

# Regulatory Status Report

**Jurisdiction:**  
**FERC**

**AD16-20**      **Electric Storage Participation in Regions with Organized Wholesale Electric Markets**

On February 15, 2018, FERC issued Order No. 841, Final Rule amending the Commission's regulations to remove barriers to the participation of electric storage resources in the capacity, energy, and ancillary service markets operated by Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators. The Commission requires that each RTO and ISO revise its tariff to establish a participation model consisting of market rules that, recognizing the physical and operational characteristics of electric storage resources, facilitates their participation in the RTO/ISO markets. The participation model must 1) ensure that a resource using the participation model is eligible to provide all capacity, energy, and ancillary services that the resource is technically capable of providing in the RTO/ISO markets; 2) ensure that a resource using the participation model can be dispatched and can set the wholesale market clearing price as both a wholesale seller and wholesale buyer consistent with existing market rules that govern when a resource can set the wholesale price; 3) account for the physical and operational characteristics of electric storage resources through bidding parameters or other means; and 4) establish a minimum size requirement for participation in the RTO/ISO markets that does not exceed 100 kW. Additionally, each RTO/ISO must specify that the sale of electric energy from the RTO/ISO markets to an electric storage resource that the resource then resells back to those markets must be at the wholesale locational marginal price.

Each RTO/ISO must file the tariff changes needed to implement the requirements of Order No. 841 within 270 days of the publication date of this Final Rule in the Federal Register. Each RTO/ISO are allowed a further 365 days from that date to implement the tariff provisions. Compliance filings are due on December 3, 2018.

This rule becomes effective June 4, 2018.

The Commission is concurrently issuing a Notice of Technical Conference in Docket No. RM18-9-000 with questions related to the participation of distributed energy resource aggregations in the RTO/ISO markets.

On February 28, 2018, FERC issued an errata attaching a corrected version of Order No. 841.

**AD18-11**      **Reliability Technical Conference**

On February 27, 2018, FERC issued a Notice of Technical Conference to be held on July 31, 2018 in order to discuss policy issues related to the reliability of the Bulk Power System.

**AD18-7**      **Grid Resilience in Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators**

On February 7, 2018, the Foundation for the Resilient Societies filed a Request for Rehearing of FERC Order Terminating Rulemaking Proceeding, Initiating New Proceeding, and Establishing Additional Procedures.

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**Jurisdiction:** AD18-8  
**FERC**

### **Reform of Affected System Coordination in the Generator Interconnection Process**

On February 2, 2018, FERC issued a Notice of Technical Conference to be held on April 3-4, 2018 to discuss issues related to the coordination of Affected Systems raised in 1) the complaint filed by EDF Renewable Energy, Inc. against Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Southwest Power Pool, Inc., and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. in Docket No. EL18-26-000 and 2) the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the generator interconnection process in Docket No. RM17-8-000.

On February 27, 2018, FERC issued a Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference, attaching a preliminary agenda.

**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 February 1, 2018, Judge Long issued an Order Scheduling Third Settlement Conference to be held on February 15, 2018.

On February 21, 2018, Judge Long issued an Order Scheduling Fourth Settlement Conference to be held on March 5, 2018.

On February 27, 2018, Judge Long issued a Second Report of Settlement Judge, recommending that settlement procedures continue.

**EL18-20**

### **Indicated SPP Transmission Owners Complaint Against SPP Concerning Cost Shifts**

On February 14, 2018, East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Northeast Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed a Motion to Expedite Decision.

**EL18-26**

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

On February 2, 2018, FERC issued an Order on Complaint and Establishing Technical Conference. FERC directed Commission staff to convene a technical conference to explore issues raised in the Complaint related to the Affected Systems coordination procedures contained in the Tariffs of SPP, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., and the Joint Operating Agreements between SPP and MISO and PJM and MISO, as well as the Affected Systems coordination issues raised in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in Docket No. RM17-8.

The refund effective date is October 30, 2017.

On February 2, 2018, FERC issued a Notice of Technical Conference to be held on April 3-4, 2018 to discuss issues related to the coordination of Affected Systems raised in 1) the complaint filed by EDF Renewable Energy, Inc. against Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Southwest Power Pool, Inc., and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. in Docket No. EL18-26-000 and 2) the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the generator interconnection process in Docket No. RM17-8-000.

On February 23, 2018, Geronimo Energy, LLC filed a Motion to Intervene Out-of-Time.

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On February 27, 2018, FERC issued a Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference, attaching a preliminary agenda.

On February 27, 2018, Tenaska, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene Out-of-Time.

**EL18-35**

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

On February 9, 2018, the Department of Marketing Monitoring for the California Independent System Operator Corporation filed comments stating it believes that the fundamental principles of locational marginal pricing should be maintained as a core aspect of electricity market design nationwide.

On February 12, 2018, SPP filed its Initial Brief in response to the Order Instituting Section 206 Proceeding and Commencing Paper Hearing Procedures and Establishing Refund Effective Date issued on December 21, 2017.

On February 12, 2018, Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company filed its Initial Brief.

On February 12, 2018, Westar Energy, Inc. filed Comments.

On February 12, 2018, Basin Electric Power Cooperative filed its Initial Brief.

On February 12, 2018, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed its Initial Brief.

On February 12, 2018, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, Inc. filed an Initial Brief.

On February 12, 2018, the Electric Power Supply Association and Independent Power Producers of New York filed Comments.

On February 12, 2018, the SPP Market Monitoring Unit filed Comments and Recommendations in response to the Order Instituting Section 206 Proceeding and Commencing Paper Hearing Procedures and Establishing Refund Effective Date issued on December 21, 2017.

The SPP MMU requested that the Commission hold the Order in abeyance while SPP and its stakeholders finalize their Quick-Start proposal.

**EL18-58**

**Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority ("OMPA") Complaint Against Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company ("OGE") Concerning Base Return on Equity ("ROE")**

On February 6, 2018, SPP filed a Motion to Intervene.

On February 6, 2018, FERC issued a Notice of Extension of Time extending the comment date to March 6, 2018.

On February 15, 2018, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene.

**ER05-652**

**Submission of Transmission Cost Allocation Tariff Revisions**

On February 20, 2018, SPP filed an informational report including (a) SPP's assessment of the average costs of all new network upgrades identified through SPP's regional transmission cost allocation plan and SPP's efforts to work with its stakeholders and the Regional State Committee to evaluate the effectiveness and accuracy of the \$180,000/MW Safe Harbor threshold for Base Plan Upgrades; (b) information concerning SPP's regional cost allocation review and (c) information concerning SPP's disposition of all requests for waiver of the Base Plan criteria.

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<b>Jurisdiction:</b> <b>FERC</b>	<b>ER12-1179</b>	<b>Submission of Tariff Revisions to Implement SPP Integrated Marketplace</b>  On February 2, 2018, FERC issued a letter stating SPP's May 24, 2016 Order No. 745 Compliance Filing was deficient and requested additional information in order to process the filing.  SPP's response is due on March 5, 2018.
	<b>ER15-2324</b>	<b>Submission of Revenue Requirements, Formula Rate Templates and Formula Rate Protocols for the Following Members of Missouri River Energy Services ("MRES"): Moorhead, Minnesota; Orange City, Iowa; Pierre, South Dakota; Sioux Center, Iowa; and Watertown, South Dakota</b>  On February 12, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's September 19, 2017 compliance filing to update the formula rate template and implementation protocols for five municipalities whose utilities are members of SPP Transmission Owner Missouri River Energy Services.  An effective date of October 1, 2015 was granted.  This order constitutes final agency action.
	<b>ER16-204</b>	<b>Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. ("Tri-State")</b>  On February 5, 2018, SPP filed an answer in response to the answer filed by Nebraska Public Power District on January 19, 2018.  On February 5, 2018, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. filed an answer in response to the answer filed by Nebraska Public Power District on January 19, 2018.
	<b>ER16-2720</b>	<b>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</b>  On February 12, 2018, Judge Cintron issued an Order of Chief Judge Terminating Settlement Judge Procedures.
	<b>ER17-1610</b>	<b>Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative ("Mountrail-Williams")</b>  On February 13, 2018, Judge Cintron issued an Order of Chief Judge Terminating Settlement Judge Procedures.  On February 23, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting the Joint Offer of Settlement and Settlement Agreement.
	<b>ER17-1741</b>	<b>Submission of Updated Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement ("ATRR") for The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District ("Central")</b>  On February 28, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's compliance filing to revise the Tariff to update the stated rate for SPP Member The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District in accordance with the order approving the Stipulation and Offer of Settlement.  An effective date of January 1, 2018 was granted.  This order constitutes final agency action.

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<b>Jurisdiction:</b> <b>FERC</b>	<b>ER17-428</b>	<b>Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Vermillion Light &amp; Power ("VLP")</b> On February 13, 2018, Judge Cintron issued an Order of Chief Judge Terminating Settlement Judge Procedures.
	<b>ER18-194</b>	<b>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.</b> On February 8, 2018, Judge Cintron issued an Order of Chief Judge Continuing Settlement Judge Procedures.
	<b>ER18-195</b>	<b>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")</b> On February 8, 2018, Judge Cintron issued an Order of Chief Judge Continuing Settlement Judge Procedures.
	<b>ER18-381</b>	<b>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</b> On February 22, 2018, FERC issued an order granting SPP's 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.
	<b>ER18-385</b>	<b>Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Carthage Water &amp; Electric Plant ("Carthage") as Network Customer, and Southwestern Power Administration ("SPA") as Host Transmission Owner</b> On February 1, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective November 1, 2017 as requested.  This order constitutes final agency action.
	<b>ER18-421</b>	<b>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")</b> On February 1, 2018, FERC issued an order granting SPP's 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.
	<b>ER18-440</b>	<b>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</b> On February 6, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective December 1, 2017 as requested.  This order constitutes final agency action.

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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 February 6, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective December 1, 2017 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

**ER18-502**

**Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. Filing of Network Resource Process Improvement Tariff Revisions**

On February 7, 2018, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. filed an answer in response to the answer filed by EDF Renewable Energy, Inc. on January 31, 2018.

On February 12, 2018, the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utilities Commission and WPPI Energy filed an answer in response to the answers filed by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. on January 26 and February 7, 2018.

On February 28, 2018, FERC issued a letter stating that the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s filing is deficient and requesting additional information in order to process the filing.

**ER18-566**

**Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") Filing of a Transmission-to-Transmission Interconnection Agreement between East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("East River") and Otter Tail Power Company, with MISO as Signatory**

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

This order constitutes final agency action.

**ER18-567**

**Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") Filing of a Transmission-to-Transmission Interconnection Agreement between East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("East River") and Otter Tail Power Company, with MISO as Signatory**

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

This order constitutes final agency action.

**ER18-571**

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

On February 26, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's 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 granted.

This order constitutes final agency action.

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**Jurisdiction:** ER18-590  
**FERC**

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

On February 6, 2018, SPP submitted a letter notifying the Commission that it will not be necessary to amend the January 2, 2018 filing.

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

This order constitutes final agency action.

**ER18-591** **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 February 9, 2018, SPP submitted an amended filing to correct the agreements filed on January 2, 2018.

**ER18-592** **Ministerial Filing of Non-Substantive Tariff Revisions to Correct Attachment J, Section III**

On February 27, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's ministerial revisions to Section III of Attachment J of the Tariff to remove Tariff language rejected by the Commission and to restore previously accepted Tariff language.

An effective date of October 1, 2017 was granted.

This order constitutes final agency action.

**ER18-594** **Transmission Interconnection Agreement between KAMO Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("KAMO") and Grand River Dam Authority ("GRDA"), with SPP as Signatory**

On February 27, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective January 1, 2018 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

**ER18-599** **Transmission Interconnection Agreement between East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("East River") and Otter Tail Power Company ("Otter Tail"), with Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. and SPP as Signatories**

On February 23, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective January 1, 2018 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

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<b>Jurisdiction:</b> <b>FERC</b>	<b>ER18-600</b>	<b>Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s ("MISO") Filing of the Transmission Interconnection Agreement between East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("East River") and Otter Tail Power Company ("Otter Tail"), with MISO and SPP as Signatories</b>  On February 23, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective January 1, 2018 as requested.  This order constitutes final agency action.
	<b>ER18-602</b>	<b>Submission of Revisions to Formula Rate Template to Update Depreciation Rates for Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Central Power")</b>  On February 27, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's tariff revisions to update the depreciation rates contained in the formula rate template for Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc. pursuant to the order approving modified depreciation rates issued on July 11, 2017 in Docket No. ER17-1424.  An effective date of January 1, 2016 was granted.  This order constitutes final agency action.
	<b>ER18-687</b>	<b>Transmission Interconnection Agreement between Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("CPEC") and Otter Tail Power Company ("OTP"), with the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") and SPP as Signatories</b>  On February 12, 2018, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene.
	<b>ER18-689</b>	<b>Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s ("MISO") Filing of a Transmission Interconnection Agreement between Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("CPEC") and Otter Tail Power Company ("OTP"), with MISO and SPP as Signatories</b>  On February 12, 2018, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene.
	<b>ER18-727</b>	<b>Submission of Tariff Revisions to Reflect the Merger of East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Tex-La Electric Cooperative of Texas, Inc.</b>  On February 13, 2018, East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.
	<b>ER18-736</b>	<b>Submission of Tariff Revisions Revise Addendum 1 to Attachment AF to Update Frequently Constrained Areas</b>  On February 2, 2018, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene.  On February 12, 2018, the SPP Market Monitoring Unit filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of SPP's filing.  On February 20, 2018, Xcel Energy Services Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.
	<b>ER18-748</b>	<b>Submission of Tariff Revisions to Recover Costs of Network Upgrades for which SPP Issued Notifications to Construct ("NTC") to American Electric Power Service Corporation ("AEPSC") and which SPP Later Withdrew</b>  On February 2, 2018, Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company filed a Motion to Intervene.  On February 6, 2018, Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company filed a Motion to Intervene.



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- Jurisdiction:** ER18-748 On February 20, 2018, the Public Utility Commission of Texas filed a Notice of Intervention.  
**FERC**
- ER18-753** **Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, American Electric Power Service Corporation ("AEP") as Network Customer and Host Transmission Owner, and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative ("WFEC") as Host Transmission Owner**  
On February 8, 2018, American Electric Power Service Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.
- ER18-754** **Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service Agreement between SPP as Transmission Provider and Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska ("MEAN") as Transmission Customer**  
On February 21, 2018, Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments. MEAN stated that its concerns regarding the Service Agreement arise from the fact that the charges for the requested service significantly exceed the charges MEAN expected to pay for the service at the time it submitted its request for Point-To-Point Transmission Service.
- ER18-757** **Submission of Tariff Revisions to Close a Gaming Issue Related to Regulation Deployment Adjustment**  
Several parties filed Motions to Intervene.  
On February 13, 2018, the SPP Market Monitoring Unit filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of SPP's filing.  
On February 21, 2018, Westar Energy, Inc. filed Comments stating that it agrees with SPP's intent behind the tariff revisions, but has serious concerns with the method SPP is proposing to address the issues in Regulation performance.  
On February 28, 2018, the SPP Market Monitoring Unit filed its response to the comments filed by Westar Energy, Inc. on February 21, 2018.
- ER18-762** **Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Otter Tail Power Company ("Otter Tail") as Network Customer, and Otter Tail, Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Central Power"), and Western Area Power Administration ("WAPA") as Host Transmission Owners**  
On February 13, 2018, Missouri River Energy Services filed a Motion to Intervene.  
On February 20, 2018, Basin Electric Power Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene.  
On February 21, 2018, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene and comments in support of SPP's filing.  
On February 21, 2018, Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.
- ER18-763** **Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Otter Tail Power Company ("Otter Tail") as Network Customer, and Otter Tail, Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Western Area Power Administration as Host Transmission Owners**  
On February 13, 2018, Missouri River Energy Services filed a Motion to Intervene.

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<b>Jurisdiction:</b> <b>FERC</b>	<b>ER18-763</b>	<p>On February 20, 2018, Basin Electric Power Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene.</p> <p>On February 21, 2018, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene and comments in support of SPP's filing.</p> <p>On February 21, 2018, Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.</p>
	<b>ER18-769</b>	<p><b>Submission of Tariff Revisions to Modify Charges for Network Integration Transmission Service ("NITS") Deliveries to Federal Power-Southwestern from Southwestern Power Administration ("Southwestern") in Pricing Zone 10 to Avoid Double Charging</b></p> <p>On February 5, 2018, Westar Energy, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.</p> <p>On February 20, 2018, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene.</p> <p>On February 20, 2018, Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.</p> <p>On February 20, 2018, KAMO Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.</p> <p>On February 21, 2018, Southwestern Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene and comments in support of SPP's filing.</p> <p>On February 21, 2018, Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission filed a Motion to Intervene, Comments in Support of Filing, and Request for Waiver of Notice Period. MJMEUC requested that the Commission establish the earliest possible effective date for the rate reduction.</p> <p>On February 21, 2018, Southwestern Power Resources Association filed a Motion to Intervene.</p> <p>On February 21, 2018, the ARKMO Cities filed a Motion to Intervene.</p>
	<b>ER18-770</b>	<p><b>Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement ("NITSA") and Network Operating Agreement ("NOA") between SPP, Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("AECI") as Network Customer, and American Electric Power Service Corporation ("AEP") as Host Transmission Owner</b></p> <p>On February 8, 2018, Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.</p> <p>On February 21, 2018, SPP submitted an amended filing to include the executed NITSA and also to update Appendix 4.</p>
	<b>ER18-792</b>	<p><b>Submission of Tariff Revisions Regarding Over-Collected Losses ("OCL")</b></p> <p>On February 2, 2018, SPP submitted tariff revisions modifying Section 8.6.16 of Attachment AE to prevent the potential dilution of over-collected losses ("OCL") payments that can occur when SPP's existing OCL allocation methodology is applied to certain types of transactions conducted pursuant to Bilateral Settlement Schedules.</p> <p>An effective date of May 1, 2018 was requested.</p> <p>On February 12, 2018, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene.</p> <p>On February 20, 2018, the SPP Market Monitoring Unit filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of SPP's filing.</p>

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**Jurisdiction:** ER18-831  
**FERC**

**Submission of Tariff Revisions to Clarify Limitation of Liability for Attorney's Fees and Costs**

On February 9, 2018, SPP submitted tariff revisions to 1) clarify that each party to an arbitration under the Tariff is responsible for its own attorney's fees and costs incurred during, and as a result of, the arbitration; and 2) clarify that the Transmission Provider, a Transmission Owner, or any Transmission Customer or Users will not be liable for attorney's fees and costs arising out of, or connected in any way with performance or non-performance under the Tariff or any service agreement thereunder.

An effective date of April 10, 2018 was requested.

**ER18-854**

**Submission of Tariff Revisions to Limit the Financial Exposure from Transmission Customer Defaults**

On February 13, 2018, SPP submitted tariff revisions to limit the financial exposure to SPP (and thus its Members, Transmission Owners, Transmission Customers, and Market Participants) that could result if a defaulting Transmission Customer were able to avoid responsibility for the full amount owed for the entirety of the service agreement term upon which they default.

An effective date of April 14, 2018 was requested.

On February 15, 2018, Westar Energy, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.

**ER18-875**

**Wholesale Distribution Service Agreement between NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy ("NorthWestern") and the City of Bryant, South Dakota ("Bryant"), with SPP as Signatory**

On February 20, 2018, SPP submitted an executed Wholesale Distribution Service Agreement between NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy and the City of Bryant, South Dakota, with SPP as signatory. SPP Service Agreement No. 3380.

An effective April 22, 2018 was requested.

**ER18-876**

**Wholesale Distribution Service Agreement between NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy ("NorthWestern") and the City of Groton, South Dakota ("Groton"), with SPP as Signatory**

On February 20, 2018, SPP submitted an executed Wholesale Distribution Service Agreement between NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy and the City of Groton, South Dakota, with SPP as signatory. SPP Service Agreement No. 3381.

An effective date of April 22, 2018 was requested.

**ER18-878**

**Wholesale Distribution Service Agreement between NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy ("NorthWestern") and the Town of Langford, South Dakota ("Langford"), with SPP as Signatory**

On February 20, 2018, SPP submitted an executed Wholesale Distribution Service Agreement between NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy and the Town of Langford, South Dakota, with SPP as signatory. SPP Service Agreement No. 3382.

An effective April 22, 2018 was requested.

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**Jurisdiction:** ER18-895  
**FERC**

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

On February 22, 2018, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative as Network Customer, as well as an executed NOA with WFEC, American Electric Power Service Corporation, and Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company as Host Transmission Owners. SPP Service Agreement No. Eleventh Revised 1628.

An effective date of February 1, 2018 was requested.

On February 23, 2018, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative filed a Motion to Intervene.

**ER18-939**

**Submission of Membership Agreement Revisions to Implement Refund Obligations for Non-Public Utility SPP Transmission Owners Consistent with Commission Orders in Docket Nos. EL16-91-000 and EL18-19-000**

On February 28, 2018, SPP submitted revisions to the Membership Agreement in response to the July 21, 2016 and October 19, 2017 orders issued in Docket Nos. EL16-91 and EL18-19. SPP proposed amendments to its Membership Agreement and the company-specific provisions of the Membership Agreement applicable to Western Area Power Administration-Upper Great Plains Region in order to address the Commission's concerns regarding the lack of a refund commitment by non-jurisdictional SPP Transmission Owners, while avoiding potential conflict with various state and federal laws governing individual non-jurisdictional SPP Transmission Owners.

An effective date of August 1, 2018 was requested.

SPP asked that the Commission issue an order by April 30, 2018.

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**Jurisdiction:** RM16-23  
**FERC**

### **Electric Storage Participation in Markets Operated by Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators**

On February 15, 2018, FERC issued Order No. 841, Final Rule amending the Commission's regulations to remove barriers to the participation of electric storage resources in the capacity, energy, and ancillary service markets operated by Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators. The Commission requires that each RTO and ISO revise its tariff to establish a participation model consisting of market rules that, recognizing the physical and operational characteristics of electric storage resources, facilitates their participation in the RTO/ISO markets. The participation model must 1) ensure that a resource using the participation model is eligible to provide all capacity, energy, and ancillary services that the resource is technically capable of providing in the RTO/ISO markets; 2) ensure that a resource using the participation model can be dispatched and can set the wholesale market clearing price as both a wholesale seller and wholesale buyer consistent with existing market rules that govern when a resource can set the wholesale price; 3) account for the physical and operational characteristics of electric storage resources through bidding parameters or other means; and 4) establish a minimum size requirement for participation in the RTO/ISO markets that does not exceed 100 kW. Additionally, each RTO/ISO must specify that the sale of electric energy from the RTO/ISO markets to an electric storage resource that the resource then resells back to those markets must be at the wholesale locational marginal price.

Each RTO/ISO must file the tariff changes needed to implement the requirements of Order No. 841 within 270 days of the publication date of this Final Rule in the Federal Register. Each RTO/ISO are allowed a further 365 days from that date to implement the tariff provisions. Compliance filings are due on December 3, 2018.

This rule becomes effective June 4, 2018.

The Commission is concurrently issuing a Notice of Technical Conference in Docket No. RM18-9-000 with questions related to the participation of distributed energy resource aggregations in the RTO/ISO markets.

On February 28, 2018, FERC issued an errata attaching a corrected version of Order No. 841.

## Regulatory Status Report

**Jurisdiction:** RM16-6  
**FERC**

### **Essential Reliability Services and the Evolving Bulk-Power System- Primary Frequency Response**

On February 15, 2018, FERC issued Order No. 842, Final Rule revising the Commission's regulations to require newly interconnecting large and small generating facilities, both synchronous and non-synchronous, to install, maintain, and operate equipment capable of providing primary frequency response as a condition of interconnection. To implement these requirements, the Commission is modifying the pro forma Large Generator Interconnection Agreement and Small Generator Interconnection Agreement. The changes are designed to address the potential reliability impact of the evolving generation resource mix, and to ensure that the relevant provisions of the LGIA and SGIA are just, reasonable, and not unduly discriminatory or preferential..

Compliance filings to modify the LGIA and SGIA pursuant to Order No. 842 are due within 70 days after publication of this Final Rule in the Federal Register.

This rule becomes effective 70 days after publication in the Federal Register.

**RM17-8**

### **Reform of Generator Interconnection Procedures and Agreements**

On February 2, 2018, FERC issued a Notice of Technical Conference to be held on April 3-4, 2018 to discuss issues related to the coordination of Affected Systems raised in 1) the complaint filed by EDF Renewable Energy, Inc. against Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Southwest Power Pool, Inc., and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. in Docket No. EL18-26-000 and 2) the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the generator interconnection process in Docket No. RM17-8-000.

**RM18-1**

### **Grid Reliability and Resilience Pricing**

On February 7, 2018, the Foundation for the Resilient Societies filed a Request for Rehearing of FERC Order Terminating Rulemaking Proceeding, Initiating New Proceeding, and Establishing Additional Procedures.

**RM18-2**

### **Cyber Security Incident Reporting Reliability Standards**

On February 26, 2018, the ISO/RTO Council filed Comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

On February 26, 2018, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation filed comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

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

**RM18-7**

### **Withdrawal of Pleadings**

On February 15, 2018, FERC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to propose to adopt a more accurate title of "Withdrawal of pleadings (Rule 216)," for Rule 216 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and to clarify the text of the Rule.

Comments are due on March 26, 2018.

## Regulatory Status Report

**Jurisdiction:** RM18-9  
**FERC**

**Participation of Distributed Energy Resource ("DER") Aggregations in Markets Operated by Regional Transmission Organizations ("RTO") and Independent System Operators ("ISO")**

On February 15, 2018, FERC issued a Notice of Technical Conference. Commission staff will hold a technical conference on April 10-11, 2018 to discuss the participation of distributed energy resource aggregations in Regional Transmission Organization and Independent System Operator markets, and to more broadly discuss the potential effects of distributed energy resources on the bulk power system.

On February 20, 2018, Commission Staff filed its Report titled "Distributed Energy Resources - Technical Considerations for the Bulk Power System."

## Regulatory Status Report

***Jurisdiction:***

**State of**

**Missouri**

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

A workshop was held on February 5, 2018.



## Regulatory Status Report

**Jurisdiction:**  
State of Texas

- 47342**      **Project to Identify Issues Pertaining to Rayburn Country Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s ("RCEC") Proposal to Transfer Existing Facilities and Load into the Electric Reliability Council of Texas ("ERCOT")**  
On February 13, 2018, Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC filed a Notice of Intent to Participate in this proceeding.
- 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 February 5, 2018, parties filed Reply Briefs.  
On February 8, 2018, the City of Lubbock, et al. filed a Joint Motion for Review and Approval of Stipulation. The Stipulation provides for a resolution among the parties to the Stipulation of all issues in this docket, except the question of who will be assigned to build the transmission components comprising the ERCOT recommended Option 4ow transmission integration plan.  
On February 8, 2018, Southwestern Public Service Company filed a motion to admit into evidence the affidavit of William A. Grant in support of the settlement that has been reached on the SPP-side hold harmless terms with respect to Lubbock's proposal to move approximately 470 MW of its load to ERCOT.  
On February 9, 2018, the City of Lubbock filed a motion to admit into evidence the resolutions of the Electric Utility Board and the City Council of the City of Lubbock approving the Stipulation.
- 47898**      **Petition of East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("ETEC") to Transfer 35 MW of Load to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. ("ERCOT")**  
On February 7, 2018, the East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed a Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule.  
On February 7, 2018, the Commission issued Order No. 3, Establishing Procedural Schedule.  
On February 12, 2018, SPP filed a Motion to Intervene.  
On February 13, 2018, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.  
On February 21, 2018, the Commission issued Order No. 4, Granting Interventions.  
On February 22, 2018, Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC filed a Motion to Intervene.  
On February 26, 2018, Rayburn Country Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene.  
On February 26, 2018, Lone Star Transmission, LLC filed a Motion to Intervene.

## Regulatory Status Report

**Jurisdiction:**  
**United States**  
**Court of**  
**Appeals**

**18-1005**

**Xcel Energy Services Inc. ("Xcel") v. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") Concerning Orders Issued in Docket No. ER16-1341 Regarding Attachment Z2**

On February 2, 2018, SPP filed a Motion to Intervene.

On February 5, 2018, EDF Renewable Energy, Inc. filed a Motion for Leave to Intervene.

On February 5, 2018, Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company filed a Motion to Intervene.

On February 6, 2018, American Electric Power Service Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene in Support of Petitioner.

On February 12, 2018, Xcel Energy Services Inc. filed its Non-Binding Statement of Issues.

On February 15, 2018, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed a Motion for Leave to Intervene Out of Time.

On February 15, 2018, NextEra Energy Resources, LLC filed a Motion for Leave to Intervene Out of Time.

On February 26, 2018, FERC filed the Certified Index to the Record.