

SPP
Notification to Construct

January 13, 2010

SPP-NTC- 20068

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

RE: Notification to Construct for Transmission Service request resulting from Aggregate Transmission Service Study SPP-2007-AG3-AFS-9

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., as the Designated Transmission Owner, to construct the Network Upgrades.

Southwest Power Pool has filed Service Agreement FERC Docket ER10-335, ER10-197, ER10-196 for Transmission Service for customers in SPP-2007-AG3-AFS-9. In the facility study conducted in the assessment of these requests, SPP concluded that system upgrades are required on the Westar Energy, Inc. system as detailed in Aggregate Facility Study SPP-2007-AG3-AFS-9.

New Network Upgrades

Project ID: 819

Project Name: GILL ENERGY CENTER EAST - MACARTHUR 69KV CKT 1
Accelerated

RTO Determined Need Date for Project: 6/1/2012

Estimated In Service Date: 6/1/2012

Network Upgrade ID: 11082

Network Upgrade Description: Rebuild 5.56-mile line, 954 ACSR

Categorization: Service Upgrade

Network Upgrade Specifications: All elements must have at least an emergency rating of 116 MVA, but is not limited to that amount.

Network Upgrade Justifications: SPP-2007-AG3-AFS-9

Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade: \$2,200,000

Source of Funding for Network Upgrade: Full Base Plan Funding

Estimated Cost Source: WERE

Date of Estimated Cost: 7/25/2006

Project ID: 908

Project Name: MACARTHUR - OATVILLE 69KV CKT 1 Accelerated

RTO Determined Need Date for Project: 6/1/2012

Estimated In Service Date: 6/1/2012

Network Upgrade ID: 11204

Network Upgrade Description: Replace the 69 kV bus and jumpers on the Oatville-Mac Arthur 69 kV line.

Categorization: Service Upgrade

Network Upgrade Specifications: All elements must have at least an emergency rating of 80 MVA, but is not limited to that amount.

Network Upgrade Justifications: SPP-2007-AG3-AFS-9

Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade: \$40,000

Source of Funding for Network Upgrade: Full Base Plan Funding

Estimated Cost Source: WERE

Date of Estimated Cost: 1/1/2007

Project ID: 30271

Project Name: DEARING 138KV Capacitor

RTO Determined Need Date for Project: 6/1/2012

Estimated In Service Date: 6/1/2012

Network Upgrade ID: 50284

Network Upgrade Description: Dearing 138 kV 20 MVAR Capacitor Addition

Categorization: Service Upgrade

Network Upgrade Justifications: SPP-2007-AG3-AFS-9

Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade: \$1,215,000

Source of Funding for Network Upgrade: Partial Base Plan Funding

Estimated Cost Source: WERE

Date of Estimated Cost: 1/1/2008

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 Open Access Transmission Tariff, in addition to providing a construction schedule for the Network Upgrade(s). Failure to provide a sufficient written commitment to construct as required by Attachment O 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 at the email address of SPPprojecttracking@spp.org 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.

Mitigation Plan

The Need Date or Estimated In-Service Date represents the timing required for the Network Upgrade(s) to address the identified need. Your prompt attention is required to formulation and approval of any necessary mitigation plans for the Network Upgrade(s) included in the Network Upgrades(s) if the Need Date or Estimated In-Service Date is not feasible. Additionally, if it is anticipated that the completion of any Network Upgrade will be delayed past the Need Date or Estimated In-Service Date, SPP requires a mitigation plan be filed within 60 days of determination of expected delays.

Notification of Progress

On an ongoing basis, please keep SPP advised of any ability on Westar Energy, Inc.'s part to complete the approved Network Upgrade(s). For project tracking, SPP requires Westar Energy, Inc. 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 consistent with Section 20.1 and 32.10 of the SPP Tariff, Westar Energy, Inc. shall also advise SPP of any inability to comply with the Project Schedule as the inability becomes apparent. All terms and conditions of the SPP OATT and the membership Agreement shall apply to this Project and nothing in this letter shall carry 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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