

SPP Notification to Construct

June 30, 2010

SPP-NTC-20103

Mr. Tom Stuchlik
Westar Energy, Inc.
PO Box 889
Topeka, KS 66601

RE: Notification to Construct Approved Priority Projects

Dear Mr. Stuchlik,

Pursuant to Section 3.3 of the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. ("SPP") Membership Agreement and Attachment O, Section VIII, of the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT"), SPP provides this Notification to Construct ("NTC") directing Westar Energy, Inc. ("WR"), as the Designated Transmission Owner, to construct the Network Upgrades.

During the April 27, 2010 meeting, the SPP Board of Directors approved the Group 2 Priority Projects as presented in the SPP Priority Projects, Rev. 1 report with the provision that NTC letters for the projects would not be issued until the Federal Electric Reliability Corporation ("FERC") made a favorable ruling on the highway/byway cost allocation methodology. On June 17, 2010, FERC issued Order 131 FERC ¶ 61,252 approving the Highway/Byway cost allocation methodology. On June 23, 2010, the SPP Board of Directors authorized issuance of NTCs for the Priority Projects.

New Network Upgrades

Project ID: 946

Project Name: Line – Spearville - Comanche County - Medicine Lodge - Wichita 345 kV
double circuit*

Estimated In-Service Date for Project: 12/31/2014

Estimated Cost for Project: \$356,300,000 (cost for entire project including all entities)

Estimated Cost Source: ITC Great Plains and WR

Date of Cost Estimate: October 2009 (WR and ITC Great Plains) and June 2010 (ITC Great Plains)

Network Upgrade ID: 11258, 11259

Network Upgrade Description: Double circuit 345 kV line from the Wichita substation to the Mid-Kansas Electric Company (“MKEC”) interception point from the Medicine Lodge 345 kV substation.

Network Upgrade Owner: WR

MOPC Representative: Tom Stuchlik, John Olsen

TWG Representative: Don Taylor

Categorization: High priority

Network Upgrade Specification: Build 345 kV double circuit transmission; 3,000 amp or greater capacity for each circuit, from the Wichita substation to the MKEC interception point from the Medicine Lodge 345 kV substation. The total mileage of this Medicine Lodge-Wichita line is 70 miles. MKEC and WR shall decide who shall build how much of these Network Upgrades and shall provide such information, along with specific cost estimates for each Designated Transmission Owner’s portion of the Network Upgrades, to SPP in its response to this NTC. Upgrade the Wichita substation with the necessary breakers and terminal equipment.

Network Upgrade Justification: Priority Projects

Estimated In-Service Date for Network Upgrade: 12/31/2014

Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars): To be provided by Designated Transmission Owner(s)

Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade: Base Plan

* This project may be revised in early 2011 to require the project be built at a higher voltage.

Commitment to Construct

Please provide to SPP a written commitment to construct the Network Upgrade(s) within 90 days of the date of this Notification to Construct, pursuant to Attachment O, Section VIII.6 of the SPP OATT, in addition to providing a construction schedule for the Network Upgrade(s). Failure to provide a written commitment to construct as required by Attachment O could result in the Network Upgrade(s) being assigned to another entity.

Coordination with Neighbors

WR is responsible for coordinating these jointly owned projects with other constructing Designated Transmission Owners. Coordination includes, but is not limited to, construction specifications, facility ratings, interception location, and construction timing.

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 the Network Upgrade(s) 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 WR's part to complete the approved Network Upgrade(s). For project tracking purposes, SPP requires WR to submit updates on the status of the Network Upgrade(s) on a quarterly basis in conjunction with the SPP Board of Directors meetings. However, WR 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, and nothing in this NTC shall vary such terms and conditions.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce A. Rew".

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