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Jurisdiction:
FERC

- AD17-9** **Petition for Rulemaking to Require an Enhanced Reliability Standard to Detect, Report, Mitigate, and Remove Malware from the Bulk Power System**
- On December 21, 2017, FERC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing to direct the North American Electric Reliability Corporation to develop and submit modifications to the NERC Reliability Standards to improve mandatory reporting of Cyber Security Incidents, including incidents that might facilitate subsequent efforts to harm the reliable operation of the bulk electric system.
- Comments are due on February 26, 2018.
- 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 December 20, 2017, Enel Green Power North America, Inc. filed an answer in response to the rehearing requests filed by Xcel Energy Services Inc. in Docket Nos. EL16-110-002 and ER17-1575-002.
- On December 20, 2017, FERC issued an Order Granting Rehearing for Further Consideration of the Order on Paper Hearing issued on October 19, 2017.
- 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 December 4, 2017, the Kansas Corporation Commission filed an Answer in Support of the request for clarification contained in the Request for Clarification and Rehearing filed by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and Midwest Energy, Inc. on November 20, 2017.
- On December 15, 2017, SPP submitted a Status Report on its stakeholder process in response to the order issued on October 19, 2017.
- On December 20, 2017, FERC issued an Order Granting Rehearing for Further Consideration of the order issued on October 19, 2017.
- EL17-21** **Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.'s ("KEPCo") Complaint Against SPP Concerning Direct Cost Assignment in Connection with the Attachment Z2 Revenue Crediting Process**
- On December 6, 2017, Xcel Energy Services Inc. filed a Request for Rehearing of the order issued on November 6, 2017.
- On December 6, 2017, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. filed a Request for Rehearing of the order issued on November 6, 2017.
- On December 12, 2017, Judge Baten issued an Order Cancelling Settlement Conference.
- On December 14, 2017, Judge Baten filed the First Status Report, stating the parties have indicated that they intend to take action to dispose of the single issue set for hearing and settlement judge procedures in this docket.

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	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 December 20, 2017, FERC issued an Order Granting Rehearing for Further Consideration of the order issued on October 19, 2017.
	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 ("AEPSWT") (collectively, "AEP West Companies") Concerning Base Return on Equity ("ROE") On December 5, 2017, the East Texas Cooperatives filed a Protest, Motion to Consolidate, Motion for Clarification and Motion for Hearing in Docket Nos. EL17-76, ER18-194 and ER18-195. On December 7, 2017, Judge Long issued an Order Scheduling Settlement Conference to be held on December 14, 2017. On December 15, 2017, Judge Long issued an Order Scheduling Settlement Conference to be held on January 31, 2018. On December 20, 2017, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed its Statement of Position and Statement in Support of Motions and Requests for Relief of East Texas Electric Cooperative and Northeast Texas Electric Cooperative and Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority. On December 29, 2017, Judge Long issued a Report of Settlement Judge, recommending that settlement procedures continue.
	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 On December 4, 2017, the Kansas Corporation Commission filed an Answer in Support of the request for clarification contained in the Request for Clarification and Rehearing filed by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and Midwest Energy, Inc. on November 20, 2017. On December 15, 2017, SPP submitted a Status Report on its stakeholder process in response to the order issued on October 19, 2017. On December 20, 2017, FERC issued an Order Granting Rehearing for Further Consideration of the order issued on October 19, 2017.

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Indicated SPP Transmission Owners Complaint Against SPP Concerning Cost Shifts

On December 4, 2017, South Central MCN LLC and Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed an Answer Opposing Motion of Indicated SPP Transmission Owners to Submit an Answer and Answer to Protests.

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 December 1, 2017, EDF Renewable Energy, Inc. filed an answer in response to the Motion to Dismiss filed by PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

On December 4, 2017, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. filed an answer in response to the Complaint.

MISO stated:

- 1) MISO's Affected System coordination procedures are consistent with the Commission's current policy and precedent;
- 2) the Complaint fails to demonstrate that any MISO tariff provision or business practice relating to Affected System coordination is unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential;
- 3) any outstanding issues involving Affected System coordination should be addressed through the normal stakeholder channels in the first instance

On December 4, 2017, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. filed an answer to the Complaint.

PJM stated:

- 1) EDF has failed to demonstrate how PJM's Affected System coordination procedures are not consistent with the Commission's statutory and regulatory requirements, as well as Commission orders, precedent and policy;
- 2) EDF fails to demonstrate that PJM's tariff provisions or PJM Manual 14A regarding their Affected System coordination processes are unjust, unreasonable and unduly discriminatory or preferential or that PJM failed to follow its process;
- 3) there is no factual basis for EDF's Complaint against PJM;
- 4) PJM is open to review and discuss EDF's issues.

On December 4, 2017, Renewable Energy Systems Americas Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of the discussion of the issues raised in the Complaint.

On December 4, 2017, Tradewind Energy, Inc. filed Comments in Support of Complaint.

On December 4, 2017, Alliant Energy Corporate Services, Inc. filed Comments and Motion to Intervene. Alliant stated it submits these comments in support of greater coordination between RTOs/ISOs, but does not take a position on the merits of the Complaint.

On December 4, 2017, MidAmerican Energy Company filed a Motion to Intervene and Comment. MidAmerican stated that the Tariffs and Joint Operating Agreements require improvement in the interconnection study processes and documentation as they relate to Affected Systems.

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On December 4, 2017, the MISO Transmission Owners filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments. The MISO Transmission Owners stated they take no position as a group on the merits of the Complaint, but state EDF has identified some valid concerns about the Affected System process. The MISO Transmission Owners stated that the Commission should allow the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. to work to address the issues for each of its Affected Systems through the stakeholder process.

On December 4, 2017, NextEra Energy Resources, LLC filed Comments in support of the Complaint.

On December 4, 2017, SPP filed its answer in response to the Complaint.

SPP stated:

- 1) SPP's affected system study and coordination process is consistent with current Commission policy and EDF has not demonstrated why SPP should be required to go beyond current Commission requirements;
- 2) EDF's allegations fail to demonstrate that SPP violated its Tariff, the SPP-MISO Joint Operating Agreement, or Commission policy, or that SPP failed to follow its documented process;
- 3) EDF's requested relief should be denied.

On December 4, 2017, E.ON Climate & Renewables North America, LLC filed Comments in Support of Complaint and Response to Motion to Dismiss.

On December 22, 2017, EDF Renewable Energy, Inc. filed an answer in response to the pleadings submitted by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. and SPP.

EDF stated:

- 1) all non-RTO parties filing answers to the Complaint raise issues with affected system coordination, demonstrating a clear need for Commission action;
- 2) the RTOs provide no detail regarding affected system coordination;
- 3) the RTOs' answers demonstrate a need for the specific relief the Complaint seeks;
- 4) EDF supported the Complaint; Rule 206 is amply satisfied; and
- 5) fast track Commission processing is needed and fully supported.

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Order Instituting Section 206 Proceeding and Commencing Paper Hearing Procedures Regarding Pricing of Quick-Start Resources

On December 21, 2017, FERC issued an Order Instituting Section 206 Proceeding and Commencing Paper Hearing Procedures and Establishing Refund Effective Date.

The Commission found that SPP's practices regarding the pricing of Quick-Start Resources may be unjust and unreasonable because the practices do not allow prices to reflect the marginal cost of serving load. The Commission instituted an investigation to examine SPP's Tariff and practices to determine whether SPP should be required to revise its Tariff to 1) modify SPP's dispatch process to respect physical parameters of resources while minimizing production costs; 2) modify pricing logic to allow quick-start resources' commitment costs to be reflected in prices; 3) modify the definition of quick-start resources to require that they have a minimum run time of one hour or less; 4) allow all quick-start resources, including block-loaded quick-start resources, to set prices; and (5) consider all eligible resources for purposes of quick-start pricing, including unregistered quick-start resources.

Initial briefs are due 45 days after publication in the Federal Register, which is February 12, 2018. Reply briefs are due 30 days thereafter, which is March 14, 2018.

The refund effective date is December 28, 2017.

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 December 8, 2017, SPP filed a Motion to Reject Answer and Answer in response to the answer filed by Xcel Energy Services Inc. on November 14, 2017.

SPP stated:

- 1) as previously shown by SPP, and confirmed by the Commission in the order issued on November 6, 2017 in EL17-21, SPP has properly implemented the Tariff's "but for" requirement;
- 2) Xcel Energy's notice arguments mischaracterize SPP's position and are disingenuous;
- 3) SPP has adequately explained how it applies the "portion" requirement of Attachment Z2 regarding Point-To-Point Transmission Service;
- 4) Xcel Energy's transparency objections were fully addressed in SPP's answer to the Complaint;
- 5) there is not merit to Xcel Energy's persistent challenge to crediting of non-capacity upgrades and/or power system stabilizers.

On December 22, 2017, Xcel Energy Services Inc. filed an answer in response to the answer filed by SPP on December 8, 2017.

ER15-2377

Gas-Electric Coordination Compliance Filing (Order No. 809)

On December 15, 2017, SPP submitted its informational report regarding its ongoing efforts towards coordination of gas and electric scheduling practices in response to the order issued on December 17, 2015.

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Jurisdiction: FERC	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 December 20, 2017, FERC issued an Order Granting Rehearing for Further Consideration of the order issued on October 19, 2017.
	ER16-204	Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. ("Tri-State") On December 27, 2017, Nebraska Public Power District filed a Motion to Reopen the Record to Recognize New Evidence and Changed Circumstances Relevant to Zonal Placement.
	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 December 4, 2017, NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC submitted its compliance filing in response to the order issued on November 3, 2017. On December 11, 2017, Judge Glazer issued a Report by Settlement Judge, recommending that the settlement procedures continue. On December 15, 2017, NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC filed a Joint Offer of Settlement. On December 18, 2017, Judge Cintron issued an Order of Chief Judge Continuing Settlement Judge Procedures.
	ER17-1092	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 December 11, 2017, SPP submitted its compliance filing in response to the order issued on November 9, 2017. An effective date of May 11, 2017 was requested.
	ER17-1575	Tariff Amendments to Modify Auction Revenue Rights ("ARRs") and Long-Term Congestion Rights ("LTCRs") Eligibility Provisions for Network Service On December 20, 2017, Enel Green Power North America, Inc. filed an answer in response to the rehearing requests filed by Xcel Energy Services Inc. in Docket Nos. EL16-110-002 and ER17-1575-002. On December 20, 2017, FERC issued an Order Granting Rehearing for Further Consideration of the order issued on October 19, 2017.
	ER17-1610	Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative ("Mountrail-Williams") On December 14, 2017, Judge Young issued a Final Settlement Judge Report to the Commission and Chief Judge.

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Jurisdiction: FERC	ER17-1610	<p>On December 15, 2017, SPP submitted a Joint Offer of Settlement and Settlement Agreement intended to settle and resolve the issues set for hearing in this proceeding relating to Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative's Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement and Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Implementation Protocols.</p> <p>On December 18, 2017, Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative filed its 2018 Annual Update.</p>
	ER17-1741	<p>Submission of Updated Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement ("ATRR") for The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District ("Central")</p> <p>On December 21, 2017, FERC issued an order approving the Stipulation and Offer of Settlement.</p>
	ER17-2027	<p>Submission of Tariff Revisions to SPP's Integrated Transmission Planning Process</p> <p>On December 21, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's tariff revisions to modify its Integrated Transmission Planning process.</p> <p>An effective date of October 1, 2017 was granted.</p>
	ER17-2583	<p>Informational Filing of True-Up and Final Reallocation of Revenue Requirements for the Balanced Portfolio</p> <p>On December 13, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's informational filing to notify the Commission of the final reallocation and true-up of reallocated revenue requirements for the Balanced Portfolio in accordance with the process described in Attachments J and O of the Tariff.</p> <p>This order constitutes final agency action.</p>
	ER17-426	<p>Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Denison Municipal Utilities ("DMU")</p> <p>On December 21, 2017, FERC issued an order approving the Joint Offer of Settlement.</p>
	ER17-428	<p>Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Vermillion Light & Power ("VLP")</p> <p>On December 15, 2017, SPP and Missouri River Energy Services filed an Unopposed Joint Motion for Authorization to Implement Settlement Rates on an Interim Basis Pending Commission Approval of the Settlement Resolving All Issues and Request for Shortened Comment Period and Expedited Action.</p> <p>On December 15, 2017, SPP submitted a Joint Offer of Settlement intended to resolve all issues in this proceeding concerning the Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement and Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Implementation Protocols of Vermillion Light & Power, a member of Missouri River Energy Services.</p> <p>On December 18, 2017, Judge Cintron issued an Order of Chief Judge Shortening Answer Period to file answers in response to the Unopposed Joint Motion for Authorization to Implement Settlement Rates on an Interim Basis Pending Commission Approval of the Settlement Resolving All Issues and Request for Shortened Comment Period and Expedited Action. Answers are due by December 19, 2017.</p> <p>On December 20, 2017, Judge Cintron issued an Order of Chief Judge Granting Motion for Interim Implementation of Settlement Rate.</p>

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Jurisdiction: FERC	ER17-428	On December 29, 2017, Judge McBarnette issued a Report of Settlement Judge, recommending that settlement proceedings continue.
	ER17-469	Submission of Tariff Revisions to Implement Changes to Midwest Energy, Inc.'s ("Midwest Energy") Formula Rate On December 14, 2017, SPP submitted a Joint Offer of Settlement that is intended to settle and resolve the issues set for hearing in this proceeding relating to Midwest Energy, Inc.'s Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement and Formula Rate Template and Transmission Formula Rate Protocols.
	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 December 5, 2017, SPP submitted its compliance filing in response to the order issued on November 16, 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 ("CMTTC") Complaint Against MISO Regarding the 2016-2017 Planning Resource Auction On December 21, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s November 21, 2017 compliance filing.
	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 December 13, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s revisions to Attachment 2, Sections 3 and 8 of the Joint Operating Agreement between SPP and MISO regarding certain market-to-market provisions in order to clarify coordination procedures used during times of power flow volatility and to formalize SPP's and MISO's agreement to cap Firm Flow Entitlements used in settlement. An effective date of January 4, 2018 was granted. This order constitutes final agency action.
	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 December 13, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s revisions to Article XI and Attachment 3 of the Joint Operating Agreement between SPP and MISO. An effective date of December 24, 2017 was granted. This order constitutes final agency action.

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Jurisdiction: ER18-150
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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 December 13, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's revisions to Attachment 2, Sections 3 and 8 of the Joint Operating Agreement between SPP and the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. regarding certain market-to-market provisions in order to clarify coordination procedures used during times of power flow volatility and to formalize SPP's and MISO's agreement to cap Firm Flow Entitlements used in settlement.

An effective date of January 4, 2017 was granted.

This order constitutes final agency action.

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 December 13, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's revisions to Article XI and Attachment 3 of the Joint Operating Agreement between SPP and the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

An effective date of December 24, 2017 was granted.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER18-167

Transmission Interconnection Agreement between Transource Missouri, LLC ("Transource") and Omaha Public Power District ("OPPD"), with SPP as Signatory

On December 21, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective October 18, 2017 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER18-171

Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("GSEC") as Network Customer, and Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS") and Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company ("OG&E") as Host Transmission Owners

On December 22, 2017, SPP filed a Motion for Deferral of Commission Action.

ER18-194

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 December 5, 2017, Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority filed a Protest, Motion for Consolidation, and Motion to Clarify Issues in Docket Nos. ER18-194 and ER18-195.

On December 5, 2017, the East Texas Cooperatives filed a Protest, Motion to Consolidate, Motion for Clarification and Motion for Hearing in Docket Nos. EL17-76, ER18-194 and ER18-195.

Several parties filed motions to intervene.

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Jurisdiction: ER18-194
FERC

On December 20, 2017, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed its Statement of Position and Statement in Support of Motions and Requests for Relief of East Texas Electric Cooperative and Northeast Texas Electric Cooperative and Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority.

On December 28, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting revisions for American Electric Power Service Corporation, on behalf of its affiliates, AEP Oklahoma Transmission Company, Inc. and AEP Southwestern Transmission Company, Inc., to modify the transmission formula rates and protocols contained in Addendum 12 to Attachment H of SPP's Tariff, to become effective on January 1, 2018, subject to refund. Hearing and settlement judge procedures were established. Docket Nos. ER18-194 and ER18-195 were consolidated for purposes of hearing and settlement judge procedures and decision.

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 December 5, 2017, Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority filed a Protest, Motion for Consolidation, and Motion to Clarify Issues in Docket Nos. ER18-194 and ER18-195.

On December 5, 2017, the East Texas Cooperatives filed a Protest, Motion to Consolidate, Motion for Clarification and Motion for Hearing in Docket Nos. EL17-76, ER18-194 and ER18-195.

Several parties filed motions to intervene.

On December 20, 2017, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed its Statement of Position and Statement in Support of Motions and Requests for Relief of East Texas Electric Cooperative and Northeast Texas Electric Cooperative and Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority.

On December 28, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting revisions for American Electric Power Service Corporation, on behalf of its affiliates, Public Service Company of Oklahoma ("PSO") and Southwestern Electric Power Company ("SWEPCO"), to modify the transmission formula rates and protocols for PSO and SWEPCO contained in Addendum 4 to Attachment H of SPP's Tariff, to become effective on January 1, 2018, subject to refund. Hearing and settlement judge procedures were established. Docket Nos. ER18-194 and ER18-195 were consolidated for purposes of hearing and settlement judge procedures and decision.

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 December 4, 2017, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene Out-of-Time.

On December 7, 2017, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation filed an answer in response to the Protest filed by Entergy Arkansas, Inc.

On December 15, 2017, Entergy Arkansas, Inc. filed an answer in response to the answer filed by Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation on December 7, 2017.

On December 15, 2017, SPP filed an answer in response to the Protest filed by Entergy Arkansas, Inc. on November 22, 2017.

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On December 15, 2017, SPP filed an answer in response to the Protest filed by Entergy Arkansas, Inc. on November 22, 2017.

On December 19, 2017, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation filed an answer in response to answers filed by SPP and Entergy Arkansas, Inc.

On December 19, 2017, SPP filed an amended answer to correct the timing of when SPP became aware of Entergy Arkansas, Inc.'s concerns in this docket.

On December 21, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective January 1, 2018 as requested.

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 December 26, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective January 1, 2018 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER18-232

Submission of Non-Substantive Tariff Revisions to Remove Rejected Language from the Tariff

On December 21, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's 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 granted.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER18-272

Transmission Interconnection Agreement between Western Area Power Administration ("WAPA") and Basin Electric Power Cooperative ("Basin Electric"), with SPP as Signatory

On December 8, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective October 25, 2017 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

ER18-319

Submission of Compliance Filing in Response to Order on Paper Hearing issued in Docket No. EL16-110-000

Several parties filed motions to intervene.

ER18-332

Transmission Interconnection Agreement between Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC ("Mid-Kansas") and Ninnescah Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Inc. ("Ninnescah"), with SPP as Signatory

On December 18, 2017, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, Inc. filed Motions to Intervene.

ER18-374

Submission of Tariff Revisions to Attachment Z2

On December 1, 2017, SPP submitted revisions to Attachment Z2 of the Tariff to clarify that a non-capacity Network Upgrade shall not be considered a Creditable Upgrade and to specify that Short-Term Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service ("PTP") and Non-Firm PTP granted on or after February 1, 2018 shall not be used to pay revenue credits.

An effective date of February 1, 2018 was requested.

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On December 22, 2017, EDF Renewable Energy, Inc. filed a Protest.

EDF stated:

- 1) SPP proposes to eliminate a "valuable right" for interconnection customers that was designed to comply with Commission policy simply to reduce its work load;
- 2) the filing lacks sufficient evidence to support a finding that the proposed tariff changes are just and reasonable;
- 3) the filing mischaracterizes "non-capacity" upgrades and fails to provide a workable methodology to identify them;
- 4) prohibiting "non-capacity" upgrades from receiving Attachment Z2 credits will have an unjust, unreasonable, and unduly discriminatory impact on rates, particularly for generator interconnection customers;
- 5) it is not just and reasonable to eliminate the ability of short-term point-to-point service requests to generate Attachment Z2 credits;
- 6) after years of delays and missteps, SPP only recently began implementing Attachment Z2 with some success. Now is not the time to harm generator interconnection customers yet again by reducing their reimbursement credits;
- 7) the implementation schedule proposed in the filing is unjust and unreasonable because it will negatively impact interconnection customers with pending interconnection requests.

On December 22, 2017, NextEra Energy Resources, LLC filed Comments.

NextEra stated:

- 1) the new rules should apply only to new agreements and not amendments of existing agreements;
- 2) application of the February 1, 2018 effective date should be modified to shield interconnection customers from the harm caused by SPP's delays in the interconnection process;
- 3) the parties should be allowed to ascertain whether upgrades add transfer capacity after the agreement is executed.

On December 22, 2017, Enel Green Power North America, Inc. filed a Protest.

Enel requested that the Commission find the tariff revisions unsupported, unjust and unduly discriminatory.

On December 22, 2017, Tradewind Energy, Inc. filed a Protest.

Tradewind stated that if the Commission accepts SPP's proposed tariff revisions, it should condition that acceptance on finding that the new definition of a Creditable Upgrade does not apply to interconnection requests for which a facilities study has been completed as of February 1, 2018; and SPP should be required to clarify that the scope of agreements for which an upgrade might be deemed a Creditable Upgrade under the current Tariff definition includes a Generator Interconnection Agreement and any agreement with another Transmission Owner in SPP as an Affected System.

On December 22, 2017, Nebraska Public Power District filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of SPP's tariff revisions and asked that the Commission approve them without prejudice to the ruling on NPPD's position currently pending in Docket No. EL17-86.

Several parties filed motions to intervene.

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FERC

Petition of Southwest Power Pool, Inc. for Waiver of Tariff Provisions to Waiver the One-Year Billing Adjustment Limitation in Part I, Section 7.1 of the Tariff to Facilitate Resettlement of Invoices for September 2016 Related to Attachment Z2

On December 4, 2017, SPP filed a Petition for Waiver of Tariff Provisions requesting that the Commission waive the one-year billing adjustment limitation in Part I, Section 7.1 of the Tariff to facilitate SPP's resettlement of September 2016 invoices.

Several parties filed motions to intervene.

On December 26, 2017, Xcel Energy Services Inc. filed a Protest. Xcel stated that the Commission should deny the Petition because SPP has not provided adequate information to demonstrate that its request satisfies the Commission's standard for granting waiver of tariff provisions, without prejudice to SPP re-filing a petition for waiver providing adequate information demonstrating SPP meets the standards for granting waiver.

ER18-385 **Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Carthage Water & Electric Plant ("Carthage") as Network Customer, and Southwestern Power Administration ("SPA") as Host Transmission Owner**

On December 4, 2017, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Carthage Water & Electric Plant as Network Customer, as well as an unexecuted NOA with Southwestern Power Administration as Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. First Revised 3316.

An effective date of November 1, 2017 was requested.

On December 5, 2017, Southwestern Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene.

ER18-421 **Petition of Southwest Power Pool, Inc. for Waiver of Tariff Provisions in Section 8.4.3 of Attachment V to Enable SPP to Expedite the Study Process for Generation Interconnection Requests in the Definitive Interconnection System Impact Study Queue ("DISIS")**

On December 8, 2017, SPP filed a Petition for Waiver of Tariff Provisions in Section 8.4.2 of Attachment V of the Tariff to enable SPP to expedite the study process for Generator Interconnection Requests in the Definitive Interconnection System Impact Study Queue.

Several parties filed Motions to Intervene.

ER18-440 **Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Nemaha-Marshall Electric Cooperative ("Nemaha-Marshall") as Network Customer, and Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") as Host Transmission Owner**

On December 13, 2017, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Nemaha-Marshall Electric Cooperative as Network Customer, as well as a NOA with Westar Energy, Inc as Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Tenth Revised 1977.

An effective date of December 1, 2017 was requested.

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Jurisdiction: ER18-478
FERC

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

On December 20, 2017, SPP submitted an executed NITSA and NOA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Kansas City Power & Light Company as Network Customer and KCPL, KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company, and Westar Energy, Inc. as Host Transmission Owners. SPP Service Agreement No. Fifteenth Revised 1276.

An effective date of December 1, 2017 was requested.

ER18-571

Submission of Tariff Revisions Regarding Clarification of Language in Attachment AE Regarding Incremental Long-Term Congestion Rights ("ILTCRs")

On December 29, 2017, SPP submitted revisions to Attachment AE of the Tariff to clarify potential ambiguity and prevent potential misinterpretation of SPP's Incremental Long Term Congestion Right ("ILTCR") design and a party's ability to obtain ILTCRs.

An effective date of February 27, 2018 was requested.

ER18-84

Transmission Interconnection Agreement between Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("AECI") and The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), with SPP as Signatory

On December 12, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective October 9, 2017 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

RM17-11

Revised Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standard CIP-003-7 (Cyber Security - Security Management Controls)

On December 22, 2017, NERC filed comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

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

RM17-3

Fast-Start Pricing in Markets Operated by Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators

On December 21, 2017, FERC issued notice that it is withdrawing its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

RM18-1

Grid Reliability and Resilience Pricing

On December 8, 2017, Chairman Perry of the Department of Energy granted an extension request until January 10, 2018 for FERC to act on the rulemaking.

RM18-2

Cyber Security Incident Reporting Reliability Standards

On December 21, 2017, FERC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing to direct the North American Electric Reliability Corporation to develop and submit modifications to the NERC Reliability Standards to improve mandatory reporting of Cyber Security Incidents, including incidents that might facilitate subsequent efforts to harm the reliable operation of the bulk electric system.

Comments are due on February 26, 2018.

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 December 6, 2017, Sarah Page Tacker filed Testimony on behalf of the Office of Arkansas Attorney General in support of the Settlement Agreement.

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 December 22, 2017, the Staff of the KCC filed its Report and Recommendation. Staff recommended that the Commission order SPP to provide Kansas-specific data and, to the extent possible, utility-specific data for all reports and studies conducted by SPP now and in the future related to the costs and benefits of participation in SPP.

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 December 8, 2017, Staff filed a Notice of Agenda and Request for Extension of Time to File Report. Staff scheduled a third workshop to be held on February 5, 2018. Staff requested an extension of time to April 5, 2018 to file its report.

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 December 1, 2017, Public Service Company of New Mexico Staff filed its Response to Order Commencing Notice of Inquiry.

On December 1, 2017, the Union of Concerned Scientists filed Comments.

On December 1, 2017, Western Resource Advocates filed Comments in Support of Notice of Inquiry.

On December 1, 2017, the Coalition for Clean Affordable Energy filed Initial Comments.

On December 1, 2017, the Natural Resources Defense Council filed Comments.

On December 7, 2017, Michael L. McDowell and Shane Woolbright filed initial comments in response to the Order Commencing Notice of Inquiry.

On December 13, 2017, Robb Thomson filed Comments.

On December 15, 2017, SPP filed its Reply Response to Initial Comments on Order Commencing Notice of Inquiry.

On December 15, 2017, the New Mexico Industrial Energy Consumers filed Reply Comments.

On December 15, 2017, the Public Service Company of New Mexico filed its Response to Initial Comments.

On December 15, 2017, the Coalition for Clean Affordable Energy, the Western Grid Group, and the Natural Resources Defense Council filed Reply Comments.

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 December 5, 2017, Southwest Transmission, LLC filed a Reply to Motions for Rehearing.
- On December 5, 2017, South Central MCN LLC and Midcontinent MCN LLC filed a Reply to Motions for Rehearing.
- 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 December 6, 2017, the PUCT issued an Order of Referral for Purposes of Discovery. The PUCT referred this docket to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and requested the assignment of an administrative law judge to consider and resolve all discovery disputes regarding this application, including requesting any information from parties or holding any hearing necessary to properly process this referral.
- On December 12, 2017, Commission Staff filed Direct Testimony.
- On December 18, 2017, the City of Lubbock filed a Motion to Compel Southwest Power Pool, Inc. to Respond to its Second Request for Information.
- On December 13, 2017, SOAH issued Discovery Order No. 1, Ruling on City of Lubbock's Motion to Compel, and in the Alternative, Motion in Limine.
- On December 19, 2017, SOAH issued Discovery Order No. 2, Ruling on City of Lubbock's Motion to Compel Responses to Third Request for Information.
- On December 21, 2017, SOAH issued Discovery Order No. 3, Ruling on City of Lubbock's Motion to Compel Southwestern Public Service Company Responses to Fourth Request for Information and Ruling on City of Lubbock's Motion to Compel Southwest Power Pool, Inc. Responses to Second Request for Information.
- On December 21, 2017, the City of Lubbock filed a Motion to Compel Southwest Power Pool, Inc. to Respond to its Third Request for Information.
- On December 22, 2017, Jeffrey Billo filed Rebuttal Testimony on behalf of Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc.