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**SPP
Notification to Construct**

March 11, 2022

Mr. Tom Christensen
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
1717 E. Interstate Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58503

RE: Notification to Construct Approved Network Upgrades

Dear Mr. Christensen,

Pursuant to Section 3.3 of the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. ("SPP") Membership Agreement and Attachments O and Y of the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT"), SPP provides this Notification to Construct ("NTC") directing Basin Electric Power Cooperative ("BEPC"), as the Designated Transmission Owner, to construct the Network Upgrades.

On January 25, 2022, the SPP Board of Directors approved the Network Upgrade(s) listed below to be constructed as part of 2021 ITP Assessment.

New Network Upgrades**Project ID:** 81691**Project Name:** Line - Oahe - Sully Buttes - Whitlock - Glenham 230 kV**Need Date for Project:** 1/1/2025**Estimated Cost for Project:** \$10,883,722 (this project cost reflects Network Upgrades not included in this NTC).**Network Upgrade ID:** 122733**Network Upgrade Name:** Whitlock 230 kV Terminal Upgrades**Network Upgrade Description:** Upgrade terminal equipment at Whitlock 230 kV for Oahe to Sully Buttes to Whitlock to Glenham 230 kV line.**Network Upgrade Owner:** BEPC**MOPC Representative(s):** Jason Doerr**TWG Representative(s):** Phil Westby**Categorization:** Economic**Network Upgrade Specification:** All elements and conductor must meet seasonal rating criteria of 406/406/546/546 (SN/SE/WN/WE) MVA**Network Upgrade Justification:** 2021 ITP

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Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars): \$614,000**Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade:** Base Plan**Estimated Cost Source:** BEPC**Date of Estimated Cost:** 8/4/2021**Commitment to Construct**

Please provide to SPP a written commitment to construct the Network Upgrade(s) by June 9, 2022, in addition to providing a construction schedule and an updated -20% to +20% cost estimate, NTC Project Estimate, in the Standardized Cost Estimate Reporting Template for the Network Upgrade(s). Failure to provide a sufficient written commitment to construct as required by the SPP OATT could result in the Network Upgrade(s) being assigned to another entity.

Notification of Commercial Operation

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


Notification of Progress

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

All terms and conditions of the SPP OATT and the SPP Membership Agreement shall apply to this project(s), and nothing in this letter shall vary such terms and conditions.

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

Sincerely,



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