

## Regulatory Status Report

**Jurisdiction:**  
**FERC**

- 10-1178**      **SPP Filing of FERC Report 582 for Computation of FERC Electric Annual Charges Assessed to Public Utilities**  
On March 22, 2018, SPP submitted its FERC Reporting Requirement No. 582 for the year 2017, indicating transmission service of 265,413,694 MWh.
- AD10-12**      **Increasing Market and Planning Efficiency through Improved Software**  
On March 30, 2018, FERC issued a Notice of Technical Conference to be held on June 26-28, 2018, to discuss opportunities for increasing real-time and day-ahead market efficiency and enhancing the resilience of the bulk power system through improved software.
- AD18-7**      **Grid Resilience in Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators**  
On March 8, 2018, FERC issued an Order Granting Rehearing for Further Consideration of the Order Terminating Rulemaking Proceeding, Initiating New Proceeding, and Establishing Additional Procedures issued on January 8, 2018.  
On March 9, 2018, SPP filed Comments on Grid Resilience Issues in response to the order issued on January 8, 2018.  
On March 9, 2018, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. filed its Responses to the order issued on January 8, 2018.  
On March 9, 2018, ISO New England Inc. filed its Response to the order issued on January 8, 2018.  
On March 9, 2018, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. and the Public Utility Commission of Texas filed Joint Comments in response to the order issued on January 8, 2018.  
On March 9, 2018, the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. filed its Response to the order issued on January 8, 2018.  
On March 9, 2018, the California Independent System Operator Corporation filed Comments in Response to the Commission's Request for Comments About System Resiliency and Threats to Resilience.  
On March 9, 2018, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. filed Comments and Responses in response to the order issued on January 8, 2018.  
On March 14, 2018, the Energy Industry Associations filed a Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply Comments.  
On March 20, 2018, FERC issued an order extending the due date for reply comments to May 9, 2018.
- AD18-8**      **Reform of Affected System Coordination in the Generator Interconnection Process**  
On March 26, 2018, FERC issued a Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference, attaching the agenda for the April 3-4, 2018 Technical Conference.

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**Jurisdiction:** EL16-91  
**FERC**

**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 March 22, 2018, Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company filed a Limited Protest. The parties stated that they generally support SPP's goal of designing rules that recognize and accommodate state law issues, but only insofar as such accommodation can be made without exposing others to risk of non-payment of refunds and/or continuation of paying Commission determined unjust and unreasonable rates.

On March 22, 2018, Omaha Public Power District filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in Support of SPP's filing.

On March 22, 2018, the Indicated SPP Transmission Owners filed a Protest. The parties requested that the Commission reject SPP's compliance filing as proposed and direct SPP to make changes to the Membership Agreement, such as the ones proposed in the Protest, that are consistent with the order issued on October 19, 2017.

On March 22, 2018, Nebraska Public Power District filed Comments in support of SPP's compliance filing.

On March 22, 2018, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, Inc. filed Comments requesting that the Commission accept SPP's compliance filing and explicitly acknowledge that it does not have direct or indirect authority over non-public utilities.

On March 22, 2018, Midwest Energy, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in Support of SPP's compliance filing.

On March 22, 2018, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in Support of SPP's compliance filing.

On March 22, 2018, Lincoln Electric System filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of SPP's compliance filing.

**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 March 5, 2018, Judge Long issued an Order Rescheduling Fourth Settlement Conference from March 5, 2018 to March 22, 2018.

On March 26, 2018, Judge Long issued an Order Scheduling Fifth Settlement Conference to be held on April 17, 2018.

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**Jurisdiction:** EL18-19  
**FERC**

**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 March 22, 2018, Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company filed a Limited Protest. The parties stated that they generally support SPP's goal of designing rules that recognize and accommodate state law issues, but only insofar as such accommodation can be made without exposing others to risk of non-payment of refunds and/or continuation of paying Commission determined unjust and unreasonable rates.

On March 22, 2018, Omaha Public Power District filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in Support of SPP's filing.

On March 22, 2018, the Indicated SPP Transmission Owners filed a Protest. The parties requested that the Commission reject SPP's compliance filing as proposed and direct SPP to make changes to the Membership Agreement, such as the ones proposed in the Protest, that are consistent with the order issued on October 19, 2017.

On March 22, 2018, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, Inc. filed Comments requesting that the Commission accept SPP's compliance filing and explicitly acknowledge that it does not have direct or indirect authority over non-public utilities.

On March 22, 2018, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in Support of SPP's compliance filing.

On March 22, 2018, Lincoln Electric System filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of SPP's compliance filing.

On March 22, 2018, Midwest Energy, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in Support of SPP's compliance filing.

On March 22, 2018, Nebraska Public Power District filed Comments in support of SPP's compliance filing.

**EL18-20 Indicated SPP Transmission Owners Complaint Against SPP Concerning Cost Shifts**

On March 15, 2018, FERC issued an Order Denying Complaint.

**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 March 26, 2018, FERC issued a Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference, attaching the agenda for the April 3-4, 2018 Technical Conference.

**EL18-35 Order Instituting Section 206 Proceeding and Commencing Paper Hearing Procedures Regarding Pricing of Quick-Start Resources**

On March 13, 2018, the SPP Market Monitoring Unit filed its Reply Brief.

On March 14, 2018, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed its Reply Brief.

On March 14, 2018, Kansas City Power & Light Company, KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company, and Westar Energy, Inc. filed reply comments.

On March 14, 2018, SPP filed its Reply Brief.

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<b>Jurisdiction:</b> <b>FERC</b>	<b>EL18-58</b>	<b>Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority ("OMPA") Complaint Against Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company ("OGE") Concerning Base Return on Equity ("ROE")</b> On March 5, 2018, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene. On March 6, 2018, Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company filed an answer in response to the Complaint. On March 20, 2018, Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority filed an answer in response to Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company's answer to the Complaint.
	<b>EL18-9</b>	<b>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</b> On March 6, 2018, FERC issued an order denying Southwestern Public Service Company's Complaint concerning SPP's assessment of revenue Credit Payment Obligations under Attachment Z2 of the Tariff.
	<b>ER12-1179</b>	<b>Submission of Tariff Revisions to Implement SPP Integrated Marketplace</b> On March 5, 2018, SPP submitted its response to the letter requesting additional information issued on February 2, 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 March 20, 2018, FERC issued an order approving the Joint Offer of Settlement.
	<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 March 22, 2018, SPP submitted its compliance filing to update the formula rate template and implementation protocols for SPP Transmission Owner Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative, Inc., pursuant to the order issued on February 23, 2018 accepting the Joint Offer of Settlement and Settlement Agreement.  An effective date of July 1, 2017 was requested.
	<b>ER17-426</b>	<b>Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Denison Municipal Utilities ("DMU")</b> On March 27, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's compliance filing to update the formula rate template and implementation protocols for Denison Municipal Utilities, a member of SPP Transmission Owner Missouri River Energy Services, in accordance with the order accepting the Joint Offer of Settlement.  An effective date of February 1, 2017 was granted.
	<b>ER17-428</b>	<b>Submission of Revenue Requirement, Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols for Vermillion Light &amp; Power ("VLP")</b> On March 20, 2018, FERC issued an order approving the Joint Offer of Settlement.  This order constitutes final agency action.

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<b>Jurisdiction:</b> <b>FERC</b>	<b>ER17-469</b>	<b>Submission of Tariff Revisions to Implement Changes to Midwest Energy, Inc.'s ("Midwest Energy") Formula Rate</b> On March 6, 2018, Judge Brenner issued a Report by Settlement Judge, stating that the settlement proceeding will remain open until after the Kansas Corporation Commission's ruling on the proposed revisions to Midwest Energy, Inc.'s formula rate. On March 22, 2018, the Kansas Corporation Commission filed a copy of the Order Approving Revisions to Transmission Formula Rate issued on March 6, 2018 in KCC Docket No. 16-MDWE-324-TFR.
	<b>ER17-889</b>	<b>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</b> On March 6, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's November 16, 2017 compliance filing.  This order constitutes final agency action.
	<b>ER18-1013</b>	<b>Transmission Interconnection Agreement between Westar Energy, Inc., Kansas Gas and Electric Company (collectively "Westar") and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, Inc. ("Mid-Kansas"), with SPP as Signatory</b> On March 14, 2018, SPP submitted an executed Transmission Interconnection Agreement between Westar Energy, Inc., Kansas Gas and Electric Company, and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, Inc., with SPP as signatory. SPP Service Agreement No. First Revised 263  SPP requested that the effective date of the agreement be the date the agreement is accepted by the Commission. On March 20, 2018, Mid-Kansas Electric Company, Inc. and Sunflower Electric Power Corporation filed Motions to Intervene.
	<b>ER18-1078</b>	<b>Submission of Tariff Revisions to Require Phasor Measuring Units at New Generator Interconnections</b> On March 14, 2018, SPP submitted revisions to Attachment V of the Tariff in order to require Phasor Measuring Units at new generator interconnections.  An effective date of May 13, 2018 was requested. Several parties filed motions to intervene.
	<b>ER18-1091</b>	<b>Notice of Cancellation of Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service Agreement between SPP as Transmission Provider and Tex-La Electric Power Cooperative of Texas, Inc. ("Tex-La") as Transmission Customer</b> On March 15, 2018, SPP submitted a Notice of Cancellation for the service agreement for Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service between SPP as Transmission Provider and Tex-La Electric Cooperative of Texas, Inc. as Transmission Customer. SPP Service Agreement No. 496.  An effective date of January 1, 2018 was requested.

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**Jurisdiction:** ER18-1093  
**FERC**

**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 March 15, 2018, 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. Tenth Revised 1266.

An effective date of March 1, 2018 was requested.

**ER18-1110**

**Notice of Cancellation of the Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service Agreement between SPP as Transmission Provider and Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company ("OG&E") as Transmission Customer**

On March 15, 2018, SPP submitted an executed service agreement for Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service between SPP as Transmission Provider and Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company as Transmission Customer. SPP Service Agreement No. 1795.

An effective date of June 1, 2014 was requested.

**ER18-1195**

**Notice of Cancellation of the 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") and Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company ("OG&E") as Host Transmission Owners**

On March 28, 2018, SPP filed a Notice of Cancellation of the NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider and Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation as Network Customer, as well as a NOA with American Electric Power Service Corporation, as agent for Southwestern Electric Power Company and Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, as Host Transmission Owners. SPP Service Agreement No. Thirteenth Revised 1518.

An effective date of January 1, 2018 was requested.

On March 29, 2018, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene.

**ER18-1198**

**Meter Agent Services Agreement between Kansas Municipal Energy Agency ("KMEA") as Market Participant and Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCPL") as Meter Agent**

On March 28, 2018, SPP submitted an executed Meter Agent Services Agreement between Kansas Municipal Energy Agency as the Market Participant and Kansas City Power & Light Company as the Meter Agent. SPP Service Agreement No. Fourth Revised 2855.

An effective date of March 1, 2018 was requested.

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**Jurisdiction:** ER18-1212  
**FERC**

**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 March 29, 2018, SPP submitted an executed NITSA between SPP as Transmission Provider, Kansas Municipal Energy Agency as Network Customer, as well as a NOA with Sunflower Electric Power Corporation as Host Transmission Owner. SPP Service Agreement No. Fifth Revised 2646.

An effective date of March 1, 2018 was requested.

**ER18-1268**

**Submission of Tariff Revisions to Implement a Set of Resource Adequacy Policies**

On March 30, 2018, SPP submitted tariff revisions to implement a set of resource adequacy policies for the SPP Balancing Authority Area. These policies were developed by SPP staff and stakeholders and will increase SPP's ability to reliably serve its load obligations and provide planned reserves that promote reliability.

An effective date of July 1, 2018 was requested.

**ER18-374**

**Submission of Tariff Revisions to Attachment Z2**

On March 1, 2018, SPP submitted its response to the letter requesting additional information issued on January 30, 2018.

On March 26, 2018, Nebraska Public Power District filed Comments in response to SPP's deficiency response. NPPD requested that the Commission approve SPP's tariff revisions as it was initially filed; however, if the Commission determines some accommodation is needed with respect to the transition time for the tariff revisions, NPPD requested that the triggering event continue to be tied to the execution of the Generator Interconnection Agreement, although NPPD would be agreeable to moving the bright-line date back by some reasonable amount of time such as six months.

On March 26, 2018, Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company filed Comments in response to SPP's deficiency response. The parties requested that the Commission approve the tariff revisions as proposed in the December 1, 2017 filing because the bright-line transition period proposed in the original filing is just and reasonable.

On March 26, 2018, Enel Green Power North America, Inc. filed a Protest in response to SPP's deficiency response.

**ER18-502**

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

On March 30, 2018, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. submitted its response to the letter requesting additional information issued on February 28, 2018. MISO also submitted proposed clarifying edits.

**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**

On March 28, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective December 1, 2017 as requested.

This order constitutes final agency action.

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<b>Jurisdiction:</b> <b>FERC</b>	<b>ER18-650</b>	<b>Generator Interconnection Agreement ("GIA") between Sholes Wind Energy, LLC ("Sholes") as Interconnection Customer and Nebraska Public Power District ("NPPD") as Transmission Owner</b>  On March 6, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective December, 2017 as requested.  This order constitutes final agency action.
	<b>ER18-660</b>	<b>Transmission Interconnection Agreement between Southwestern Power Administration ("Southwestern") and South Central MCN LLC ("South Central"), with SPP as Signatory</b>  On March 15, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, subject to the outcome of Docket No. EC17-126. SPP must notify the Commission of the effective date of the agreement within 30 days of the date on which the proposed transaction is complete.
	<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 March 5, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective January 1, 2018 as requested.  This order constitutes final agency action.
	<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 March 5, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective January 1, 2018 as requested.  This order constitutes final agency action.
	<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 March 26, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's tariff revisions to reflect the merger of East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Tex-La Electric Cooperative of Texas, Inc.  An effective date of April 1, 2018 was granted.  This order constitutes final agency action.
	<b>ER18-736</b>	<b>Submission of Tariff Revisions Revise Addendum 1 to Attachment AF to Update Frequently Constrained Areas</b>  On March 29, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's revisions to Addendum 1 to Attachment AF to update the list of Frequently Constrained Areas in accordance with the findings of the SPP Market Monitoring Unit's recent reevaluation.  An effective date of April 1, 2018 was granted.  This order constitutes final agency action.



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<b>Jurisdiction:</b> <b>FERC</b>	<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 March 27, 2018, SPP submitted an amended filing to include additional revisions to the proposed mechanism in Attachment H of the Tariff necessary to clarify how the mechanism will work and to provide greater detail regarding SPP's and AEP's future obligations. SPP also supplemented the January 30, 2018 filing to clarify its accounting treatment of the costs associated with the projects.
	<b>ER18-753</b>	<b>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</b>  On March 27, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective January 1, 2018 as requested.  This order constitutes final agency action.
	<b>ER18-754</b>	<b>Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service Agreement between SPP as Transmission Provider and Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska ("MEAN") as Transmission Customer</b>  On March 15, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective January 1, 2018 as requested.  This order constitutes final agency action.
	<b>ER18-757</b>	<b>Submission of Tariff Revisions to Close a Gaming Issue Related to Regulation Deployment Adjustment</b>  On March 5, 2018, SPP filed an answer in response to Westar Energy, Inc.'s Comments filed on February 21, 2018.  On March 14, 2018, Westar Energy, Inc. filed an answer in response to the answers filed by SPP and the SPP Market Monitoring Unit.
	<b>ER18-762</b>	<b>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</b>  On March 23, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting the agreement, effective January 1, 2018 as requested.  This order constitutes final agency action.
	<b>ER18-763</b>	<b>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</b>  On March 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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**Jurisdiction:** ER18-769  
**FERC**

**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**

On March 29, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's revisions to Sections 34.9 and 41, and Schedules 9 and 11 of the Tariff to provide eligible customers with a reduction of SPP Network Integration Transmission Service charges for deliveries of Federal Power-Southwestern from Southwestern Power Administration in pricing Zone 10 in order to ensure that such customers are not charged twice for the same deliveries.

An effective date of April 1, 2018 was granted.

This order constitutes final agency action.

**ER18-831**

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

On March 28, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's 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 granted.

This order constitutes final agency action.

**ER18-854**

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

On March 28, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's 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 granted.

This order constitutes final agency action.

**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 March 13, 2018, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene.

**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 March 13, 2018, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene.

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**Jurisdiction:** ER18-878  
**FERC**

**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 March 13, 2018, Western Area Power Administration 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 March 5, 2018, SPP re-submitted its transmittal letter to its February 28, 2018 filing.

Several parties filed Motions to Intervene.

On March 22, 2018, Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company filed a Limited Protest. The parties stated that they generally support SPP's goal of designing rules that recognize and accommodate state law issues, but only insofar as such accommodation can be made without exposing others to risk of non-payment of refunds and/or continuation of paying Commission determined unjust and unreasonable rates.

On March 22, 2018, Omaha Public Power District filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in Support of SPP's filing.

On March 22, 2018, Midwest Energy, Inc. filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in Support of SPP's compliance filing.

On March 22, 2018, Western Area Power Administration filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in Support of SPP's compliance filing.

On March 22, 2018, Lincoln Electric System filed a Motion to Intervene and Comments in support of SPP's compliance filing.

On March 22, 2018, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, Inc. filed Comments requesting that the Commission accept SPP's compliance filing and explicitly acknowledge that it does not have direct or indirect authority over non-public utilities.

On March 22, 2018, Nebraska Public Power District filed Comments in support of SPP's compliance filing.

On March 22, 2018, the Indicated SPP Transmission Owners filed a Protest. The parties requested that the Commission reject SPP's compliance filing as proposed and direct SPP to make changes to the Membership Agreement, such as the ones proposed in the Protest, that are consistent with the order issued on October 19, 2017.

**ER18-985**

**Submission of Revisions to Formula Rate Template to Update Depreciation Rates for Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. ("Tri-State")**

On March 9, 2018, SPP submitted tariff revisions to update the depreciation rates contained in the formula rate template for Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.

An effective date of July 1, 2018 was requested.

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**Jurisdiction:** ER18-99  
**FERC**

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

On March 15, 2018, FERC issued an order accepting SPP's tariff revisions to add an Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement and to implement a formula rate template and implementation protocols for South Central MCN LLC, to become effective the first day of the month after the date on which South Central acquires the transmission facilities from the City of Nixa, Missouri, subject to refund and subject to the outcome of the ongoing proceedings in Docket Nos. ER15-2594, ER17-953, and EL18-6, and establishing hearing and settlement judge procedures.

On March 19, 2018, SPP submitted a Notice of Appearance of Additional Counsel and Request to Amend Service List.

On March 22, 2018, Judge Cintron issued an Order of Chief Judge Designating Settlement Judge.

On March 28, 2018, Judge Young issued an Order Scheduling Settlement Conference to be held on April 6, 2018.

**ER18-995**

### **Submission of Tariff Revisions Regarding Clarification of Language in Attachment AE Regarding Registration of Load in the Integrated Marketplace**

On March 12, 2018, SPP submitted tariff revisions to address the lack of provision in Attachment AE that addresses situations where loads requiring registration fail or refuse to register in the Integrated Marketplace. The proposed revisions clarify potential ambiguity and prevent potential misinterpretation of SPP's intended response to these situations and stipulate SPP's intent to treat loads that fail or refuse to register in a manner similar to how SPP treats resources that fail or refuse to register its market participation.

An effective date of May 11, 2018 was requested.

**RM16-23**

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

On March 19, 2018, several parties filed requests for rehearing and/or clarification of Order No. 841.

On March 26, 2018, SPP filed a Motion for Clarification of Order No. 841.

**RM16-6**

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

On March 5, 2018, FERC issued an Errata Notice to correct certain items in Order No. 842.

Parties filed requests for clarification and/or rehearing of Order No. 842.

**RM17-13**

### **Supply Chain Risk Management Reliability Standards**

On March 26, 2018, the ISO/RTO Council filed Comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued on January 18, 2018.

Several parties filed comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued on January 18, 2018.

**RM18-1**

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

On March 8, 2018, FERC issued an Order Granting Rehearing for Further Consideration of the Order Terminating Rulemaking Proceeding, Initiating New Proceeding, and Establishing Additional Procedures issued on January 8, 2018.

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**Jurisdiction:** RM18-12  
**FERC**

**Inquiry Regarding the Effect of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on Commission-Jurisdictional Rates**

On March 15, 2018, FERC issued a Notice of Inquiry seeking comment on the effect of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 on Commission-jurisdictional rates.

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

**RM18-9**

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

On March 29, 2018, FERC issued a Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference, attaching the agenda for the April 10-11 2018 Technical Conference.

**RR18-3**

**Joint Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC"), Midwest Reliability Organization ("MRO"), and SERC Reliability Corporation ("SERC") for Approvals in Connection with the Dissolution of the Southwest Power Pool Regional Entity ("SPP RE")**

On March 5, 2018, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, Midwest Reliability Organization, and SERC Reliability Corporation filed a Joint Petition for Approvals in Connection with the Dissolution of the Southwest Power Pool Regional Entity.

On March 13, 2018, SPP filed a Motion to Intervene.

Several parties filed motions to intervene.

## 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 March 9, 2018, Advanced Energy Management Alliance filed Recommendations on Distributed Energy Resources in Missouri.

On March 28, 2018, Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company filed a Response to Advanced Energy Management Alliance Recommendations.

## 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 ("PNM") becoming a Member of the Southwest Power Pool**

On March 29, 2018, Public Service Company of New Mexico filed a Status Report regarding it considering becoming a member of the SPP RTO or the Western Energy Imbalance Market ("EIM"). PNM anticipates completing its full review of joining the EIM by July 31, 2018. PNM stated that it completed an initial analysis of the transmission cost of service impacts of joining SPP through the Mountain West Transmission Group and the indications are that transmission cost shifting could potentially offset and override any potential benefit to PNM's customers.

**18-00044-UT    In the Matter of Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s Petition for Approval to Extend Authority to Participate in the Southwest Power Pool**

On March 2, 2018, Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed a Petition for Approval to Extend Authority to Participate in the Southwest Power Pool.

On March 12, 2018, SPP filed a Motion for Leave to Intervene.

On March 14, 2018, FERC issued an Order Designating Hearing Examiner.

On March 15, 2018, the Hearing Examiner issued an order scheduling a prehearing conference to be held on March 27, 2018.

On March 27, 2018, the Commission issued a Procedural Order setting the following dates: 1) Staff and Intervenors may file direct testimony by June 12, 2018; 2) Stipulation, if any, shall be filed by June 26, 2018; 3) Testimony in support of or in opposition to the Stipulation shall be filed by July 6, 2018; 4) responsive testimony shall be filed by July 12, 2018; 5) a hearing shall be held on July 17, 2018.

A pre-hearing conference was held on March 27, 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 March 1, 2018, ERCOT filed its Coordinated RCEC Integration Analysis report.

On March 1, 2018, SPP filed its Rayburn Country Comprehensive Assessment study report.

**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 March 1, 2018, Commission staff filed a draft order to be considered at the open meeting on March 8, 2018.

On March 5, 2018, Commission staff filed a proposed change to the draft order filed on March 1, 2018.

On March 15, 2018, the Commission issued an order approving the City of Lubbock's Application.

**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 March 5, 2018, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. filed Comments on Merits of Petition.

On March 5, 2018, SPP filed comments regarding the Petition.

On March 23, 2018, East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Commission Staff filed a Joint Motion to Extend Procedural Schedule Deadlines.

On March 27, 2018, the Commission issued Order No. 6, Granting Joint Extension and Revising Procedural Schedule. The deadline for Commission Staff to request a hearing or to file a recommendation on final disposition is April 24, 2018. The deadline for East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. to request a hearing or respond to comments and Staff's recommendation is May 1, 2018. If no disputed issues exist, parties are to file proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs is May 1, 2018.



## 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 March 21, 2018, American Electric Power Service Corporation filed its Non-Binding Statement of Issues.

On March 22, 2018, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed a Notification in Support for Petitioner and Non-Binding Statement of Issues.

On March 22, 2018, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. filed a Notice of Intent to File Intervenor Brief in Support of Petitioner.