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Jurisdiction:
FERC

- 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 November 20, 2017, Xcel Energy Services Inc. filed a Request for Rehearing of the order issued on October 19, 2017.
- On November 20, 2017, Alabama Power Company and Enel Green Power North America, Inc. filed a Request for Rehearing of the orders issued on October 19, 2017 in Docket Nos. EL16-110-000 and EL17-69-000.
- 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 November 16, 2017, FERC issued an Order on Compliance Filing and Requests for Rehearing and Clarification.
- EL16-91** **Section 206 Proceeding to Examine SPP's Open Access Transmission Tariff and Absence of Refund Commitment for Non-Public Utility Transmission Owners to Refund Revenues that they May Receive Associated with Service Provided due to their Status as Transmission-Owning RTO Members in the Same Manner Public Utility Transmission Owners Could be Required to Provide Refunds of Such Revenues**
- On November 20, 2017, the American Public Power Association filed a Request for Rehearing of the order issued on October 19, 2017.
- On November 20, 2017, Nebraska Public Power District filed a Request for Rehearing of the order issued on October 19, 2017.
- On November 20, 2017, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and Midwest Energy, Inc. filed a Request for Clarification and Rehearing of the order issued on October 19, 2017.

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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 November 6, 2017, FERC issued an Order on Complaint, denying the Complaint in part, granting in part, and set for hearing and settlement judge procedures in part.

FERC denied the complaint with respect to KEPCo's allegation that:

- 1) SPP's direct assignment of costs for network upgrades that were not listed in the NITS Agreements violate the terms of the NITS Agreements and the filed rate doctrine;
- 2) SPP's direct costs allocation to KEPCo violates the Attachment Z1 study process rules;
- 3) SPP violated the "but for" test in Attachment Z2.

FERC set for hearing and settlement judge procedures the issue of whether KEPCo's transmission service requests had a material impact on the Rice-Circle Facility.

FERC granted KEPCo's complaint with respect to the allegation that SPP improperly applied the cost allocation rules of Section III.B.1.b of Attachment J of the Tariff. However, because FERC concluded that KEPCo's transmission service requests were equivalent to a single request that exceed 125 percent threshold in the Tariff, FERC found that all costs assigned as a result of exceeding the threshold should continue to be directly assigned to KEPCo.

On November 14, 2017, Judge Cintron issued an Order of Chief Judge Designating Settlement Judge Philip C. Baten.

On November 16, 2017, FERC issued an Order Setting Settlement Conference and Procedure. A settlement conference is scheduled to be held on November 30, 2017.

On November 29, 2017, Judge Baten issued an Order Rescheduling Initial Settlement Conference from November 30, 2017 to December 15, 2017.

EL17-69

Enel Green Power North America, Inc., on behalf of its Subsidiary, Buffalo Dunes Wind Project, LLC and Southern Company Services, Inc., as Agent for Alabama Power Company ("Complainants"), Complaint Against SPP Asking the Commission to Direct SPP to Follow its Tariff, Including Specifically Attachment AE's Definition of Eligible Entity and to Respect the Ineligibility for Auction Revenue Rights ("ARRs") and Long-Term Congestion Rights ("LTCRs") Set Forth Therein

On November 20, 2017, Alabama Power Company and Enel Green Power North America, Inc. filed a Request for Rehearing of the orders issued on October 19, 2017 in Docket Nos. EL16-110-000 and EL17-69-000.

EL17-76

East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("ETEC") Complaint Against Public Service Company of Oklahoma ("PSO"), Southwestern Electric Power Company ("SWEPCO"), AEP Oklahoma Transmission Company ("AEPOKT") and AEP Southwestern Transmission Company ("AEP SWT") (collectively, "AEP West Companies") Concerning Base Return on Equity ("ROE")

On November 16, 2017, FERC issued an Order on Complaint, Establishing Hearing and Settlement Judge Procedures.

On November 29, 2017, Judge Cintron issued an Order of Chief Judge Designating Settlement Judge.

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FERC

American Electric Power Service Corporation ("AEP") Complaint Against the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") and SPP Concerning Assessment of Duplicative Congestion Charges Associated with Southwestern Electric Power Company ("SWEPCO") Loads that are Pseudo-Tired from MISO to SPP

On November 3, 2017, American Electric Power Service Corporation filed an answer in response to the answers submitted by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. and SPP on October 12, 2017.

EL18-16

Section 206 Proceeding Concerning South Central MCN LLC's ("South Central") Formula Rate Implementation Protocols

On November 20, 2017, South Central MCN LLC filed its Initial Brief in response to the order issued on October 19, 2017. South Central stated it does not oppose the revision suggested by the Commission in the October 19 Order and proposed to resolve this proceeding by revising both its Transmission Protocols and wholesale distribution formula rate protocols in the manner suggested by the Commission.

EL18-19

Section 206 Proceeding to Examine SPP's Membership Agreement (and Other Jurisdictional Documents) and Absence of Refund Commitment for Non-Public Utility Transmission Owners to Refund Revenues that they May Receive Associated with Service Provided due to their Status as Transmission-Owning RTO Members in the Same Manner Public Utility Transmission Owners Could be Required to Provide Refunds of Such Revenues

Several parties filed motions to intervene.

On November 17, 2017, SPP filed a Motion to Intervene.

On November 20, 2017, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and Midwest Energy, Inc. filed a Request for Clarification and Rehearing of the order issued on October 19, 2017.

On November 20, 2017, Nebraska Public Power District filed a Request for Rehearing of the order issued on October 19, 2017.

On November 20, 2017, the American Public Power Association filed a Request for Rehearing of the order issued on October 19, 2017.

EL18-20

Indicated SPP Transmission Owners Complaint Against SPP Concerning Cost Shifts

On November 2, 2017, ITC Great Plains, LLC filed a Motion to Intervene and Comment in response to the Complaint.

ITC stated that it generally agrees with the Indicated SPP Transmission Owners that Commission action may be warranted on this matter, but any modification of the Tariff directed in this proceeding must be carefully structured to ensure that it does not prohibit appropriate cost allocation and recovery for transmission facilities which genuinely provides benefits to a transmission pricing zone.

On November 2, 2017, the Kansas Corporation Commission filed a Notice of Intervention and Comments in support of the Complaint.

The KCC stated that Indicated SPP Transmission Owners have identified legitimate concerns regarding the operation of SPP's Tariff that warrant further investigation.

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On November 2, 2017, East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Northeast Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed a Protest of the Complaint.

The cooperatives stated a group of Transmission Owners large enough to have their own zones seek to bypass the SPP governance process and have the Commission impose a radical change to SPP zonal rates previously approved by the Commission and accepted by SPP Transmission Owners. The intent of the large incumbent Transmission Owners is to unjustly discriminate against small and new Transmission Owners in a pricing zone by requiring, ambiguously, pancaked rates within a zone, something the Commission properly does not permit. The cooperatives stated the Complaint should be dismissed.

On November 2, 2017, SPP filed an answer to the Complaint.

SPP stated:

- 1) the Tariff is just and reasonable and the Complaint provides no basis for requiring SPP to revise the Tariff to address alleged "cost shifts";
- 2) SPP's process for determining zonal placement is just and reasonable and consistent with its role as the independent regional transmission organization;
- 3) the mitigation proposal would result in unintended consequences that would hinder implementation of other aspects of the Tariff and its proposed Tariff language is flawed.

On November 2, 2017, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in response to the Complaint.

Tri-State stated it supports the Indicated SPP Transmission Owners' desire to address costs shifts associated with the creating of multi-Transmission Owner pricing zones in all new zonal integration cases. Tri-State requested that the Commission affirmatively rule that the proposed Tariff changes will not be considered in or applied to any zonal integration cases filed prior to October 13, 2017.

On November 2, 2017, Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative and Corn Belt Power Cooperative filed a Joint Motion to Intervene and Comments in response to the Complaint.

NIPCO and Corn Belt stated they are generally supportive of efforts to enhance the clarify of SPP's Tariff, particularly with respect to its practices in multi-owner zones, NIPCO and Corn Belt submit these limited comments to express concern regarding certain ambiguous aspects of the Indicated SPP Transmission Owners' proposal, and to suggest that concerns of the nature described in the Complaint would be more appropriately considered under existing SPP stakeholder processes. The Commission should not direct SPP to implement the tariff provisions as proposed, because the proposed tariff language is unclear and potentially unjust, unreasonable, and/or discriminatory.

On November 2, 2017, South Central MCN LLC and Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed Comments and Protest to Complaint and Answer Opposing Fast-Track Processing.

The parties state the Commission should summarily deny the Complaint without setting the matter for further proceedings.

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On November 2, 2017, Midwest Energy, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of the Complaint.

Midwest Energy respectfully requested that the Commission grant the Indicated SPP Transmission Owners the relief requested in the Complaint; specifically that the Commission find the SPP Tariff to be unjust and unreasonable, and order SPP to adopt the language proposed by the Indicated SPP Transmission Owners as Appendix B to the Complaint, and to apply said language to all zonal integration cases from the date of the Complaint going forward.

On November 2, 2017, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in Opposition to Complaint.

Golden Spread stated the Transmission Owners' proposal is unjust and unreasonable and is unduly discriminatory and preferential, is expressly designed to discriminate against small entities and hinder new entry to transmission owners that desire to join SPP, and would harshly set back the Commission's efforts to advance participation in RTOs. Golden Spread requested that the Commission reject the relief sought in the Complaint.

On November 2, 2017, the TDU Intervenors filed an Answer and Motion to Dismiss the Complaint.

On November 2, 2017, Alabama Power Company filed Comments in response to the Complaint.

Alabama Power stated it shares concerns over costs shifts and transmission service rate impacts created by changes in the transmission owners/systems that compromise a regional transmission organization. The issues raised in the Complaint are directed primarily to rate impacts to customers taking Network Integration Transmission Service under Part III of SPP's Tariff. Alabama Power stated it filed these comments to inform the Commission that the same cost shift and similar rate impact concerns apply also in connection with Point-to-Point Transmission Service under Part II of SPP's Tariff.

On November 17, 2017, SPP filed a Supplemental Affidavit of Charles J. Locke to clarify the record.

On November 17, 2017, the Indicated SPP Transmission Owners filed an answer in response to SPP's answer to the Complaint and comments filed in this proceeding.

EL18-26

EDF Renewable Energy, Inc.'s ("EDF Renewable") Complaint Against the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Southwest Power Pool, Inc., and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. Regarding Affected System Coordination

On November 1, 2017, FERC issued a Notice of Complaint. Comment date is November 20, 2017.

Several parties filed motions to intervene.

On November 13, 2017, SPP, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. filed a Joint Motion for a Limited Extension of Time to File Answer and for Expedited Action.

On November 14, 2017, FERC issued a Notice Shortening Answer Period for filing answers in response to the Joint Motion for a Limited Extension of Time to File Answer and for Expedited Action. Responses are due November 16, 2017.

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On November 17, 2017, FERC issued a Notice of Extension of time extending the comment date to December 4, 2017.

On November 28, 2017, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. filed a Motion to Dismiss Complaint.

EL18-9

Xcel Energy Services Inc.'s ("Xcel Energy"), on behalf of Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS"), Complaint Against SPP Concerning the Attachment Z2 Revenue Crediting Process

On November 14, 2017, Xcel Energy Services Inc., on behalf of Southwestern Public Service Company, filed an answer in response to the answers filed by SPP and NextEra Energy Resources, LLC on October 30, 2017.

Xcel Energy stated:

- 1) SPP's answer does not explain how the CPTC Whitepaper is consistent with the but for test of Attachment Z2;
- 2) the but for test does not have multiple meanings or interpretations;
- 3) SPP's claims of infeasibility have not been demonstrated and do not excuse application of the filed rate;
- 4) SPP's argument that Xcel Energy is too late in objecting to SPP's implementation of Attachment Z2 is without merit;
- 5) the CPTC Whitepaper is not "appropriate guidance" that may override the Tariff;
- 6) SPP's response regarding Credit Payment Obligations for Point-To-Point Transmission Service confirms SPP is not following Attachment Z2;
- 7) Xcel Energy disagrees with NextEra's interpretation of SPP's 2008 filing to implement the but for test; and
- 8) SPP's efforts to provide transparency in the Attachment Z2 process have not been sufficient.

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 November 13, 2017, SPP filed a Response to Joint Request for Rehearing of Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Heartland Consumers Power District, and Missouri River Energy Services filed on October 26, 2017.

On November 17, 2017, Missouri River Energy Services filed an answer in response to SPP's Response to Joint Request for Rehearing of Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Heartland Consumers Power District, and Missouri River Energy Services filed on October 26, 2017.

On November 27, 2017, FERC issued an Order Granting Rehearing for Further Consideration of the order issued on September 26, 2017.

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 November 13, 2017, SPP filed a Response to Joint Request for Rehearing of Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Heartland Consumers Power District, and Missouri River Energy Services filed on October 26, 2017.

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Jurisdiction: FERC	ER14-2851	On November 17, 2017, Missouri River Energy Services filed an answer in response to SPP's Response to Joint Request for Rehearing of Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Heartland Consumers Power District, and Missouri River Energy Services filed on October 26, 2017.
	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 November 28, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's compliance filing to update Attachments H and T of the Tariff to implement the stated Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement for SPP Transmission Owner City of Independence, MO for the rate year beginning January 1, 2018, pursuant to the Offer of Settlement accepted by the Commission in its order issued on July 28, 2016. An effective date of January 1, 2018 was granted. 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 November 1, 2017, Judge Cintron issued an Order of Chief Judge Terminating Settlement Judge Procedures.
	ER15-2115	Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative ("NIPCO") On November 2, 2017, Judge Coffman issued a Report of Contested Settlement. On November 6, 2017, Judge Cintron issued an Order of Chief Judge Terminating Settlement Judge Procedures.
	ER15-2594	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 On November 20, 2017, South Central MCN LLC filed a Request for Rehearing of the order issued on October 19, 2017. On November 20, 2017, South Central MCN LLC submitted revisions to its transmission formula rate template and transmission protocols, including errata corrections to its Transmission Formula consistent with those directed in the October 19, 2017 order.
	ER16-1341	Petition for Tariff Waiver Concerning the Implementation of the Revenue Crediting Process in Attachment Z2 On November 6, 2017, FERC issued an Order Denying Rehearing of the order issued on July 7, 2016.

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Jurisdiction: ER16-1546
FERC

Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation

On November 13, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's August 28, 2017 compliance filing to update the formula rate template and implementation protocols for SPP Transmission Owner Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation, pursuant to the order issued on July 27, 2017 accepting the Unopposed Stipulation and Joint Offer of Settlement.

An effective date of July 1, 2016 was granted.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER16-209

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

On November 13, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's August 7, 2017 compliance filing to update the formula rate template and implementation protocols for SPP Transmission Owner Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc., pursuant to the order issued on July 7, 2017 accepting the Joint Offer of Settlement and Settlement Agreement.

An effective date of January 1, 2016 was granted.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER16-2720

NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC's ("NEET Southwest") Submission of a Formula Rate Template and Implementation Protocols to Determine and Recover the Costs of Investment in Transmission Facilities located in the SPP Region

On November 3, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting the filing, subject to condition, effective November 30, 2016. FERC accepted the formula rate, subject to a compliance filing, to be effective once the template and protocols are filed with the Commission to be a part of SPP's Tariff, consistent with the effective date established in that future proceeding. FERC established hearing and settlement judge procedures for the proposed base return on equity.

On November 9, 2017, Judge Cintron issued an Order of Chief Judge Designating Settlement Judge.

On November 9, 2017, Judge Glazer issued an Order Scheduling Settlement Conference to be held on November 20, 2017.

On November 14, 2017, Judge Glazer issued an Order Cancelling Settlement Conference to be held on November 20, 2017, and instructing the parties to file an uncontested offer of settlement by December 15, 2017.

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Jurisdiction: ER17-1092
FERC

Submission of Tariff Revisions to Improve the Methodology Through Which Scarcity Pricing Reflects the Value of Regulation and Operating Reserve by Introducing a Variable Demand Curve Construct to the SPP Integrated Marketplace

On November 9, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's revisions to Attachment AE of the Tariff to improve the methodology through which the scarcity pricing reflects the value of Regulation and Operating Reserve in the SPP Integrated Marketplace to more appropriately reflect the value of Regulation and Operating Reserve when Scarcity Pricing is initiated by instituting degrees of scarcity represented by blocks on a variable demand curve, subject to condition, effective May 11, 2017.

The Commission directed SPP to include in the Tariff the definitions of the Contingency and Regulation Reserve Scarcity Factors, the cutoff points for the segments of the proposed Contingency and Regulation Reserve Demand Curves, the applicable scarcity factors to be applied to each segment, and the calculation of the Regulation Base Demand Price in a compliance filing within 30 days of the date of this order. Further, because the Regulation Base Demand Price will be updated each month, the Commission directed SPP to publicly post the current Regulation Base Demand Price and update the posting whenever the Regulation Base Demand Price is changed.

The Commission directed SPP to include a description of "Operating Reserve Demand Curve Price" in Section 8.3.4.2 of Attachment AE and to include other proposed tariff revisions to other sections of the tariff that reference the term. The Commission also directed SPP to remove the reference to Section 4.1.5 of Attachment AE, as it appears this is a reference to the Market Protocols.

SPP's compliance filing is due on December 11, 2017.

ER17-1482

Submission of Tariff Revisions to Replace the Terms "Head-room" and "Floor-room" with the Term "Instantaneous Load Capacity" and to Clarify the Purpose of that Term

On November 16, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's revisions to Attachment AE of the Tariff to replace the defined terms "Head-room" and "Floor-room" with the new defined term "Instantaneous Load Capacity" to more accurately describe the purpose, scope, and functionality of the ramp capacity requirements that SPP needs in order to manage instantaneous load changes that occur during each operating interval relative to the average forecast for the applicable Operating Hour.

An effective date of June 27, 2017 was granted.

ER17-1568

Order No. 831 Compliance Filing

On November 9, 2017, FERC issued an Order on Compliance, accepting SPP's Order No. 831 Compliance Filing, effective April 1, 2019.

ER17-1575

Tariff Amendments to Modify Auction Revenue Rights ("ARRs") and Long-Term Congestion Rights ("LTCRs") Eligibility Provisions for Network Service

On November 20, 2017, Xcel Energy Services Inc. filed a Request for Rehearing of the order issued on October 19, 2017.

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Jurisdiction: FERC	ER17-1795	Submission of Tariff Revisions Regarding Modification of Conditions to Classify a Service Upgrade as a Base Plan Upgrade under Attachment J of the Tariff On November 6, 2017, FERC issued an order rejecting SPP's proposed tariff revisions to modify the conditions for classifying Service Upgrade costs associated with a new or changed Designated Resource as a Base Plan Upgrade for purposes of cost allocation under Attachment J of the Tariff.
	ER17-2229	Submission of Tariff Revisions to Change the Frequency of the Regional Cost Allocation Review ("RCAR") On November 29, 2017, FERC issued an Order Granting Rehearing for Further Consideration of the order issued on September 29, 2017.
	ER17-2523	Submission of Tariff Revisions to Attachment Y, Section I.1 to Add a Competitive Project Minimum Threshold On November 17, 2017, FERC issued an order rejecting SPP's revisions to Attachment Y, Section I.1 of the Tariff to establish a minimum threshold to designate a Transmission Owner for a Competitive Upgrade using the Transmission Owner Selection Process.
	ER17-2529	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 November 13, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective September 1, 2017 as requested. This order constitutes final agency action.
	ER17-2537	Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("KEPCO") as Network Customer, and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC ("MKEC") as Host Transmission Owner On November 17, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective September 1, 2017 as requested. This order constitutes final agency action.
	ER17-2543	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 and Notice of Cancellation of the NITSA and NOA between SPP and Westar as Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner On November 13, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement and Notice of Cancellation, effective September 1, 2017 as requested. This order constitutes final agency action.
	ER17-2563	Submission of Ministerial Non-Substantive Tariff Revisions On November 21, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's clean-up filing to make non-substantive corrections to certain sections of the Tariff. An effective date of December 1, 2017 was granted. This order constitutes final agency action.

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FERC

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

On November 1, 2017, Judge Long issued a Fifth Report of Settlement Judge, recommending termination of settlement procedures in Docket No. ER17-426 and recommending that settlement procedures continue in Docket No. ER17-428.

On November 1, 2017, Judge Long issued a Certification of Uncontested Settlement.

On November 2, 2017, Judge Cintron issued an Order of Chief Judge Terminating Settlement Judge Procedures.

ER17-428

Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Vermillion Light & Power ("VLP")

On November 1, 2017, Judge Long issued a Fifth Report of Settlement Judge, recommending termination of settlement procedures in Docket No. ER17-426 and recommending that settlement procedures continue in Docket No. ER17-428.

On November 13, 2017, Judge Cintron issued an Order of Chief Judge Making Substitute Designation of Settlement Judge, appointing Judge Andrea W. McBarnette as the Settlement Judge.

ER17-469

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

On November 6, 2017, Judge Brenner issued a Report by Settlement Judge, recommending that the settlement proceeding continue.

ER17-772

Order No. 825 Compliance Filing

On November 20, 2017, FERC issued an Order Granting Rehearing for Further Consideration of the order issued on September 20, 2017.

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 November 16, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective January 1, 2017 as requested. The Commission directed SPP to submit a compliance filing to revise the NITSA to reflect Garden City # 2 as an additional network resource and to remove the reference to Garden City # 2 in Attachment 1, Section 8.12.A.2 of the NITSA that imposes revenue crediting requirements.

SPP's compliance filing is due by December 18, 2017.

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 November 16, 2017, FERC issued an Order on Compliance Filing and Requests for Rehearing and Clarification.

On November 21, 2017, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. submitted a compliance filing in response to the order issued on November 16, 2017.

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FERC

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

On November 17, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective September 1, 2017 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER18-146 Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s ("MISO") Submission of Revisions to the Joint Operating Agreement ("JOA") between SPP and MISO to Modify the Market-to-Market ("M2M") Provisions

On November 9, 2017, Consumers Energy Company filed a Motion to Intervene.

On November 9, 2017, Ameren Services Company filed a Motion to Intervene.

On November 14, 2017, SPP filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER18-149 Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s ("MISO") Submission of Revisions to the Joint Operating Agreement ("JOA") between SPP and MISO to Modify Article XI and Attachment 3

On November 9, 2017, Consumers Energy Company filed a Motion to Intervene.

On November 14, 2017, SPP filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER18-150 Submission of Revisions to the Joint Operating Agreement ("JOA") between SPP and the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") to Modify the Market-to-Market ("M2M") Provisions

On November 7, 2017, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.

On November 15, 2017, NRG Power Marketing LLC and GenOn Energy Management, LLC filed a Motion to Intervene Out-of-Time.

ER18-151 Submission of Revisions to the Joint Operating Agreement ("JOA") between SPP and the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") to Modify Article XI and Attachment 3

On November 7, 2017, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER18-16 Submission of Revisions to Transmission Formula Rate of Southwestern Public Service Company

On November 28, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's ministerial tariff revisions to update the Formula Rate Template of SPP Transmission Owner Southwestern Public Service Company contained in Addendum 5 to Attachment H.

Effective dates of October 20, 2014, January 1, 2015, and January 1, 2016 were granted.

This order constitutes final agency action.

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FERC

Submission of Revisions to Formula Rate of American Electric Power Service Corporation's Transmission Companies ("Transcos"), AEP Oklahoma Transmission Company, Inc. and AEP Southwestern Transmission Company, Inc.

On November 9, 2017, the East Texas Cooperatives filed an Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to file comments in response to SPP's October 31, 2017 filing.

On November 9, 2017, Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority filed a Motion to Intervene.

On November 9, 2017, the East Texas Cooperatives filed a Motion to Intervene.

On November 15, 2017, FERC issued a Notice of Extension of Time, extending the comment date to December 5, 2017.

ER18-195

Submission of Revisions to Formula Rate of American Electric Power Service Corporation's ("AEP") Operating Companies, Public Service Company of Oklahoma ("PSO") and Southwestern Electric Power Company ("SWEPCO")

On November 7, 2017, the East Texas Cooperatives filed an Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to file comments in response to SPP's October 31, 2017 filing.

On November 7, 2017, the East Texas Cooperatives filed a Motion to Intervene.

On November 9, 2017, Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority filed a Motion to Intervene.

On November 15, 2017, FERC issued a Notice of Extension of Time, extending the comment date to December 5, 2017.

ER18-208

Agreement Establishing a Pseudo-Tie Electrical Interconnection Point Among Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation ("AECC") as Market Participant, Entergy Arkansas, Inc. ("EAI") as External Balancing Authority, and SPP

On November 1, 2017, SPP submitted an unexecuted Agreement Establishing a Pseudo-Tie Electrical Interconnection Point Among Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation as the Market Participant, Entergy Arkansas, Inc. as the External Balancing Authority, and SPP.

An effective date of January 1, 2018 was requested.

On November 22, 2017, Entergy Arkansas, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene and Protest.

On November 27, 2017, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene Out-of-Time.

ER18-223

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 November 1, 2017, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Kansas Municipal Energy Agency as Network Customer, as well as a NOA with Kansas City Power & Light Company as Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Eighth Revised 1266.

An effective date of January 1, 2018 was requested.

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Jurisdiction: FERC	ER18-232	Submission of Non-Substantive Tariff Revisions to Remove Rejected Language from the Tariff On November 2, 2017, SPP submitted a filing containing ministerial revisions to the Tariff to remove language rejected by the Commission. Effective dates of July 15, 2017, August 1, 2017, and October 1, 2017 were requested.
	ER18-24	Submission of Revisions to Formula Rate Template for Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") On November 22, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's tariff revisions to update Addendum 3 to Attachment H which contains the formula rate and formula rate implementation protocols for SPP Transmission Owner Westar Energy, Inc. The filing incorporated changes filed by Westar and approved by the Commission in Docket No. ER17-793. An effective date of March 14, 2017 was granted. This order constitutes final agency action.
	ER18-25	Submission of Revisions to Formula Rate Template for Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company ("OG&E") On November 29, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting tariff revisions to update depreciation rates contained in the formula rate template for Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company. The filing incorporated the changes filed by OG&E and approved by the Commission in Docket Nos. ER17-1467 and ER17-2288. Effective dates of July 1, 2016 and June 1, 2017 were granted. This order constitutes final agency action.
	ER18-265	Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("ETEC") as Network Customer, and American Electric Power Service Corporation ("AEP") as Host Transmission Owner On November 8, 2017, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. as Network Customer, as well as a NOA with American Electric Power Service Corporation as Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Seventh Revised 1067. An effective date of November 1, 2017 was requested. On November 24, 2017, East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.
	ER18-272	Transmission Interconnection Agreement between Western Area Power Administration ("WAPA") and Basin Electric Power Cooperative ("Basin Electric"), with SPP as Signatory On November 9, 2017, SPP submitted an executed Transmission Interconnection Agreement between Western Area Power Administration and Basin Electric Power Cooperative, with SPP as signatory. SPP Service Agreement No. 3375. An effective date of October 25, 2017 was requested.

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Jurisdiction: FERC	ER18-272	<p>On November 20, 2017, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene.</p> <p>On November 21, 2017, Basin Electric Power Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene.</p>
	ER18-319	<p>Submission of Compliance Filing in Response to Order on Paper Hearing issued in Docket No. EL16-110-000</p> <p>On November 20, 2017, SPP submitted tariff revisions in compliance with the Order on Paper Hearing issued on October 19, 2017 in Docket No. EL16-110-000. SPP submitted revisions to Section 34.6 of the Tariff to limit eligibility for Auction Revenue Rights and Long-Term Congestion Rights of Network Customers with service subject to redispatch to ensure such service is treated comparably with Point-To-Point Transmission Service customers subject to a redispatch obligation. SPP also submitted clarifying language in Section 7.1.1 of Attachment AE.</p> <p>An effective date of October 19, 2017 was requested.</p> <p>On November 28, 2017, SPP submitted an errata filing to correct the tariff sheet for Part III, Section 34.6 of the Tariff included SPP's compliance filing filed on November 20, 2017 in this proceeding.</p> <p>An effective date of October 19, 2017 was requested.</p>
	ER18-332	<p>Transmission Interconnection Agreement between Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC ("Mid-Kansas") and Ninnescah Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Inc. ("Ninnescah"), with SPP as Signatory</p> <p>On November 28, 2017, SPP submitted an executed Transmission Interconnection Agreement between Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC and Ninnescah Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Inc, with SPP as signatory. SPP Service Agreement No. 3378.</p> <p>An effective date of October 19, 2017 was requested.</p>
	ER18-352	<p>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</p> <p>On November 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 Kansas City Power & Light Company as Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Ninth Revised 1266.</p> <p>An effective date of November 15, 2017 was requested.</p>
	ER18-46	<p>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</p> <p>On November 29, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective October 1, 2017 as requested.</p> <p>This order constitutes final agency action.</p>

Regulatory Status Report

Jurisdiction: ER18-99
FERC

Submission of Tariff Revisions to Incorporate South Central MCN LLC's ("South Central") Formula Rate

On November 8, 2017, South Central MCN LLC filed comments in support of SPP's filing.

On November 8, 2017, the Indicated SPP Transmission Owners filed Limited Comments.

The parties stated:

- 1) the filing still lacks meaningful rate impact analysis;
- 2) this proceeding highlights that the SPP Zonal Placement Process does not actually mitigate or address cost shifts cause by zonal integration decisions created by multi-owner zones; and
- 3) to the extent that SPP attempts to justify the rate increase to existing customers, it does not quantify any alleged benefits, and thus provides no basis to weigh costs and benefits.

On November 8, 2017, the ARKMO Cities filed a Motion to Intervene and Limited Comments.

The cities asked that the Commission require SPP to quantify the rate impacts on each of the existing Zone 10 cities and require that this additional information be included in an amendment to the filing so that the cities have the opportunity to evaluate the information provided and file an additional protest if needed.

On November 8, 2017, Nebraska Public Power District filed a Motion to Intervene, Comments and Protest.

NPPD stated that while it is not an impacted party within the meaning of the cost impact analysis, NPPD has an interest in this case because Commission action here may constitute precedent regarding the application of SPP's new Zonal Placement Process in other zones. NPPD stated it is also concerned that a Commission ruling in this proceeding may affect the outcome of the Commission's review of a pending case in Docket No. ER16-204. NPPD stated the new internal criteria for zonal placement differ meaningfully from the criteria it applied in Docket No. ER16-204.

NPPD requested that the Commission require SPP to consider relative cost shifts as a factor in determining appropriate zone placement of new Transmission Owners, and further require SPP to consider the need to avoid or minimize cost-shifts to the host Transmission Owner in the existing zone into which the new Transmission Owner is placed. Regardless of the Commission's ruling in this case, NPPD requests the Commission make clear that the ruling in this case will not prejudice the Commission's consideration of the cost shift issues pending before it in Docket No. ER16-204.

On November 20, 2017, SPP filed a Limited Answer and Request for Confidential Treatment of Information in response to the comments and protests filed in this proceeding.

Regulatory Status Report

Jurisdiction: RM16-22
FERC

Coordination of Protection Systems for Performance During Faults and Specific Training for Personnel Reliability Standards

On November 16, 2017, FERC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing to approve Reliability Standards PRC-027-1 (Coordination of Protection Systems for Performance During Faults) and PER-006-1 (Specific Training for Personnel) submitted by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation. The Commission also proposed to direct NERC to modify proposed Reliability Standard PRC-027-1 to require an initial protection system coordination study to ensure that applicable entities will perform (or have performed), as a baseline, a study demonstrating proper coordination of its protection systems. The Commission proposed to direct NERC to submit the modified Reliability Standard for Commission approval within 12 months following the effective date of a final rule in this proceeding.

Comments are due on January 22, 2018.

RM16-5

Offer Caps in Markets Operated by Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators

On November 9, 2017, FERC issued Order No. 831-A, Order on Rehearing and Clarification. The Commission granted in part and denied in part requests for rehearing and clarification of its determinations in Order No. 831.

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

RM17-12

Emergency Preparedness and Operations Reliability Standards

Parties filed comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued on September 20, 2017.

RM18-1

Grid Reliability and Resilience Pricing

On November 7, 2017, SPP filed Reply Comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

Numerous parties filed reply comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

Regulatory Status Report

Jurisdiction:

State of
Arkansas

17-030-U

In the Matter of the Application of Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company ("OG&E") Seeking a Declaratory Order Finding its Mustang Generation Plant Modernization Plan is Consistent with the Public Interest

On November 15, 2017, Sara Page Tacker filed Direct Testimony on behalf of the Arkansas Attorney General.

Regulatory Status Report

Jurisdiction:
State of
Missouri

EW-2017-0245 In the Matter of a Working Case to Explore Emerging Issues in Utility Regulation

On November 3, 2017, the MoPSC issued a Notice of Agenda for the workshop to be held on November 20, 2017.

On November 6, 2017, the MoPSC issued a Notice of Amended Agenda for the workshop to be held on November 20, 2017.

A workshop was held on November 20, 2017.

Regulatory Status Report

Jurisdiction:
State of New
Mexico

17-00261-UT

In the Matter of a Commission Investigation into the Feasibility of Public Service Company of New Mexico becoming a Member of the Southwest Power Pool

On November 2, 2017, the NMPRC issued an Errata Notice correcting paragraph 7 of the Order Commencing Notice of Inquiry.

On November 17, 2017, Utility Division Staff filed a Motion for Order Extending the Deadline for Initial Written Responses and Further Providing for the Filing of Replies.

On November 22, 2017, SPP filed its Response to Order Commencing Notice of Inquiry.

On November 21, 2017, SPP filed a Motion for Leave to Intervene and Request for Discovery.

On November 21, 2017, the NMPRC issued an Order Extending Time until December 1, 2017 to file responses to the Order Commencing Notice of Inquiry. Reply responses are due on December 15, 2017.

On November 22, 2017, the California Independent System Operator Corporation filed comments in response to the Order Commencing Notice of Inquiry.

On November 22, 2017, the American Wind Energy Association and Interwest Energy Alliance filed comments in response to the Order Commencing Notice of Inquiry.

On November 22, 2017, the California Independent System Operator Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

On November 22, 2017, Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems filed comments in response to the Order Commencing Notice of Inquiry.

On November 22, 2017, Western Grid Group filed comments in response to the Order Commencing Notice of Inquiry.

Regulatory Status Report

Jurisdiction:
State of Texas

46901

Joint Petition of Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS") and Southwest Power Pool, Inc. ("SPP") for Declaratory Order Seeking Declaration as to Whether SPP May Designate Entities Other Than the Incumbent Texas Utility to Construct and Own Regionally-Funded Transmission Facilities Located in Texas but Providing Service Outside the Electric Reliability Council of Texas ("ERCOT")

On November 20, 2017, Southwestern Public Service Company filed a Motion for Rehearing of the order issued on October 26, 2017.

On November 20, 2017, Entergy Texas, Inc. filed a Motion for Rehearing of the order issued on October 26, 2017.

On November 20, 2017, Texas Industrial Energy Consumers filed a Motion for Rehearing of the order issued on October 26, 2017.

47576

Application of the City of Lubbock Through Lubbock Power and Light ("LP&L") for Authority to Connect a Portion of its System with the Electric Reliability Council of Texas ("ERCOT")

On November 3, 2017, the PUCT issued Order No. 8, Granting Interventions.

On November 9, 2017, FGE Power filed a Motion to Intervene.

On November 28, 2017, Antoine Lucas filed Direct Testimony on behalf of SPP.

On November 28, 2017, numerous parties filed Direct Testimony or a Statement of Position.

Regulatory Status Report

Jurisdiction:

United States

Court of

Appeals

15-1447

**State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas v. Federal Energy
Regulatory Commission: Petition for Review of Orders Issued in Docket
Nos. ER14-2850 and ER14-2851 Concerning Integration of the Integrated
System into the SPP Regional Transmission Organization**

On November 28, 2017, the U.S. Court of Appeals issued an Opinion denying the petition for review.