SPP Notification to Construct

February 21, 2017

Mr. Nathan McNeil
Westar Energy, Inc.
P.O. Box 889
Topeka, KS 66601

RE: Notification to Construct Approved ITP10 Network Upgrades

Dear Mr. McNeil,

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 Westar Energy, Inc. ("WR"), as the Designated Transmission Owner, to construct the Network Upgrade(s).

On January 31, 2017, the SPP Board of Directors approved the Network Upgrade(s) listed below to be constructed as part of the 2017 Integrated Transmission Planning 10-Year ("ITP10") Assessment.

New Network Upgrades

Project ID: 31082
Project Name: Sub - Butler - Altoona 138 kV Terminal Upgrades
Need Date for Project: 1/1/2017
Estimated Cost for Project: $238,640

Network Upgrade ID: 51626
Network Upgrade Name: Butler - Altoona 138 kV Terminal Upgrades
Network Upgrade Description: Upgrade any necessary terminal equipment at Altoona and Butler substations to increase the rating of the 138 kV line.
Network Upgrade Owner: WR
MOPC Representative(s): John Olsen, Lloyd Jackson
TWG Representative: Nathan McNeil
Categorization: Economic
Network Upgrade Specification: All elements and conductor must have at least an
emergency rating of 110 MVA.

**Network Upgrade Justification:** Identified as needed as an economic project in the 2017 ITP10.

**Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars):** $238,640

**Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade:** Base Plan

**Estimated Cost Source:** WR

**Date of Estimated Cost:** 8/19/2016

**Project ID:** 31083

**Project Name:** Sub - Neosho - Riverton 161 kV Terminal Upgrades

**Need Date for Project:** 1/1/2017

**Estimated Cost for Project:** $111,370

**Network Upgrade ID:** 51628

**Network Upgrade Name:** Neosho 161 kV Terminal Upgrades

**Network Upgrade Description:** Upgrade any necessary terminal equipment at Neosho to increase the rating of the 161 kV line between Neosho substation and Riverton substation.

**Network Upgrade Owner:** WR

**MOPC Representative(s):** John Olsen, Lloyd Jackson

**TWG Representative:** Nathan McNeil

**Categorization:** Economic

**Network Upgrade Specification:** All elements and conductor must have at least an emergency rating of 243 MVA.

**Network Upgrade Justification:** Identified as needed as an economic project in 2017 ITP10.

**Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars):** $111,370

**Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade:** Base Plan

**Estimated Cost Source:** WR

**Date of Estimated Cost:** 8/19/2016

**Commitment to Construct**

Please provide to SPP a written commitment to construct the Network Upgrade(s) within 90 days of the date of this NTC, 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 sufficient written commitment to construct as required by the SPP OATT could result in the Network Upgrade(s) being assigned to another entity.

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

**Notification of Commercial Operation**

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

**Notification of Progress**

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

All terms and conditions of the SPP OATT and the SPP Membership Agreement shall apply to this Project, and nothing in this NTC shall vary such terms and conditions.

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

Sincerely,

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