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**SPP
Notification to Construct**

March 11, 2022

Mrs. Gayle Nansel
Western Area Power Administration
Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region
P.O. Box 35800
Billings, MT 59107-5800

RE: Notification to Construct Approved Network Upgrades

Dear Mrs. Nansel,

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 Western Area Power Administration ("WAPA"), 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: 122734

Network Upgrade Name: Oahe 230 kV Terminal Upgrades

Network Upgrade Description: Upgrade terminal equipment at Oahe 230 kV for the Oahe to Sully Buttes 230 kV line. Re-conductor three spans of line between Oahe 230 kV substation and Sully Buttes 230 kV substation.

Network Upgrade Owner: WAPA

MOPC Representative(s): Steve Sanders

TWG Representative(s): Gayle Nansel

Categorization: Economic

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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

Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars): \$893,000

Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade: Base Plan

Estimated Cost Source: WAPA

Date of Estimated Cost: 8/3/2021

Network Upgrade ID: 143613

Network Upgrade Name: Sully Buttes - Whitlock 230 kV Line Clearance Increase

Network Upgrade Description: Increase ground clearance of the Sully Buttes to Whitlock 230 kV line.

Network Upgrade Owner: WAPA

MOPC Representative(s): Steve Sanders

TWG Representative(s): Gayle Nansel

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

Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars): \$2,068,000

Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade: Base Plan

Estimated Cost Source: WAPA

Date of Estimated Cost: 8/4/2021

Network Upgrade ID: 143614

Network Upgrade Name: Whitlock - Glenham 230 kV Clearance Increase

Network Upgrade Description: Increase ground clearance of the Whitlock to Glenham 230 kV line.

Network Upgrade Owner: WAPA

MOPC Representative(s): Steve Sanders

TWG Representative(s): Gayle Nansel

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

Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars): \$5,789,000

Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade: Base Plan

Estimated Cost Source: WAPA

Date of Estimated Cost: 8/3/2021

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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 WAPA's part to complete the approved Network Upgrade(s). For project tracking, SPP requires WAPA's to submit status updates of the Network Upgrade(s) quarterly in conjunction with the SPP Board of Directors meetings. However, WAPA 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Antoine Lucas".

Antoine Lucas

Vice President, Engineering

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David Kelley - SPP
Steve Sanders - WAPA

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