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10-1272 SPP's Annual RTO/ISO Market Monitoring Report

On August 25, 2015, the SPP MMU submitted its RTO/ISO Market Monitoring Report for 2014 in Docket No. ZZ15-4. The report was published August 24, 2015.

AD14-15 RTO/ISO Performance Metrics

On August 17, 2015, FERC issued a Request for Information on Common Performance Metrics for RTOs and ISOs and Utilities Outside RTO and ISO Regions. Parties were encouraged to submit information responsive to the 30 comment metrics listed in the August 2014 Commission Staff report and should cover the 2010-2014 period. Information is due by October 30, 2015.

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 August 21, 2015, NorthWestern Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments.

NorthWestern stated that it supports Western Area Power Administration's efforts to join SPP effective October 1, 2015. However, as explained in its Motion to Intervene, Comments and Request for Hearing and Settlement Judge Procedures filed in Docket No. ER15-2347-000, NorthWestern has questions and concerns about the rates for transmission service over Western's transmission facilities in the Western Interconnection in Montana.

On August 24, 2015, Missouri River Energy Services filed a Motion to Intervene and Comment.

MRES stated that Western Area Power Administration's filing fails to include key data, information, and explanations which are necessary for the Commission to evaluate in deciding to affirm or remand the rates.

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 August 10, 2015, Judge Cintron issued a Settlement Judge Report, recommending that settlement judge procedures remain in place.

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 August 28, 2015, the parties filed an Offer of Settlement and Motion to Consolidate.

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 August 10, 2015, Judge Cintron issued a Settlement Judge Report, recommending that

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settlement judge procedures remain in place.

EL14-27

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

On August 7, 2015, Electric Power Supply Association filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 11, 2015, Interstate Natural Gas Association of America filed a Motion to Intervene.

EL14-30

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

On August 10, 2015, Judge Cintron issued a Settlement Judge Report, recommending that settlement judge procedures remain in place.

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")

On August 28, 2015, the parties filed an Offer of Settlement and Motion to Consolidate.

On August 28, 2015, Southwestern Public Service Company filed an Unopposed Motion for Interim Implementation of Settlement Rates.

EL15-86

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

Numerous parties filed Motions to Intervene.

On August 21, 2015, the American Public Power Association, the Kansas Corporation Commission, and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association filed a Joint (1) Motion to Hold August 27, 2015 Comment Date in Abeyance Pending Ruling on Motion to Dismiss; (2) Request for Expedited Action on Motion to Hold Comment Date in Abeyance; (3) Motion to Dismiss Petition Without Prejudice; and (4) Request for Shortened Response Time.

The parties stated ITC's Petition should be dismissed without prejudice to its being properly filed as a fully supported Petition for Rulemaking.

On August 24, 2015, the Electricity Consumers Resource Council filed a Motion to Intervene, Answer, and Comments in support of the Joint Motion filed on August 21, 2015.

On August 24, 2015, ITC Grid Development, LLC filed a response to the Joint Motion filed on August 21, 2015.

ITC stated the Joint Motion is without merit and should be denied.

On August 26, 2015, the Iowa Utilities Board and the Iowa Office of Consumer Advocate filed a Notice of Intervention and Protest.

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The parties requested that the Commission reject ITC's proposal because it is premature and lacks the necessary support for a presumption by the Commission that successful bids meet the requirements of the Mobile-Sierra doctrine.

On August 27, 2015, San Diego Gas & Electric Company filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments.

On August 27, 2015, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources filed a Motion of Intervention and Comments.

On August 27, 2015, the California Municipal Utilities Association filed a Protest.

On August 27, 2015, Transource Energy, LLC filed Comments.

On August 27, 2015, SPP filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments. SPP stated that the Commission should clarify that any grant of a Mobile-Sierra presumption should not prejudice or impact any transmission planning region's Commission-approved and Order No. 1000-compliant reevaluation or cost containment processes.

On August 27, 2015, the New York State Public Service Commission filed a Notice of Intervention and Comments.

On August 27, 2015, LSP Transmission Holdings, LLC filed Comments.

On August 27, 2015, Consumers Energy Company filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments.

On August 27, 2015, Modesto Irrigation District filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments.

On August 27, 2015, the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Protest.

The MoPSC stated that the Commission should deny ITC's petition because it raises issues that should be addressed through a Commission rulemaking.

On August 27, 2015, the Electricity Consumers Resource Council and Joint Consumers filed a Protest and Comments.

On August 27, 2015, South Central MCN LLC and Midcontinent MCN LLC filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of the Petition.

On August 27, 2015, the Cities of Anaheim, Azusa, Banning, Colton, Pasadena, and Riverside, California filed a Protest.

On August 27, 2015, the American Public Power Association, the Kansas Corporation Commission, and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association filed a Protest and Answer Opposing Petition for Declaratory Order.

The parties stated the Commission should reject ITC's Petition because it is: (1) contrary to the fundamental purpose of the Federal Power Act (FPA); (2) contrary to the burden of proof and due process protections provided by the FPA, the Administrative Procedure Act, and the Commission's regulations; (3) devoid of any meaningful evidentiary support; and (4) should have been filed as a Petition for Rulemaking.

On August 27, 2015, the Transmission Access Policy Study Group filed a Motion to Intervene

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and Protest.

On August 27, 2015, the California Department of Water Resources State Water Project filed a Motion to Intervene and Protest.

On August 27, 2015, Edison Transmission, LLC filed Comments in Support of Petition for Declaratory Order.

On August 27, 2015, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene, Answer, and Comments.

On August 27, 2015, Duke-American Transmission Company LLC filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments.

On August 27, 2015, New England States Committee on Electricity filed Comments.

On August 27, 2015, the Organization of MISO States filed a Notice of Intervention and Motion for Extension of Time to Submit Comments.

On August 27, 2015, the MISO Transmission Owners filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments.

On August 27, 2015, Southern California Edison Company filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments.

On August 27, 2015, DTE Electric Company filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments.

On August 27, 2015, the Louisiana Public Service Commission filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER12-2681

Joint Application of ITC Holdings Corp. ("ITC") and Entergy Corporation ("Entergy") for Authorization of Acquisition and Disposition of Jurisdictional Transmission Facilities, Approval of Transmission Service Formula Rate and Certain Jurisdictional Agreements, and Petition for Declaratory Order on Application of Section 305(a) of the Federal Power Act (Docket Nos. ER12-2681, EC12-145, and EL12-107)

On August 25, 2015, Kansas City Power & Light Company, KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company, and The Empire District Electric Company filed a Joint Petition for Review before the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in Case No. 15-1288. The parties petitioned the Court for review of the June 20, 2013, February 20, 2014, and June 26, 2015 Orders issued in FERC Docket Nos. ER12-2681-000, et al.

ER13-366

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

On August 3, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's compliance filing submitted on May 18, 2015.

ER13-1864

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

On August 19, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's revisions to the Joint Operating Agreement between SPP and the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. to revise Attachment 2, Section 8.1.2 in compliance with the order issued on January 22, 2015.

An effective date of March 1, 2015 was granted.

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ER13-1928

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's and Duke Energy Progress, Inc.'s Order 1000 Interregional Filing

On August 31, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's May 18, 2015 compliance filing in Docket No. ER13-1939, subject to a further compliance filing.

SPP was directed to submit a further compliance filing that lists either the particular type of transmission studies that will be conducted or that cross-references the specific provisions in the SPP Tariff that indicate the type of transmission studies SPP will conduct to evaluate interregional transmission facilities.

FERC stated it will address any arguments regarding SPP's proposed interregional cost allocation as it applies to transmission facilities below 300 kV in Docket No. ER13-1937.

SPP's compliance filing is due on September 30, 2015.

FERC accepted the compliance filings submitted by the Southeastern Regional Transmission Planning region in Docket Nos. ER13-1928, ER13-1930, ER13-1940, and ER13-1941.

ER13-1930

Louisville Gas and Electric Company's and Kentucky Utilities Company's Order 1000 Interregional Filing

On August 31, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's May 18, 2015 compliance filing in Docket No. ER13-1939, subject to a further compliance filing.

SPP was directed to submit a further compliance filing that lists either the particular type of transmission studies that will be conducted or that cross-references the specific provisions in the SPP Tariff that indicate the type of transmission studies SPP will conduct to evaluate interregional transmission facilities.

FERC stated it will address any arguments regarding SPP's proposed interregional cost allocation as it applies to transmission facilities below 300 kV in Docket No. ER13-1937.

SPP's compliance filing is due on September 30, 2015.

FERC accepted the compliance filings submitted by the Southeastern Regional Transmission Planning region in Docket Nos. ER13-1928, ER13-1930, ER13-1940, and ER13-1941.

ER13-1937

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

On August 18, 2015, SPP submitted proposed revisions to the Joint Operating Agreement between the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") and SPP to comply with the requirements of the order issued on February 19, 2015, regarding Order No. 1000's interregional planning and cost allocation requirements applicable to SPP and MISO.

An effective date of March 30, 2014 was requested.

ER13-1938

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

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On August 18, 2015, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. submitted proposed revisions to the Joint Operating Agreement between MISO and SPP to comply with the requirements of the order issued on February 19, 2015, regarding Order No. 1000's interregional planning and cost allocation requirements applicable to SPP and MISO.

An effective date of March 30, 2014 was requested.

ER13-1939

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

On August 31, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's May 18, 2015 compliance filing in Docket No. ER13-1939, subject to a further compliance filing.

SPP was directed to submit a further compliance filing that lists either the particular type of transmission studies that will be conducted or that cross-references the specific provisions in the SPP Tariff that indicate the type of transmission studies SPP will conduct to evaluate interregional transmission facilities.

FERC stated it will address any arguments regarding SPP's proposed interregional cost allocation as it applies to transmission facilities below 300 kV in Docket No. ER13-1937.

SPP's compliance filing is due on September 30, 2015.

FERC accepted the compliance filings submitted by the Southeastern Regional Transmission Planning region in Docket Nos. ER13-1928, ER13-1930, ER13-1940, and ER13-1941.

ER13-1940

Ohio Valley Electric Corporation's Order 1000 Interregional Filing

On August 31, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's May 18, 2015 compliance filing in Docket No. ER13-1939, subject to a further compliance filing.

SPP was directed to submit a further compliance filing that lists either the particular type of transmission studies that will be conducted or that cross-references the specific provisions in the SPP Tariff that indicate the type of transmission studies SPP will conduct to evaluate interregional transmission facilities.

FERC stated it will address any arguments regarding SPP's proposed interregional cost allocation as it applies to transmission facilities below 300 kV in Docket No. ER13-1937.

SPP's compliance filing is due on September 30, 2015.

FERC accepted the compliance filings submitted by the Southeastern Regional Transmission Planning region in Docket Nos. ER13-1928, ER13-1930, ER13-1940, and ER13-1941.

ER13-1941

Southern Company Services, Inc.'s Order 1000 Interregional Filing

On August 31, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's May 18, 2015 compliance filing in Docket No. ER13-1939, subject to a further compliance filing.

SPP was directed to submit a further compliance filing that lists either the particular type of transmission studies that will be conducted or that cross-references the specific provisions in the SPP Tariff that indicate the type of transmission studies SPP will conduct to evaluate

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interregional transmission facilities.

FERC stated it will address any arguments regarding SPP's proposed interregional cost allocation as it applies to transmission facilities below 300 kV in Docket No. ER13-1937.

SPP's compliance filing is due on September 30, 2015.

FERC accepted the compliance filings submitted by the Southeastern Regional Transmission Planning region in Docket Nos. ER13-1928, ER13-1930, ER13-1940, and ER13-1941.

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

On August 7, 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 September 11, 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 August 10, 2015, Judge Cintron issued a Settlement Judge Report, recommending that settlement judge procedures remain in place.

ER14-1736

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

On August 5, 2015, Judge Sterner issued a status report recommending that the current settlement proceedings continue.

On August 5, 2015, Judge Sterner issued a Notice Scheduling Settlement Conference to be held on August 31, 2015.

ER14-2553

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

On August 10, 2015, FERC issued a Notice of Extension of Time to and including October 30, 2015 for SPP to submit its compliance filing in response to the 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 August 11, 2015, Judge Young issued an Order Re-Scheduling Settlement Conference to be held on September 9, 2015.

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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 August 11, 2015, Judge Young issued an Order Re-Scheduling Settlement Conference to be held on September 9, 2015.

ER15-21 **Submission of Tariff Revisions Regarding Review for and Reporting of Physical Withholding**

On August 18, 2015, FERC issued an Order Denying Rehearing of the order issued on December 1, 2014.

On August 20, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's compliance filing to revise the physical withholding provisions in Attachment AG, Section 4 in response to the December 1, 2014 Order.

An effective date of March 1, 2014 was granted.

ER15-1293 **Submission of Tariff Revisions Regarding Multi-Day Reliability Commitment in Conservative Operations (Revising Attachment AE Sections 4.5.2 and 4.5.3)**

On August 14, 2015, FERC issued an order conditionally accepting the tariff revisions to clarify whether and how Resources are committed in the Multi-Day Reliability Assessment after Conservative Operations have been implemented pursuant to the SPP Emergency Operation Plan, subject to a compliance filing.

The Commission directed SPP to revise Attachment AE, Section 4.5.3 to revise the phrase "committed out of the Multi-Day Reliability Assessment" to be consistent with the clarification provided in SPP's deficiency response.

SPP's compliance filing is due on September 14, 2015.

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 August 12, 2015, Judge Wagner issued an Order of Chief Judge Adopting Procedural Schedule as follows:

September 3, 2015 - SPP and City of Independence Revised Direct Testimony and Exhibits;
October 22, 2015 - Intervenors' Answering Testimony and Exhibits;
December 10, 2015 - Staff's Direct and Answering Testimony and Exhibits;
January 12, 2016 - Intervenors' Cross-Answering Testimony and Exhibits;
February 5, 2016 - SPP and City of Independence Answering Testimony and Exhibits;
February 9, 2016 - Final Joint Statement of Issues, Joint Witness List, Index of Exhibits;
February 10, 2016 - Last Date for Discovery Requests;
February 16, 2016 - Last Date for Discovery Responses;
February 23, 2016 - Hearing Commences;
March 15, 2016 - Transcript Corrections and Final Index of Exhibits;

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March 29, 2016 - Initial Briefs;
April 21, 2016 - Reply Briefs;
June 9, 2016 - Initial Decision.

On August 20, 2015, the City of Independence, Missouri filed a Motion for the Adoption of a Protective Order and for Waiver of Answers.

On August 24, 2015, Judge Wagner issued an Order of Chief Judge Adopting Protective Order and Waiving Answer Period.

ER15-1775

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

On August 21, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's tariff revisions to add a formula rate template and implementation protocols to accommodate the recovery of an annual transmission revenue requirement for Basin Electric Power Cooperative, effective October 1, 2015, subject to refund, and establishing hearing and settlement judge procedures.

On August 28, 2015, Judge Wagner issued an Order of Chief Judge Appointing Settlement Judge and Scheduling Settlement Conference to be held on September 8, 2015.

On August 31, 2015, Judge Haubner issued an Order Setting Settlement Conference Procedure.

ER15-1777

Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Heartland Consumers Power District ("Heartland")

On August 21, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's tariff revisions to add a formula rate template and implementation protocols to accommodate the recovery of an annual transmission revenue requirement for Heartland Consumers Power District, effective October 1, 2015, subject to refund, and establishing hearing and settlement judge procedures.

On August 28, 2015, Judge Wagner issued an Order of Chief Judge Appointing Settlement Judge and Scheduling Settlement Conference to be held on September 8, 2015.

On August 31, 2015, Judge Haubner issued an Order Setting Settlement Conference Procedure.

ER15-1899

Generator Interconnection Agreement ("GIA") between Pawnee Wind Farm, LLC ("Pawnee Wind") as Interconnection Customer and Omaha Public Power District ("OPPD") as Transmission Owner

On August 6, 2015, FERC issued a letter order accepting the agreement, effective May 26, 2015 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

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 August 6, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting the Amendments to the SPP Membership Agreement in order to facilitate the decision of East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Corn Belt Power Cooperative, and Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative to join SPP as Transmission Owning Members and to replace their respective transmission facilities

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under the functional control of SPP. The Cooperatives requested amendments to their respective Membership Agreements to accommodate their membership in SPP.

Effective dates of May 19, June 8, and June 10, 2015 were granted.

ER15-1910

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

On August 6, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting the revisions to Attachment AD of the Tariff to revise and extend the Tariff Administration Agreement governing SPP's relationship with the Southwestern Power Administration through November 30, 2015.

An effective date of May 31, 2015 was granted.

ER15-1918

Submission of Tariff Revisions to Clarify and Modify Transmission Owner Selection Process Provisions

On August 14, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting in part and rejecting in part SPP's tariff revisions, subject to a further compliance filing.

The Commission found that SPP has not demonstrated that the proposed Implementation Cost Charge is just and reasonable and not unduly discriminatory. The Commission found that it is not appropriate to recover the costs associated with creating and maintaining the Transmission Selection Owner Process, which SPP proposed in order to comply with Order No. 1000, from only bidders and not others that also benefit. SPP was directed to submit a compliance filing to remove the proposed revisions related to the Implementation Cost Charge.

The Commission also rejected SPP's proposed revisions to describe how SPP calculates costs associated with administering the Transmission Owner Selection Process for a specific Competitive Upgrade and costs associated with administering the Industry Expert Panel process for that specific Competitive Upgrade as unnecessary.

The Commission found that SPP's proposal to specify that the refund made to a bidder when a bid is disqualified from further consideration or if the SPP Board of Directors withdraws a request for proposal will be made from the funds remaining after SPP recovers the Implementation Cost Charge is rendered moot by the rejection of the proposed Implementation Cost Charge. Therefore, SPP was directed to remove the proposal in its compliance filing.

The Commission found that SPP's proposed revisions to the financial strength requirements are just and reasonable because they will potentially reduce the financial burden on bidders and potentially encourage broader participation in the Transmission Owner Selection Process, and should not disrupt SPP's ability to ensure that bidders possess adequate financial resources to complete the Competitive Upgrade would they submit the winning bid.

The Commission found that SPP's proposed revisions to the Industry Expert Panel evaluation process are just and reasonable because they clarify which information the Industry Expert Panel can review in its evaluation.

SPP's compliance filing is due on September 14, 2015.

ER15-1924

Revisions to Bylaws to Expand the Board of Directors

On August 10, 2015, FERC issued an order accepting the revisions to the SPP Bylaws to

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expand SPP's Board of Directors by up to three additional seats and to incorporate corresponding modifications to certain quorum and voting requirements.

An effective date of August 15, 2015 was granted.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER15-1965

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP and Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCPL") as Network Customer and KCPL, KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company ("GMO"), and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Host Transmission Owners and Notice of Cancellation

On August 20, 2015, FERC issued a letter order accepting the agreement and Notice of Cancellation, effective June 1, 2015 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

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 August 20, 2015, FERC issued a letter order accepting the agreement, effective June 1, 2015 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

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 August 20, 2015, FERC issued a letter order accepting the agreement, effective June 1, 2015 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER15-2028

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

On August 3, 2015, Corn Belt Power Cooperative filed an answer in response to comments and protests filed in this proceeding.

Corn Belt stated:

- 1) it has provided sufficient data regarding formula rate inputs and qualified transmission facilities;
- 2) the formula rate implementation protocols are just and reasonable;
- 3) the proposed return on equity is just and reasonable; and
- 4) the proposed treatment of grandfathered agreements is proper.

ER15-2115

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

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On August 12, 2015, Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative filed an answer in response to comments and protests filed in this proceeding.

NIPCO stated:

- 1) it has provided sufficient data regarding formula rate inputs and qualified transmission facilities;
- 2) the formula rate implementation protocols are just and reasonable;
- 3) the proposed return on equity is just and reasonable; and
- 4) the proposed treatment of grandfathered agreements is proper.

ER15-2235

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

On August 7, 2015, Westar Energy, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 11, 2015, Xcel Energy Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER15-2237

Kanstar Transmission, LLC ("Kanstar") Filing of a Formula Rate Template and Implementation Protocols to Recover Costs Associated with its Investment in Transmission Facilities Located within Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

On August 6, 2015, the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Protest, Request for Suspension, and Hearing and Settlement Judge Procedures.

On August 12, 2015, the Kansas Corporation Commission filed a Notice of Intervention, Protest, Request for Full Five-Month Suspension, and Request for Evidentiary Hearing and Settlement Judge Procedures.

On August 27, 2015, Kanstar Transmission, LLC filed an answer in response to the protests filed by the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Kansas Corporation Commission.

ER15-2265

Submission of Tariff Revisions to Modify Procedures for Establishing Trading Hubs and Resource Hubs

On August 11, 2015, the SPP Market Monitoring Unit filed comments in support of SPP's filing.

On August 12, 2015, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 14, 2015, Xcel Energy Services Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of SPP's filing.

On August 14, 2015, TDU Intervenors filed a Motion to Intervene and Limited Protest.

The TDU Intervenors stated:

- 1) Resource Hubs should not be subject to termination without the consent of affected parties; and
- 2) SPP should be required to clarify certain other aspects of its Resource Hub proposal.

On August 31, 2015, SPP filed an answer in response to the limited protest filed by the TDU Intervenors.

SPP stated that while it does not agree that further Tariff modifications are required, SPP provides clarifications and responses to assist the Commission's decision-making process.

ER15-2268

Submission of Tariff Revisions Regarding Components of Mitigated Offers

On August 14, 2015, the SPP Market Monitoring Unit filed comments in response to SPP's filing.

The MMU stated:

- 1) SPP's proposal is inconsistent with Commission precedent requiring the use of short-run marginal costs for mitigated energy offers;
- 2) SPP's proposal is inconsistent with competitive markets;
- 3) SPP's proposal attempts to fix a problem that may not exist;
- 4) it generally supports SPP's proposed frequently-mitigated resource adder; and
- 5) the Commission does not defer to stakeholder recommendations where such recommendations are inconsistent with an efficiently-functioning market.

On August 14, 2015, the Joint Filing Group, consisting of several SPP Members, filed a Motion to Intervene, Comments in Support of Filing, and Limited Protest.

The Joint Filing Group stated that it strongly supports SPP's filing, but believes further clarifying tariff revisions in Attachment AF, Sections 3.2(E)(3)(a) and 3.3(E)(3)(a) are necessary to ensure fair recovery of variable operation and maintenance costs by Market Participants.

On August 14, 2015, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed Supplemental Comments in Support of "Comments in Support of Filing, and Limited Protest of the Joint Filing Group" and Request for Confidential Treatment of Exhibit.

Golden Spread submitted affidavits providing an overview of its specific analysis of variable operation and maintenance costs for its generating units and describing the acute impact on Golden Spread of the inability to recover adequate variable operation and maintenance costs in SPP mitigated offers.

On August 14, 2015, Monitoring Analytics, LLC, acting in its capacity as Independent Market Monitor for PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., filed a Protest.

Monitoring Analytics stated:

- 1) regulation through competition requires competitive pricing;
- 2) SPP's current rules appropriately include only short-run marginal costs ("SRMC") in mitigated offers;
- 3) SPP's filing would degrade SPP mitigation rules by replacing SRMC with variable costs;
- 4) the reformed PJM rules do not support the SPP proposed approach for calculating SRMC; and
- 5) stakeholders who sell into markets should not design the market mitigation rules.

Numerous parties filed doc-less Motions to Intervene.

On August 28, 2015, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities filed a Motion to Intervene Out of Time and Comments in support of Monitoring Analytics, LLC's Protest .

On August 31, 2015, the SPP Market Monitoring Unit filed an answer in response to comments filed by the Joint Filing Group and Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The SPP MMU stated:

- 1) the Joint Filing Group's comments show a fundamental confusion between short-run

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marginal costs and variable costs;

2) Golden Spread's examples call for improvements in market design and operations, not diminished mitigation of market power; and

3) the Commission has already considered, and rejected arguments that variable and fixed costs beyond short-run marginal costs should be included in mitigated offers.

On August 31, 2015, the Joint Filing Group filed an answer in response to the comments filed by the SPP Market Monitoring Unit and the protest of the PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. Independent Market Monitor.

The parties stated:

1) SPP's burden is to show that its proposed tariff changes are just and reasonable, and it has met that burden;

2) the approaches of other RTOs support a finding that SPP's filing is just and reasonable;

3) SPP's proposal is consistent with the Commission's SPP Integrated Marketplace orders;

4) major maintenance costs are variable and short run marginal costs;

5) variable costs should be recovered in mitigated offers;

6) SPP's proposed tariff changes will not undermine competitive market outcomes or market efficiency;

7) the frequency of mitigation is not relevant setting mitigated offer prices;

8) the frequently mitigated resource adder alone does not address the variable cost recovery problem; and

9) the SPP MMU's alternative default Variable Operation and Maintenance approach is inconsistent with the SPP Integrated Marketplace.

ER15-2291

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

On August 4, 2015, Missouri River Energy Services filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 5, 2015, NorthWestern Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 18, 2015, Basin Electric Power Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 18, 2015, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 18, 2015, the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 18, 2015, Harlan Municipal Utilities filed comments in support of SPP's filing.

ER15-2295

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

On August 17, 2015, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 18, 2015, Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission filed a Motion to Intervene.

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 August 21, 2015, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene

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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 August 4, 2015, South Central MCN, LLC filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 5, 2015, NorthWestern Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 11, 2015, Heartland Consumers Power District filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 12, 2015, Missouri River Energy Services and its member Municipal Utilities filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of SPP's filing.

On August 18, 2015, the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 20, 2015, Nebraska Public Power District filed a Motion to Intervene.

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

Western stated there is a lack of detail in SPP's filing as to which facilities of the MRES Members are proposed to be included in the MRES Member annual transmission revenue requirement for the Upper Missouri Zone, and the basis upon which MRES Member transmission facilities are qualified under Attachment AI of SPP's Tariff.

On August 21, 2015, Basin Electric Power Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 31, 2015, Missouri River Energy Services filed an answer in response to the comments filed by the Western Area Power Administration.

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 August 5, 2015, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

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 August 21, 2015, Corn Belt Power Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of SPP's filing.

On August 21, 2015, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 21, 2015, ITC Midwest LLC filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER15-2347

Contract Services Agreement Between Southwest Power Pool, Inc. and Western Area Power Administration

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On August 20, 2015, Nebraska Public Power District filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 20, 2015, Xcel Energy Services Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 21, 2015, NorthWestern Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene, Comments and Request for Hearing and Settlement Judge Procedures.

NorthWestern stated that it supports Western Area Power Administration's efforts to join SPP effective October 1, 2015. However, NorthWestern has some questions and concerns regarding the Agreement between SPP and Western and how the Agreement will affect NorthWestern and the existing relationship between NorthWestern and Western in Montana.

On August 21, 2015, Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Missouri River Energy Services filed Motions to Intervene.

On August 21, 2015, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in Support of SPP's filing.

ER15-2350

Submission of Tariff Revisions to Attachment AE to Support the Application of the Federal Service Exemption in the Integrated Marketplace

On August 5, 2015, South Central MCN, LLC filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 20, 2015, Nebraska Public Power District filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 21, 2015, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Missouri River Energy Services, Otter Tail Power Company, and Western Area Power Administration filed Motions to Intervene.

On August 28, 2015, Westar Energy, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.

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 August 21, 2015, Corn Belt Power Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of SPP's filing.

On August 21, 2015, Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of SPP's filing.

On August 21, 2015, ITC Midwest LLC filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 21, 2015, Alliant Energy Corporate Services, Inc. filed a Motion for Leave to Intervene and Motion to Reject Filing.

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 August 5, 2015, South Central MCN, LLC filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 11, 2015, Heartland Consumers Power District filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 20, 2015, Nebraska Public Power District filed a Motion to Intervene.

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On August 21, 2015, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Otter Tail Power Company and Xcel Energy Services Inc. filed Motions to Intervene.

On August 21, 2015, NorthWestern Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments.

NorthWestern stated that it supports Western Area Power Administration's efforts to join SPP effective October 1, 2015. However, as explained in its Motion to Intervene, Comments and Request for Hearing and Settlement Judge Procedures filed in Docket No. ER15-2347-000, NorthWestern has questions and concerns about the rates for transmission service over Western's transmission facilities in the Western Interconnection in Montana.

On August 21, 2015, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in Support of SPP's filing.

ER15-2356

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

On August 12, 2015, MidAmerican Energy Company filed a Motion to Intervene and Protest.

MidAmerican stated that SPP's Tariff does not require a Market Participant Service Agreement with MidAmerican and that the July 31, 2015 filing should be rejected.

On August 21, 2015, Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of SPP's filing.

On August 21, 2015, Corn Belt Power Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of SPP's filing.

ER15-2360

Contract Services Agreement Between Southwest Power Pool, Inc. and Basin Electric Power Cooperative

On August 5, 2015, South Central MCN, LLC filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 21, 2015, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Missouri River Energy Services Otter Tail Power Company, and Western Area Power Administration filed Motions to Intervene.

ER15-2363

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

On August 20, 2015, Nebraska Public Power District filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 21, 2015, Otter Tail Power Company and Western Area Power Administration filed Motions to Intervene.

On August 21, 2015, Basin Electric Power Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER15-2377

Gas-Electric Coordination Compliance Filing

On August 4, 2015, SPP submitted its compliance filing in response to the order issued on March 20, 2014 in Docket No. EL14-27-000. SPP proposed tariff revisions in compliance with Order No. 809 to modify the timeframes for its Day-Ahead Market and Day-Ahead Reliability Unit Commitment process and demonstrated why further alignment of its Day-Ahead Market posting results with the natural gas pipeline Timely Nomination Cycle is not needed.

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An effective date of October 1, 2016 was requested.

On August 5, 2015, American Electric Power Service Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 7, 2015, Electric Power Supply Association filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 11, 2015, America's Natural Gas Alliance filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 11, 2015, Interstate Natural Gas Association of America filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 13, 2015, the Natural Gas Supply Association filed a Request to Intervene and Comments regarding the compliance filings made by SPP, California Independent System Operator Corporation, ISO New England Inc., New York Independent System Operator, Inc., Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., and PJM Interconnection L.L.C.

NGSA stated:

1) the Commission should not lose sight of its intended gas-electric coordination goals; and
2) each RTO and its stakeholders are in the best position to determine the electric dispatch schedule that best suits their reliability needs. Yet, the Commission and RTOs should remain proactive and swiftly change posting schedules as circumstances warrant.

On August 14, 2015, NRG Companies filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 18, 2015, the NRG Companies filed comments in response to the compliance filings submitted by SPP and the other RTOs/ISOs.

NRG stated that although the Commission's mandate clearly requires the RTOs/ISOs to post the day-ahead results prior to the Timely Nomination Deadline, California Independent System Operator Corporation, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., and SPP fail to satisfy this requirement.

NRG also stated market participants need natural gas price certainty prior to submitting their day-ahead offers and knowledge of the quantify of natural gas needed prior to scheduling, but only PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.'s proposal offers market participants knowledge of both price and quantity.

Lastly, NRG stated that the Commission should require all of the RTOs/ISOs to shorten the time period between the offer deadline for the day-ahead market and the day-ahead results posting deadline.

On August 19, 2015, Westar Energy, Inc. and Xcel Energy Services Inc. filed Motions to Intervene.

On August 20, 2015, Exelon Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 25, 2015, American Gas Association filed a Motion to Intervene.

On August 25, 2015, Dogwood Energy LLC filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of SPP's compliance filing.

On August 25, 2015, the Electric Power Supply Association filed Comments.

The EPSA stated it believes SPP's revised process remains overly conservative, resulting in limited changes that only benefit offers for the pipelines' Evening Nomination Cycle and do not

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provide any such opportunities for the pipelines' Timely Nomination Cycle. The EPSA stated that SPP should be able to further condense its clearing window to three hours or less without jeopardizing its forecasting, and the Commission should direct SPP to develop a schedule to allow Market Participants to know their dispatch awards prior to the natural gas pipeline Timely Nomination Cycle deadline.

On August 28, 2015, American Electric Power Service Corporation filed Comments.

AEPSC stated it supports the changes proposed by SPP as a preliminary step in adjusting its market timelines. AEPSC understands that currently, due to infrastructure limitations, SPP cannot guarantee a reliable result in less than the proposed 4.5 hour window and encourages SPP to continue to work towards the goal of posting Day-Ahead Market results before the Timely Nomination Cycle. AEPSC stated while it supports SPP's filing, it requests that the Commission accept the proposed changes and also supports a Commission directive to SPP to continue its efforts to shorten the market clearing window.

ER15-2412

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner

On August 11, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA and NOA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Westar Energy, Inc. as both Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 1884.

An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2414

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner

On August 11, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA and NOA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Westar Energy, Inc. as both Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 1885.

An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2416

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner

On August 11, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA and NOA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Westar Energy, Inc. as both Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 1887.

An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2420

Notice of Cancellation of the Generator Interconnection Agreement ("GIA") between EDF Renewable Development, Inc. ("EDF Renewable") as Interconnection Customer and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC ("MKEC") as Transmission Owner

On August 12, 2015, SPP submitted a Notice of Cancellation of the GIA between SPP as Transmission Provider, EDF Renewable Development, Inc. as Interconnection Customer, and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC as Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No.

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An effective date of July 15, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2421

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner

On August 12, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Westar Energy, Inc. as both Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 1889.

An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2423

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner

On August 12, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA and NOA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Westar Energy, Inc. as both Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 1890.

An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2424

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner

On August 12, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA and NOA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Westar Energy, Inc. as both Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 1892.

An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2432

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner

On August 13, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA and NOA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Westar Energy, Inc. as both Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 1893.

An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2433

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner

On August 13, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA and NOA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Westar Energy, Inc. as both Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 1897.

An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.

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- ER15-2434** **Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner**
- On August 13, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA and NOA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Westar Energy, Inc. as both Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 1978.
- An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.
- ER15-2439** **Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner**
- On August 13, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Westar Energy, Inc. as both Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Third Revised 2390.
- An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.
- ER15-2459** **Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner**
- On August 17, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA and NOA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Westar Energy, Inc. as both Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 1886.
- An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.
- ER15-2460** **Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner**
- On August 17, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA and NOA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Westar Energy, Inc. as both Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 1888.
- An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.
- ER15-2461** **Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner**
- On August 17, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA and NOA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Westar Energy, Inc. as both Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 1891.
- An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.
- ER15-2462** **Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner**

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On August 17, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA and NOA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Westar Energy, Inc. as both Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 1895.

An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2494

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner

On August 20, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA and NOA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Westar Energy, Inc. as both Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 1883.

An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2496

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner

On August 20, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA and NOA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Westar Energy, Inc. as both Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 1894.

An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2497

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner

On August 20, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA and NOA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Westar Energy, Inc. as both Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 2066.

An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2498

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as both Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner

On August 20, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA and NOA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Westar Energy, Inc. as both Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Third Revised 2491.

An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2506

Notice of Extension of Joint Operating Agreement Between SPP and Western Area Power Administration (FERC Rate Schedule No. 13)

On August 21, 2015, SPP submitted a notice of extension of the Joint Operating Agreement Among and Between Southwest Power Pool, Inc. and Western Area Power Administration.

On October 1, 2015, the Western Area Power Administration will transfer functional control of

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its transmission facilities located in the Upper Great Plains region to SPP. Upon full integration of Western Area Power Administration into SPP, the parties will seek cancellation of the JOA with a formal filing at the Commission.

An effective date of June 21, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2507

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Kaw Valley Electric Cooperative ("Kaw Valley") as Network Customer, and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Host Transmission Owner

On August 21, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Kaw Valley Electric Cooperative, as Network Customer, as well as a NOA with Westar Energy, Inc. as Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 1976.

An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2508

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner

On August 21, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA and NOA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Westar Energy, Inc. as both Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 2045.

An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2512

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Kansas Municipal Energy Agency ("KMEA") as Network Customer, and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Host Transmission Owner

On August 24, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Kansas Municipal Energy Agency as Network Customer, as well as a NOA with Westar Energy, Inc. as Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 2415.

An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.

ER15-2513

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Kansas Municipal Energy Agency ("KMEA") as Network Customer, and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Host Transmission Owner

On August 24, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Kansas Municipal Energy Agency as Network Customer, as well as a partially executed NOA with Westar Energy, Inc. as Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Third Revised 2562.

An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.

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- ER15-2514** **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 August 24, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Kansas Municipal Energy Agency as Network Customer, as well as a NOA with Midwest Energy, Inc. and Westar Energy, Inc. as Host Transmission Owners. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 2900.
- An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.
- ER15-2519** **Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Nemaha-Marshall Electric Cooperative ("Nemaha-Marshall") as Network Customer, and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Host Transmission Owner**
- On August 25, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Nemaha-Marshall Electric Cooperative as Network Customer, as well as a NOA with Westar Energy, Inc as Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Sixth Revised 1977.
- An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.
- ER15-2520** **Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service Agreement between SPP as Transmission Provider and Kansas City Board of Public Utilities ("KCBPU") as Transmission Customer**
- On August 25, 2015, SPP submitted an executed service agreement for Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service between SPP as Transmission Provider and Kansas City Board of Public Utilities as Transmission Customer. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 2041.
- An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.
- ER15-2521** **Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, City of Chanute, KS ("Chanute") as Network Customer, and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Host Transmission Owner**
- On August 25, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, City of Chanute, KS as Network Customer, as well as a NOA with Westar Energy, Inc. as Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Second Revised 2881.
- An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.
- ER15-2531** **Notice of Cancellation of Designee Qualification and Novation Agreement between SPP, ITC Great Plains, LLC ("ITC"), and Sunflower Electric Power Corporation ("Sunflower")**
- On August 27, 2015, SPP submitted a Notice of Cancellation of the Designee Qualification and Novation Agreement between SPP, ITC Great Plains, LLC, and Sunflower Electric Power Corporation. SPP Service Agreement No. 2179.
- An effective date of August 10, 2015 was requested.

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- ER15-2532** **Notice of Cancellation of Designee Qualification and Novation Agreement between SPP, ITC Great Plains, LLC ("ITC"), and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC ("MKEC")**
- On August 26, 2015, SPP submitted a Notice of Cancellation of the Designee Qualification and Novation Agreement between SPP, ITC Great Plains, LLC, and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC. SPP Service Agreement No. 2180.
- An effective date of August 10, 2015 was requested.
- ER15-2540** **Transmission Interconnection Agreement Between Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCPL") and Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("AECI"), with SPP as Signatory**
- On August 27, 2015, SPP filed an executed Interconnection Agreement between Kansas City Power & Light Company and Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., with SPP as a signatory. SPP Service Agreement No. 3038.
- An effective date of August 10, 2015 was requested.
- ER15-2542** **Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP and Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCPL") as Network Customer and KCPL, KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company ("GMO"), and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Host Transmission Owners**
- On August 27, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA and NOA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Kansas City Power & Light Company as Network Customer and KCPL, KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company, and Westar Energy, Inc. as Host Transmission Owners. SPP Service Agreement No. Ninth Revised 1276.
- An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.
- ER15-2543** **Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("KEPCO") as Network Customer, and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Host Transmission Owner**
- On August 27, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. as Network Customer, as well as a NOA with Westar Energy, Inc. as Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourteenth Revised 1636.
- An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.
- ER15-2560** **Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Kansas Power Pool ("KPP") as Network Customer, and Midwest Energy, Inc. ("Midwest"), Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC ("MKEC"), and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Host Transmission Owners**
- On August 28, 2015, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Kansas Power Pool as Network Customer, as well as a NOA with Midwest Energy, Inc., Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC, and Westar Energy, Inc. as Host Transmission Owners. SPP Service Agreement No. Nineteenth Revised 2198.

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An effective date of August 1, 2015 was requested.

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

On August 4, 2015, the North American Energy Standards Board filed a report to inform the Commission of action taken by the NAESB Board of Directors and NAESB membership in response to Order No. 809.

On August 20, 2015, the Natural Gas Supply Association filed comments in response to the request for comments on capacity release recall provisions.

On August 31, 2015, the American Gas Association, et al. filed Comments on the proposed default recall rights for capacity release transactions in response to the Order on Request for Clarification and Notice of Comment Procedures issued on July 31, 2015.

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

On August 17, 2015, Dominion Resources Services, Inc. filed a Request for Clarification or, in the Alternative, Rehearing of Order No. 812. Dominion requested that the Commission clarify that an entity that is both an exempt wholesale generator and qualifying facility is not required to file a FERC-566.

RM15-7 Revisions to Emergency Operations Reliability Standards

Parties filed comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued on June 18, 2015.

RM15-12 Revisions to Undervoltage Load Shedding Reliability Standards

Parties filed comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued on June 18, 2015.

RM15-13 Revisions to the Definition of Remedial Action Scheme and Related Reliability Standards

Parties filed comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued on June 18, 2015.

RM15-16 Transmission Operations Reliability Standards and Interconnection Reliability Operations and Coordination Reliability Standards

On August 24, 2015, Independent Electricity System Operator, ISO New England Inc., Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., New York Independent System Operator, Inc., PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., and Southwest Power Pool, Inc. filed Joint Comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued on June 18, 2015.

Parties filed comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued on June 18, 2015.

RR15-4 North American Electric Reliability Corporation's ("NERC") Petition for Approval of Proposed Revisions to the NERC Rules of Procedure to Implement NERC's Risk-Based Registration ("RBR") Initiative

On August 17, 2015, Dominion Resources Services, Inc. filed comments in support of NERC's

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proposal to remove the Load-Serving Entity functional registration category from NERC's Compliance Registry.

On August 17, 2015, the American Public Power Association, et al. filed comments in support of NERC's proposal.

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 August 10, 2015, NERC filed an answer in response to comments and protests filed in this proceeding.

NERC stated:

- 1) the annual business plan and budget process negates the need to provide an exhaustive list in the pro forma Regional Delegation Agreement of activities that may or may not be eligible for Section 215 funding;
- 2) the proposed revisions to the pro forma Regional Delegation Agreement strengthen its oversight over the Regional Entities; and
- 3) the automatic renewal provision does not eliminate the Commission's ability to assess the NERC-Regional Entity relationship.

On August 14, 2015, the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body filed advice concerning the revised pro forma delegation agreement and the revised regional delegation agreement between NERC and the Western Electricity Coordinating Council.

On August 21, 2015, Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County, Washington filed an answer in response to NERC's answer filed on August 10, 2015.

On August 21, 2015, Avista Corporation, et al. filed an answer in response to NERC's answer filed on August 10, 2015.

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FERC or State Jurisdiction: State of Louisiana

R-33253

Rulemaking Docket Regarding the United States Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") Proposed Rule on Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Existing Fossil-Fuel Fired Electric Generating Units under Section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act

On August 12, 2015, the LPSC issued a Notice of Request for Specific Comments on the Clean Power Plan Final Rule announced by the Environmental Protection Agency on August 3, 2015. Comments are due on September 16, 2015.

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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 August 18, 2015, the PUCT issued an order approving the application, as modified.

FERC or State Jurisdiction: United States Court of Appeals

14-1282 **Xcel Energy Services Inc. ("Xcel") v. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") Concerning Orders Issued in Docket No. ER12-959 Regarding Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s Formula Rate**

On August 3, 2015, FERC filed its Brief.

On August 19, 2015, SPP and Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed a Joint 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 August 3, 2015, FERC filed its Reply in Support of Motion to Hold Petition 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 August 13, 2015, Xcel Energy Services Inc. filed an Unopposed Motion to Hold Case in Abeyance, pending the filing of a settlement agreement at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

On August 13, 2015, Xcel Energy Services Inc. filed a Non-Binding Statement of Issues to be Raised.