On July 6, 2015, NERC submitted its compliance filing pursuant to the order issued on February 19, 2015.

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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

On July 17, 2015, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation filed its compliance filing in accordance with the order issued on March 19, 2015.

RR15-12 Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for Approval of the Revised Pro Forma Regional Delegation Agreement and the Revised Regional Delegation Agreements with the Eight Regional Entities

On July 27, 2015, the Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County, Washington filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments.

Snohomish requested that the Commission direct NERC to exclude transmission planning and commercial activities from the list of delegated-related activities in the pro forma regional delegation agreement as beyond the scope of Section 215 of the Federal Power Act.

On July 27, 2015, the Large Public Power Council filed a Motion to Intervene and Protest.

LPPC asked the Commission to direct NERC to modify the pro forma regional delegation agreement for which NERC seeks approval, to ensure that activities delegated to the Regional Entities are both consistent with the scope of permissible delegation under Federal Power Act section 215, and in furtherance of NERC's statutory responsibilities, as understood by the Commission in its April 19, 2013 in Docket No. FA11-21.

On July 27, 2015, American Public Power Association and Transmission Access Policy Study Group filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments.

The parties stated that in any order addressing the revised regional delegation agreement ("RDA") submitted in this proceeding, the Commission should make clear (either by modifying the proposed revised terms or through interpretation of those terms) its expectation that NERC will exercise its authority under the revised RDAs to ensure NERC and its Regional Entities operate in accordance with the strong Electric Reliability Organization scheme established in Order 672. In addition, and at minimum, the Commission should preserve its ability to review RDAs at the end of the initial five-year term of the Revised RDAs.

On July 27, 2015, Avista Corporation, et al. filed Joint Comments.

The parties stated that the WECC Delegation Agreement purports to delegate to WECC activities that are either not delegable to Regional Entities or that are not Section 215 functions at all.

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FERC or State Jurisdiction: State of Arkansas

10-011-U **In the Matter of a Show Cause Order Directed to Entergy Arkansas, Inc. ("EAI") Regarding Its Continued Membership in the Current Entergy System Agreement ("ESA"), or Any Successor Agreement Thereto, and Regarding the Future Operation and Control of Its Transmission Assets**

On July 29, 2015, Diana Brenske filed Responsive Testimony on behalf of APSC staff, supporting Entergy Arkansas, Inc.'s continued participation in the MISO Planning Resource Auction and recommending that Entergy continue to file annual reports with the Commission.

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 July 16, 2015, the APSC issued Order No. 39 closing this docket.

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FERC or State Jurisdiction: State of Missouri

EO-2012-0271

In the Matter of an Investigation into the Siting and Safety of a Proposed Transmission Line in Platte County, Missouri

On July 31, 2015, Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company filed a Request to Discontinue Reporting Requirements and Close File.

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FERC or State Jurisdiction: State of Texas

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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 July 1, 2015, PUCT Staff filed its Final Recommendation recommending that the application be approved.

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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 July 24, 2015, Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company and Intervenors Supporting Petitioner filed a Joint Opening Brief.
- 15-1157** **LSP Transmission Holdings, LLC and LS Power Transmission, LLC ("collectively "LSP Transmission") 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 July 2, 2015, LSP Transmission Holdings, LLC and LS Power Transmission, LLC filed its Non-Binding Statement of Issues to be Raised.
- On July 2, 2015, LSP Transmission Holdings, LLC and LS Power Transmission, LLC submitted copies of orders of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from which Petitioners seek review.
- On July 10, 2015, FERC filed a Motion to Hold Petition in Abeyance, pending the outcome of ongoing agency proceedings.
- On July 23, 2015, LSP Transmission Holdings, LLC and LS Power Transmission, LLC filed its response to the Motion to Hold in Abeyance.
- 15-1213** **Xcel Energy Services Inc. ("Xcel") v. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") Concerning Orders Issued in Docket Nos. EL12-59 and EL13-78 Regarding Return on Common Equity Input Values in Southwestern Public Service Company's ("SPS") Formula Rates**
- On July 13, 2015, Xcel Energy Services Inc. filed a Petition for Review of the order issued on June 19, 2014 in Docket No. EL12-59, and the orders issued on May 14, 2015 and June 19, 2014 in Docket No. EL13-78.
- On July 14, 2015, the Clerk issued an Order setting deadlines for documents to be submitted.