SPP Notification to Construct

December 2, 2015

Mr. John Fulton  
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RE: Notification to Construct for Transmission Service Request resulting from Aggregate Transmission Service Study SPP-2014-AG1-AFS-6

Dear Mr. Fulton,

Pursuant to Section 3.3 of the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. ("SPP") Membership Agreement and Attachments O and Y of the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT"), SPP provides this Notification to Construct ("NTC") directing Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS"), as the Designated Transmission Owner, to construct the Network Upgrades.

On June 29, 2015, SPP concluded that the project(s) is required on the SPS system to fulfill Transmission Service Requests as detailed in Aggregate Facility Study SPP-2014-AG1-AFS-6.

New Network Upgrades

Project ID: 777  
Project Name: Line - East Plant - Manhattan 115 kV Ckt 1  
Need Date for Project: 6/1/2017  
Estimated In-Service Date: 6/1/2018  
Estimated Cost for Project: $1,118,328

Network Upgrade ID: 11027  
Network Upgrade Name: East Plant Interchange - Manhattan 115 kV Ckt 1  
Network Upgrade Description: Rebuild 2.2-mile 115 kV line from East Plant Interchange to Manhattan.  
Network Upgrade Owner: SPS  
Categorization: Regional reliability  
Network Upgrade Specification: All elements and conductor must have at least an emergency rating of 174 MVA.  
Network Upgrade Justification: 2014-AG1-AFS-6  
Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars): $1,118,328
Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade: Base Plan
Estimated Cost Source: SPP
Date of Estimated Cost: 6/29/2015

Project ID: 1146
Project Name: XFR - Carlisle 230/115 kV Ckt 1
Need Date for Project: 10/1/2015
Estimated In-Service Date: 6/1/2023
Estimated Cost for Project: $3,644,914

Network Upgrade ID: 11509
Network Upgrade Name: Carlisle 230/115 kV Ckt 1 Transformer
Network Upgrade Description: Upgrade 230/115 kV transformer at Carlisle.
Network Upgrade Owner: SPS
Categorization: Regional reliability
Network Upgrade Specification: All elements and conductor must have at least an emergency rating of 171 MVA.
Network Upgrade Justification: 2014-AG1-AFS-6
Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars): $3,644,914
Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade: Base Plan
Estimated Cost Source: SPS
Date of Estimated Cost: 9/23/2011

Commitment to Construct
Please provide to SPP a written commitment to construct the Network Upgrade(s) within 90 days of the date of this Notification to Construct, in addition to providing a construction schedule and an updated ±20% cost estimate, NTC Project Estimate, in the Standardized Cost Estimate Reporting Template for the Network Upgrade(s). Failure to provide a written commitment to construct as required by the SPP OATT could result in the Network Upgrade(s) being assigned to another entity.

Mitigation Plan
The Estimated In-Service Date represents the timing required for the Network Upgrade(s) to address the identified need. Your prompt attention is required for formulation and approval of any necessary mitigation plans for the Network Upgrade(s) included in the Network Upgrades(s) if the Estimated In-Service Date is not feasible. Additionally, if it is anticipated that the completion of any Network Upgrade will be delayed past the Estimated In-Service Date, SPP requires a mitigation plan be filed within 60 days of determination of expected delays.

Notification of Commercial Operation
Please submit a notification of commercial operation for each listed Network Upgrade to SPP as
soon as the Network Upgrade is complete and in-service. Please provide SPP with the actual costs of these Network Upgrades as soon as possible after completion of construction. This will facilitate the timely billing by SPP based on actual costs.

**Notification of Progress**
On an ongoing basis, please keep SPP advised of any inability on SPS's part to complete the approved Network Upgrade(s). For project tracking, SPP requires SPS to submit status updates of the Network Upgrade(s) quarterly in conjunction with the SPP Board of Directors meetings. However, SPS shall also advise SPP of any inability to comply with the Project(s) Schedule as the inability becomes apparent.

All terms and conditions of the SPP OATT and the SPP Membership Agreement shall apply to this project(s) and nothing in this letter shall carry such terms and conditions.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or comments about these requests. Thank you for the important role that you play in maintaining the reliability of our electric grid.

Sincerely,

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