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Jurisdiction:
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- AD17-9** **Petition for Rulemaking to Require an Enhanced Reliability Standard to Detect, Report, Mitigate, and Remove Malware from the Bulk Power System**
- On January 13, 2017, the Foundation for Resilient Societies filed a Petition for Rulemaking asking that the Commission order the North American Electric Reliability Corporation to set an enhanced standard for malware detection, reporting, mitigation, and removal.
- On January 17, 2017, FERC issued a Notice scheduling February 17, 2017 as the comment date.
- EL13-88** **Northern Indiana Public Service Company's ("NIPSCO") Complaint Against the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. ("PJM") to Remedy Flaws in the Interregional Planning Process of the MISO-PJM Joint Operating Agreement ("JOA")**
- On January 19, 2017, FERC issued an Order on Rehearing and Compliance. The Commission denied the requests for rehearing and granted the requests for clarification, in part, of the order issued on April 21, 2016. The Commission conditionally accepted in part and rejected in part MISO's and PJM's compliance filings submitted on June 20, 2016, subject to further compliance filings due in 30 days.
- EL16-110** **Section 206 Proceeding to Consider whether to Require SPP to Limit the Eligibility for Auction Revenue Rights ("ARRs") and Long-Term Congestion Rights ("LTCRs") for Network Service Subject to Redispatch so that Such Service is Treated Comparably with Point-To-Point Transmission Service Subject to Redispatch with Respect to ARR and LTCR Eligibility**
- On January 11, 2017, SPP filed a Motion to Reject Reply Brief of Alabama Power Company.
- On January 24, 2017, Alabama Power Company filed an answer in response to SPP's Motion to Reject Reply Brief.
- EL16-112** **Coalition of MISO Transmission Customers ("CMTC") Complaint Against the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") Regarding the 2016-2017 Planning Resource Auction**
- On January 30, 2017, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. submitted its compliance filing in Docket No. ER17-892 pursuant to the order issued on December 6, 2016 in Docket No. EL16-112.
- EL17-11** **Complaint of Southern Company Services, Inc., as Agent for Alabama Power Company, Alleging SPP has Violated the Tariff by Treating Partial Interim Service Subject to Redispatch Obligations Held by Network Customers the Same as Unconditional Firm Transmission Service for Purposes of Granting Candidate Auction Revenue Rights under Attachment AE of the Tariff**
- On January 13, 2017, American Electric Power Service Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene Out-of-Time.

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Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.'s ("KEPCo") Complaint Against SPP Concerning Direct Cost Assignment in Connection with the Attachment Z2 Revenue Crediting Process

On January 11, 2017, SPP filed an answer in response to the answer filed by Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. on December 21, 2016.

SPP stated:

- 1) KEPCo's arguments that the NITS Agreements relieve KEPCo of its Attachment Z2 Revenue Credit Obligations are flawed and ignore the structure of the Tariff;
- 2) KEPCo's continued claim that it lacked notice is disingenuous, as KEPCo clearly had actual notice, and KEPCo's argument distorts Commission precedent;
- 3) the Commission rejected KEPCo's notice argument in Docket No. ER16-1341;
- 4) SPP has properly relied on the CPTF White Paper in administering the "but for" test;
- 5) KEPCo's analysis continues to reverse the priority of flow on the Rice-Circle facilities;
- 6) SPP has already explained that it has complied with Attachment J of the Tariff, consistent with historical practice.

On January 27, 2017, Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company filed an answer.

OG&E stated that:

- 1) SPP's implementation of Attachments J and Z2 honors the filed rate doctrine as applied to KEPCo; and
- 2) KEPCo's complaint should be rejected to avoid violating the filed rate doctrine as applied to OG&E and other project sponsors.

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 January 23, 2017, SPP filed its fourth informational report regarding Interface Bus Pricing and a Day-Ahead Firm Flow Entitlement exchange process concerning market-to-market coordination with the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

ER13-366

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

On January 31, 2017, SPP submitted its informational filing of the 2016 designations of Short-Term Reliability Projects pursuant to Section I.3.d of Attachment Y of the Tariff.

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 January 17, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's compliance filing submitted on August 29, 2016.

Multiple effective dates were granted.

This order constitutes final agency action.

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	ER15-2028	<p>Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Corn Belt Power Cooperative ("Corn Belt")</p> <p>On January 23, 2017, Judge Coffman issued an Order Scheduling Settlement Conference to be held on February 21, 2017.</p> <p>On January 23, 2017, Judge Coffman issued a Report of Settlement Judge, recommending that the settlement proceeding continue.</p>
	ER15-2115	<p>Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative ("NIPCO")</p> <p>On January 23, 2017, Judge Coffman issued an Order Scheduling Settlement Conference to be held on February 21, 2017.</p>
	ER15-2351	<p>Market Participant Agreement between SPP as Transmission Provider and Alliant Energy Corporate Services, Inc. ("Alliant") as Customer and 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</p> <p>On January 3, 2017, SPP submitted its compliance filing in response to the order issued on December 2, 2016 approving the Joint Offer of Settlement.</p>
	ER15-2356	<p>Market Participant Service Agreement between SPP as Transmission Provider and MidAmerican Energy Company ("MidAmerican") as Customer</p> <p>On January 18, 2017, SPP submitted its compliance filing to update the Market Participant Service Agreement to reflect changes accepted by FERC pursuant to the Joint Offer of Settlement. SPP also included a revised Joint Offer of Settlement in response to the order issued on December 19, 2016.</p> <p>An effective date of October 1, 2015 was requested.</p>
	ER15-2594	<p>South Central MCN LLC's ("SCMCN") Application for Acceptance of a Transmission Rate Formula to Establish an Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement ("ATRR") for Transmission Service Over Facilities that SCMCN will Own in the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. Region</p> <p>On January 27, 2017, FERC issued an order approving the Joint Offer of Settlement filed on October 12, 2016.</p> <p>On January 31, 2017, the Kansas Corporation Commission filed a Request for Clarification, or Alternative Request for Rehearing, of the order issued on January 27, 2017.</p>

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	ER16-1546	Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation On January 3, 2017, Judge Long issued a Report of Settlement Judge, recommending that settlement procedures be continued. On January 11, 2017, Judge Long issued an Order Scheduling Settlement Conference to be held on February 9, 2017.
	ER16-1774	Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Western Farmers Electric Cooperative ("WFEC") On January 31, 2017, Judge McBarnette issued a Report of Settlement Judge, recommending that settlement proceedings continue.
	ER16-1912	Submission of Tariff Revisions to Clarify Language Regarding Out-of-Merit Energy ("OOME") On January 17, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's compliance filing submitted on November 9, 2016. An effective date of August 10, 2016 was granted. This order constitutes final agency action.
	ER16-1969	Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s ("MISO") Submission of Revisions to the Joint Operating Agreement ("JOA") between MISO and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. ("PJM") and Amendments to MISO's Open Access Transmission, Energy and Operating Reserve Markets Tariff to Comply with the April 21, 2016 Order in EL13-88 Addressing North Indiana Public Service Company's ("NIPSCO") Complaint Against MISO On January 19, 2017, FERC issued an Order on Rehearing and Compliance. The Commission denied the requests for rehearing and granted the requests for clarification, in part, of the order issued on April 21, 2016. The Commission conditionally accepted in part and rejected in part MISO's and PJM's compliance filings submitted on June 20, 2016, subject to further compliance filings due in 30 days. On January 19, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.'s compliance filing submitted on December 15, 2016 to add a new section 9.3.6 of Article 9 of the MISO-PJM Joint Operating Agreement to comply with the directives of the order issued on April 21, 2016.
	ER16-204	Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. ("Tri-State") On January 9, 2017, SPP filed its Reply Brief. On January 9, 2017, Commission Trial Staff filed its Reply Brief.

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On January 9, 2017, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. filed its Reply Brief.

On January 9, 2017, Western Area Power Administration filed its Reply Brief.

On January 9, 2017, South Central MCN LLC filed its Reply Brief.

On January 9, 2017, Nebraska Public Power District filed its Reply Brief.

On January 12, 2017, Nebraska Public Power District filed a motion for leave to reply to an argument raised for the first time by SPP in its Reply Brief filed on January 9, 2017.

On January 27, 2017, SPP filed an Answer Opposing Motion of Nebraska Public Power District for Supplemental Reply.

On January 27, 2017, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. filed an Answer Opposing Motion of Nebraska Public Power District or, in the Alternative, Motion for Leave to Respond and Response.

On January 31, 2017, Judge Dring issued an Order Denying Motion of the Nebraska Public Power District filed on January 12, 2017.

ER16-209 **Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Central Power")**

On January 10, 2017, Judge McBarnette issued an Order Scheduling Settlement Conference to be held on March 2, 2017.

ER16-2734 **Informational Filing to Notify the Commission of Implementation of Year-Three Reallocation of Revenue Requirements Pursuant to Attachments J and O for the Balanced Portfolio**

On January 4, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's notice of the year-five reallocation of revenue requirements in accordance with the Balanced Portfolio process described in Attachments J and O of SPP's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

ER16-791 **Submission of Tariff Revisions for Allocation of Revenues Resulting from the Settlement Agreement in Commission Docket No. EL11-34-002, et al.**

On January 31, 2017, FERC issued an order approving the Settlement Agreement and Offer of Settlement filed on November 30, 2016. SPP was directed to submit a compliance filing by March 2, 2017, in order to incorporate the terms of the settlement into the Tariff.

ER17-253 **Submission of Revisions to the Formula Rate for Omaha Public Power District ("OPPD")**

On January 30, 2017, SPP submitted its response to the letter requesting additional information issued on December 29, 2016.

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FERC

Submission of Tariff Revisions to Clarify that Bids to Buy Transmission Congestion Rights ("TCR") from Any Prohibited Electrically Equivalent Settlement Location ("EESL") Pairs Will Not Be Included in the Auction/Allocation

On January 4, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting, subject to condition, SPP's tariff revisions to Attachment AE to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the rules related to restrictions on the submission of Electrically Equivalent Settlement Location bids in Transmission Congestion Right auctions/allocation by explicitly stating that such bids will not be included in the auctions/allocation.

FERC directed SPP to submit a compliance filing to continue using the term "electrically equivalent" in lieu of language proposed by SPP.

SPP's compliance filing is due by February 3, 2017.

On January 17, 2017, SPP submitted its compliance filing in response to the order issued on January 4, 2017.

An effective date of January 5, 2017 was requested.

ER17-342

Transmission Interconnection Agreement between Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative ("MWEC") and Otter Tail Power Company ("OTP"), with SPP as Signatory

On January 12, 2017, FERC issued a letter order accepting the agreement, effective November 7, 2016 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER17-343

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

On January 10, 2017, FERC issued a letter order accepting the agreement, effective October 31, 2016 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER17-353

Submission of Revisions to Bylaws to Expand the Strategic Planning Committee and Oversight Committee

On January 10, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's revisions to Section 6.2 of the Bylaws to expand the Strategic Planning Committee by one seat to allow up to four, but no less than three, representatives from the SPP Board of Directors and Section 6.4 of the Bylaws to expand the Oversight Committee by two seats.

An effective date of January 14, 2017 was granted.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER17-358

Submission of Tariff Amendments Associated with Enhanced Combined Cycle Market Design Changes

On January 4, 2017, SPP submitted an amended filing to include additional information regarding its Enhanced Combined Cycle Tariff revisions and to correct an administrative oversight in Section 6.1.2 of Attachment AE of the Tariff.

An effective date of March 1, 2017 was requested.

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- Jurisdiction:** ER17-358 On January 19, 2017, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed Supplemental Comments in response to SPP's amended filing submitted on January 4, 2016.
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- ER17-366** **Submission of Tariff Revisions Proposing Expansion of Current Rules to Prospectively Require All Variable Energy Resources ("VERs") to Register as Dispatchable Variable Energy Resources ("DVERs")**
On January 10, 2017, SPP filed an answer in response to the protest filed by the Wind DVER Group on December 20, 2016.
On January 27, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's revisions to Attachments AE and V of its Tariff to expand the scope of the current SPP registration rules and require all Variable Energy Resources, with the exception of Resources in three specified circumstances noted SPP's filing, to register as Dispatchable Variable Energy Resources.
An effective date of January 15, 2017 was granted.
This order constitutes final agency action.
- ER17-368** **Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Resale Power Group of Iowa ("Resale Power") as Network Customer, and Corn Belt Power Cooperative ("Corn Belt") as Host Transmission Owner**
On January 10, 2017, FERC issued a letter order accepting the agreement, effective November 1, 2016 as requested.
This order constitutes final agency action.
- ER17-426** **Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Denison Municipal Utilities ("DMU")**
On January 4, 2017, Missouri River Energy Services and Denison Municipal Utilities filed an answer in response to comments and protests.
On January 13, 2017, Basin Electric Power Cooperative filed an answer in response to the answer filed by Missouri River Energy Services and Denison Municipal Utilities on January 4, 2017.
On January 31, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's tariff revisions to add an Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement and to implement a formula rate template and implementation protocols for the municipal utility of Denison Municipal Utilities, a member of Missouri River Energy Services and owned by the town of Denison, Iowa to become effective February 1, 2017, subject to refund, and establishing hearing and settlement judge procedures.
- ER17-427** **Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Kansas Municipal Energy Agency ("KMEA") as Network Customer, and Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCPL") as Host Transmission Owner**
On January 24, 2017, FERC issued a letter order accepting the agreement, effective February 1, 2017 as requested.
This order constitutes final agency action.
- ER17-428** **Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Vermillion Light & Power ("VLP")**
On January 5, 2017, SPP supplemented its November 30, 2016 and December 12, 2016 filings to include a corrected Exhibit No. SPP-7.

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On January 5, 2017, Missouri River Energy Services and Vermillion Light & Power filed an answer in response to comments and protests.

On January 13, 2017, Basin Electric Power Cooperative filed an answer in response to the answer filed by Missouri River Energy Services and Vermillion Light & Power on January 5, 2017.

On January 31, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's tariff revisions to add an Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement and to implement a formula rate template and implementation protocols for the municipal utility of Vermillion Light & Power, a member of Missouri River Energy Services and owned by the city of Vermillion, South Dakota to become effective February 1, 2017, subject to refund, and establishing hearing and settlement judge procedures.

ER17-469 **Submission of Tariff Revisions to Implement Changes to Midwest Energy, Inc.'s ("Midwest Energy") Formula Rate**

On January 27, 2017, SPP filed a supplement to the December 1, 2016 filing to provide hardcopy documentation from the proceeding held before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas that resulted in the revisions to Midwest Energy, Inc.'s formula rate template and implementation protocols that are the subject of the December 1, 2016 filing.

On January 30, 2017, FERC issued a letter stating the filing date for this proceeding is January 27, 2017.

ER17-483 **Meter Agent Services Agreement between Marshall Wind Energy LLC ("Marshall Wind") as Market Participant and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Meter Agent**

On January 26, 2017, FERC issued a letter order accepting the agreement, effective December 1, 2016 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER17-520 **Submission of Tariff Revisions to Add Language Specifying that All Resources that Are Dispatched to Zero by SPP Will be Exempt from the Real-Time Outage Reliability Unit Commitment Make Whole Payment**

On January 24, 2017, SPP filed an answer in response to the comments filed by Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. on December 30, 2016.

On January 30, 2017, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed an answer in response to SPP's answer submitted on January 24, 2017.

ER17-524 **Submission of Revisions to Attachment AD of the Tariff to Extend the 2014 Tariff Administration Agreement with Southwestern Power Administration ("Southwestern")**

On January 3, 2017, Southwestern Power Resources Association filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER17-587 **Generator Interconnection Agreement ("GIA") between Sholes Wind Energy, LLC ("Sholes") as Interconnection Customer and Nebraska Public Power District ("NPPD") as Transmission Owner**

On January 18, 2017, FERC issued a letter order accepting the agreement, effective December 5, 2016 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

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Jurisdiction: ER17-589
FERC

Meter Agent Services Agreement between NextEra Energy Power Marketing, LLC ("NextEra") as Market Participant and Sunflower Electric Power Corporation ("Sunflower") as Meter Agent

On January 10, 2017, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER17-738

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Basin Electric Power Cooperative ("Basin") as Network Customer, and Basin, Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc., Corn Belt Power Cooperative, East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative, Nebraska Public Power District, NorthWestern Corporation, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., and Western Area Power Administration as Host Transmission Owners

On January 3, 2017, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Basin Electric Power Cooperative as Network Customer, as well as an unexecuted NOA with Basin, Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc., Corn Belt Power Cooperative, East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative, Nebraska Public Power District, NorthWestern Corporation, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., and Western Area Power Administration as Host Transmission Owners. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 3125.

An effective date of December 1, 2016 was requested.

On January 24, 2017, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER17-739

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Heartland Consumers Power District ("Heartland") as Network Customer, and East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., NorthWestern Corporation, Northern States Power Company, and Western Area Power Administration as Host Transmission Owners

On January 3, 2017, SPP submitted an unexecuted NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Heartland Consumers Power District as Network Customer, as well as an unexecuted NOA with East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., NorthWestern Corporation, Northern States Power Company, and Western Area Power Administration as Host Transmission Owners. SPP Service Agreement No. First Revised 3101.

An effective date of December 1, 2016 was requested.

On January 24, 2017, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER17-749

Submission of Tariff Revisions to Update the Violation Relaxation Limit Operating Constraint Based on the Results of Annual Analysis by SPP Staff

On January 5, 2017, SPP submitted revisions to Addendum 1 to Attachment AE of the Tariff to update the operating constraint Violation Relaxation Limits based on the results of annual analysis by SPP staff.

An effective date of March 6, 2017 was requested.

On January 27, 2017, Westar Energy, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene Out-of-Time.

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FERC

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

On January 10, 2017, SPP submitted an executed GIA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Thunderhead Wind Energy LLC as Interconnection Customer, and Nebraska Public Power District as Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. 3293.

An effective date of December 21, 2016 was requested.

ER17-772

Order No. 825 Compliance Filing

On January 11, 2017, SPP submitted its compliance filing revising Attachment AE of the Tariff to incorporate language to comply with Order No. 825's requirement that SPP implement a mechanism in the Integrated Marketplace to trigger shortage pricing for any interval in which a shortage of Energy or Operating Reserves is indicated during the pricing of Resources for that interval.

An effective date of January 11, 2017 was requested.

Several parties filed motions to intervene.

ER17-820

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Resale Power Group of Iowa ("Resale Power") as Network Customer, and Corn Belt Power Cooperative ("Corn Belt") as Host Transmission Owner

On January 19, 2017, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Resale Power Group of Iowa as Network Customer, as well as a NOA with Corn Belt Power Cooperative as Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Second Revised 3114.

An effective date of January 1, 2017 was requested.

ER17-835

Submission of Clarifications to Schedule 2 of the Tariff

On January 23, 2017, SPP submitted revisions to Schedule 2 of the Tariff (Reactive Supply and Voltage Control from Generation or Other Sources Service) to add clarifying language that updates the roles and functions an entity may perform under Schedule 2.

An effective date of March 24, 2017 was requested.

ER17-889

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Kansas Municipal Energy Agency ("KMEA") as Network Customer, and Sunflower Electric Power Corporation ("Sunflower") as Host Transmission Owner

On January 30, 2017, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Kansas Municipal Energy Agency as Network Customer, as well as a NOA with Sunflower Electric Power Corporation as Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Third Revised 2646.

An effective date of January 1, 2017 was requested.

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Jurisdiction: ER17-890
FERC

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 January 30, 2017, 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. Seventeenth Revised 1636.

An effective date of January 1, 2017 was requested.

ER17-892 **Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s ("MISO") Compliance Filing Pursuant to the December 6, 2016 Order issued in Docket No. EL16-112 Concerning Coalition of MISO Transmission Customers ("CMTC") Complaint Against MISO Regarding the 2016-2017 Planning Resource Auction**

On January 30, 2017, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. submitted its compliance filing in Docket No. ER17-892 pursuant to the order issued on December 6, 2016 in Docket No. EL16-112.

ER17-894 **Transmission Interconnection Agreement between Western Area Power Administration ("WAPA"), Members 1st Power Cooperative ("Members 1st"), and Tongue River Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Tongue River"), with SPP as Signatory**

On January 31, 2017, SPP submitted an executed Transmission Interconnection Agreement between Western Area Power Administration, Members 1st Power Cooperative and Tongue River Electric Cooperative, Inc., with SPP as signatory. SPP Service Agreement No. 3299.

An effective date of January 1, 2017 was requested.

ER17-895 **Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Kansas Municipal Energy Agency ("KMEA") as Network Customer, and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC ("MKEC"), Sunflower Electric Power Corporation ("Sunflower"), and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative ("WFEC") as Host Transmission Owners**

On January 31, 2017, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Kansas Municipal Energy Agency as Network Customer, as well as a NOA with Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative as Host Transmission Owners. SPP Service Agreement No. Seventh Revised 1534.

An effective date of January 1, 2017 was requested.

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Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Western Area Power Administration ("WAPA") as Network Customer, and WAPA, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc., Corn Belt Power Cooperative, East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Missouri River Energy Services, Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative, and NorthWestern Corporation as Host Transmission Owners

On February 1, 2017, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Western Area Power Administration as Network Customer, as well as an executed NOA with WAPA, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc., Corn Belt Power Cooperative, East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Missouri River Energy Services, Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative, and NorthWestern Corporation as Host Transmission Owners. SPP Service Agreement No. Second Revised 3126.

An effective date of January 1, 2017 was requested.

ER17-906

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Otter Tail Power Company ("Otter Tail") as Network Customer, and Otter Tail, Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Central Power") and Western Area Power Administration ("WAPA") as Host Transmission Owners

On January 31, 2017, SPP submitted an unexecuted NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Otter Tail Power Company as Network Customer, as well as a NOA with Otter Tail, Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Western Area Power Administration as Host Transmission Owners. SPP Service Agreement No. 3294.

An effective date of January 1, 2017 was requested.

ER17-911

Submission of Tariff Revisions Revise Addendum 1 to Attachment AF to Update Frequently Constrained Areas

On January 31, 2017, SPP submitted revisions to Addendum 1 to Attachment AF to update the list of Frequently Constrained Areas in accordance with the findings of the SPP Market Monitoring Unit's recent reevaluation.

An effective date of April 1, 2017 was requested.

PL17-2

Policy Statement on Utilization of Electric Storage Resources for Multiple Services When Receiving Cost-Based Rate Recovery

On January 19, 2017, FERC issued a policy statement to clarify its precedent and provide guidance on the ability of electric storage resources to provide services at and seek to recover their costs through both cost-based and market-based rates concurrently. The Commission provided guidance as to how electric storage resources seeking to receive cost-based rate recovery for certain services (such as transmission or grid support services or to address other needs identified by an RTO/ISO) while also receiving market-based revenues for providing separate market-based rate services could address these concerns and also clarifies some past precedent on these issues.

This policy statement will become effective on the date of publication in the Federal Register.

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Jurisdiction: FERC	RM15-11	Reliability Standard for Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events On January 19, 2017, FERC issued Order No. 830-A, Order Denying Rehearing.
	RM16-15	Regulations Implementing FAST Act Section 61003 - Critical Electric Infrastructure Security and Amending Critical Energy Infrastructure Information ("CEII") On January 17, 2017, FERC issued an Order Granting Rehearing for Further Consideration of Order No. 833 issued on November 17, 2016.
	RM16-20	Remedial Action Schemes Reliability Standard On January 19, 2017, FERC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing to approve Reliability Standard PRC-012-2 (Remedial Action Schemes) submitted by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation. The purpose of proposed Reliability Standard PRC-012-2 is to ensure that remedial action schemes do not introduce unintentional or unacceptable reliability risks to the bulk electric system. Comments are due 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.
	RM16-5	Offer Caps in Markets Operated by Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators On January 5, 2017, Monitoring Analytics LLC filed an answer in response to the Motion for Clarification and Request for Rehearing of Order No. 831 filed by Exelon Corporation. On January 13, 2017, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. filed comments in support of New York Independent System Operator, Inc.'s Requests for Clarification and Alternative Requests for Rehearing. On January 17, 2017, FERC issued an Order Granting Rehearing for Further Consideration of Order No. 831 issued on November 17, 2016.
	RM16-6	Essential Reliability Services and the Evolving Bulk-Power System-Primary Frequency Response On January 24, 2017, the ISO-RTO Council filed Comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued on November 17, 2016. Several parties filed comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued on November 17, 2016.
	RM16-7	Disturbance Control Standard - Contingency Reserve for Recovery from a Balancing Contingency Event Reliability Standard (BAL-002-2) On January 19, 2017, FERC issued Order No. 835, Final Rule approving Reliability Standard BAL-002-2 (Disturbance Control Standard - Contingency Reserve for Recovery from a Balancing Contingency Event). The Commission directed the North American Electric Reliability Corporation to develop modifications to Reliability Standard BAL-002-2 to address concerns regarding extension of the 15-minute period for Area Control Error recovery and contingency reserve restoration. The Commission also directed NERC 1) to collect and report on data regarding additional megawatt losses following Reportable Balancing Contingency Events during the Contingency Reserve Restoration Period; and 2) to study and report on the reliability risks associated with megawatt losses above the most severe single contingency that do not cause energy emergencies.

This rule becomes effective 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.

Regulatory Status Report

Jurisdiction: RM17-2
FERC

Uplift Cost Allocation and Transparency in Markets Operated by Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators

On January 19, 2017, FERC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing to revise its regulations to require that each regional transmission organization and independent system operator that currently allocates the costs of real-time uplift due to deviations should allocate such real-time uplift costs only to those market participants whose transactions are reasonably expected to have caused the real-time uplift costs. The Commission also proposed to enhance transparency by requiring that each RTO/ISO post uplift costs paid (dollars) and operator-initiated commitments (megawatts) on its website; and define in its tariff its transmission constraint penalty factors, as well as the circumstances under which those penalty factors can set locational marginal prices, and any procedure for changing those factors.

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

Regulatory Status Report

Jurisdiction:
State of Kansas

**17-SPPE-117-
GIE** **In the Matter of a General Investigation for the Purpose of Investigating
Whether Annual or Periodic Cost/Benefit Reporting by the SPP and
Kansas Electric Utilities that Participate in SPP is in the Public Interest**

On January 19, 2017, the KCC issued an Order Opening General Investigation to determine whether annual or periodic reporting by SPP, and by Kansas utilities that participate in SPP, regarding the costs and benefits to Kansas utilities and ratepayers afford by continued SPP membership is in the public interest.

On January 26, 2017, the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board filed a Petition to Intervene.

Regulatory Status Report

Jurisdiction:
State of New
Mexico

- 10-00143-UT** **In the Matter of the Petition of Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("LCEC") For Approval to Transfer Certain Transmission Assets Under the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. Open Access Transmission Tariff**
- On January 23, 2017, SPP filed final drafts of the 2017 SPP Transmission Expansion Plan and Integrated Transmission Plan 10-Year Assessment Reports in accordance with Section 14 of the Uncontested Stipulation.
- 13-00031-UT** **In the Matter of Southwestern Public Service Company's ("SPS") Request for Permanent Approval to Participate in the Southwest Power Pool Regional Transmission Organization ("RTO")**
- On January 23, 2017, SPP filed final drafts of the 2017 SPP Transmission Expansion Plan and Integrated Transmission Plan 10-Year Assessment Reports in accordance with Section 12 of the Uncontested Stipulation.

Regulatory Status Report

Jurisdiction:
State of Texas

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Application of Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS") to Amend a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for a 345-kV Transmission Line within Hale, Hockley, Lubbock, Terry and Yoakum Counties

On January 9, 2017, the City of Lubbock filed its Response to SPS' Motion to Strike the Direct Testimony of James Daniel.

On January 9, 2017, Centurion Pipeline, L.P. and Occidental Permian Ltd. filed their Reply to SPS' Objections to the Direct Testimony of Joseph De Almeida.

On January 11, 2017, Southwestern Public Service Company filed its Withdrawal of Objection to the Direct Testimony of Joseph De Almeida.

On January 11, 2017, PUCT Staff filed Direct Testimony.

On January 11, 2017, PUCT Staff filed its Statement of Position.

On January 19, 2017, Southwestern Public Service Company filed an Unopposed Motion to Extend the Procedural Schedule.

On January 19, 2017, SOAH Order No. 4, Dismissing Intervenors in Accordance with SOAH Order No. 2, Denying SPS's Motion to Strike Testimony of James Daniel, Granting SPS's Motion to Compel, Overruling the City's Objections to SPS's Errata, and Denying SPS's and Staff's Motions to Strike Testimony, was issued.

On January 27, 2016, SOAH Order No. 5, Granting Motion to Extend Procedural Schedule and Notice of Hearing, was issued. A hearing on the merits is scheduled to be held March 7-9, 2017.

Regulatory Status Report

Jurisdiction:
United States

Court of Appeals

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 January 12, 2017, the court issued an order scheduling an oral argument to be held on April 7, 2017.

16-1093

Kansas Corporation Commission's Petition for Review of Orders issued in ER15-958 (Transource Kansas, LLC's Formula Rate)

On January 17, 2017, FERC filed its Final Brief.

On January 17, 2017, Kanstar Transmission, LLC, Transource Kansas, LLC, Transource Energy, LLC, and South Central MCN LLC filed their Joint Brief in Support of Respondent.

On January 17, 2017, the Kansas Corporation Commission filed its Final Initial Brief.

On January 17, 2017, the Kansas Corporation Commission filed its Final Reply Brief.