



**Southwest Power Pool**  
**TRANSMISSION WORKING GROUP MEETING**  
**February 24, 2010**  
**Net Conference**

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**Agenda Item 1 – Administrative Items**

TWG Chair Noman Williams called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. The following people were in attendance: (Attachment 1 – Proxies)

TWG Members

Noman Williams, Sunflower Electric Cooperative  
Jason Atwood, Dogwood Energy  
John Chamberlin, City Utilities of Springfield  
John Fulton, Southwestern Public Service  
Joe Fultz, Grand River Dam Authority  
Travis Hyde, Oklahoma Gas and Electric  
Dan Lenihan, Omaha Public Power District, representing himself and  
Jason Fortik, Lincoln Electric System  
Randy Lindstrom, Nebraska Public Power District  
Sam McGarrah, Empire District Electric  
Matt McGee, American Electric Power  
Nathan McNeil, Midwest Energy  
John Payne, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative  
Jason Shook, GDS Associates for ETEC  
Harold Wyble, Kansas City Power & Light

Other Stakeholders and Staff

Tony Gott, Associated Electric Cooperative  
Rachel Hulett, SPP Staff

**Agenda Item 2 – Appendix B Review**

Rachel Hulett, SPP Staff, shared the SPP BOD directive that was given to the TWG per the BOD minutes of January 26, 2010. Staff had requested the TWG and project owners to review the third and fourth year projects from the original Appendix B to determine if a project owner could wait until 2011 to receive an NTC on any of those projects. Comments had been received, and based on those comments staff was looking for action from the TWG.

Nathan McNeil, Midwest Energy, shared that the HEC – Huntsville and Huntsville – St. John projects for Midwest were in 3/4 year window of Appendix B, but after closer inspection of the lead times, the lead times for the projects were increased. The lead times changes were necessary for several reasons, including possible easement issues on the lines. Due to the change in lead times, Midwest requested NTCs for these projects at this time.

Sam McGarrah, Empire District Electric, expressed concern that staff was relying on the incumbent transmission owner's lead time data for determining if NTCs need to be issued, and he questioned whether using this data was correct since a project owner cannot accept or reject a project until after receiving an NTC. Rejecting a project could result in having another entity building the project and their



lead times could vary from the incumbent owners lead times. Noman Williams stated that the incumbent transmission owner has the right to accept, reject, or delegate a project to another entity, so SPP must use the incumbent owner's data as its basis for issuing an NTC.

**Nathan McNeil motioned TWG accept and recommend the SPP BOD approve and direct the start of construction of the two Midwest projects. John Payne seconded, and the motion passed unopposed.**

John Fulton, Southwestern Public Service, explained that one SPS project, the East Clovis project, needed an NTC before 2011. He stated this as necessary because acquiring funding for the distribution portion of the project will take longer than the original lead time allowed and also because the project will allow a modification of two other NTCs which will work better in the Clovis/Portales area.

**John Fulton motioned TWG accept and recommend the SPP BOD approve and direct the start of construction of the one SPS project be constructed. Jason Atwood seconded, and the motion passed unopposed. (Att 2 – Projects approved).**

### **Agenda Item 3 – Next Meeting and Adjournment**

RTWG is currently revising Attachment O to align with the Integrated Transmission Planning process and will give it to the TWG for review on March 5. TWG will need to complete its review of Attachment O by March 24. The TWG set its next meetings to discuss these revisions as the following: March 11, 9-11 a.m.; March 18, 9-11 a.m.; March 23, 9-11 a.m.

With no further business, Noman Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hulett  
TWG Secretary

## Dan Lenihan for Jason Fortik, Lincoln Electric System

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**From:** Jason Fortik [mailto:jfortik@les.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2010 2:29 PM  
**To:** Lenihan, Dan  
**Cc:** Rachel Hulett  
**Subject:** FW: TWG 2/24/10 Conference Call Registration

Dan,

Would you please be my proxy for the TWG call tomorrow? I have a mandatory internal LES meeting that conflicts with the TWG call.

Thanks.

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NTC_ID	PID	UID	Facility Owner	In-Service Date	2009 Required Bond Action	2009 STEP DATE	Latest Letter of notification to construct/issue date	Cost Estimate	Estimated Cost Source	Project Lead Time	2009 Project Type	From Bus Number used in SPP MIDWG new bus	From Bus Name	To Bus Number used in SPP MIDWG new bus	To Bus Name	Circuit	Voltages (kV)	Number of Reconductor	Number of New	Number of Voltage Conversion	Summer Rating Normal/Emergency	Project Description/Comments
	835	11102	SPS	11/17/12	NTC	06/01/14		\$2,500,000	SPS	18 months	regional reliability	524772	EST Clovis 69 kV	524835	E Clovis 115 kV	1	115					Move load from 69 to 115 kV bus
20032	697	10914	MIDW		NTC-Modify Timing	06/01/13	01/27/09	\$6,250,000	MIDW	30 months	regional reliability	533419	Hutchinson Energy Center 115 KV	530618	Huntsville 115 kV	1	115	21.1			164/194	Rebuild 21.1 mile HEC - Huntsville 115 kV line and replace CT, wave trap and relays.
	489	10633	MIDW		NTC	06/01/14		\$5,250,000	MIDW	30 months	regional reliability	530618	Huntsville 115 kV	530624	St. John 115 kV	1	115	26.55			164/199	Rebuild 26.55 mile Huntsville - St. John 115 kV line and replace CT, wavetrap, breakers, and relays.