

January 11, 2012

The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

**Re: *Southwest Power Pool, Inc., Docket No. ER12-430-____
(Request for Deferral of Commission Action)***

Dear Secretary Bose:

On November 17, 2011, in Docket No. ER12-430-000, Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (“SPP”) submitted amendments to Attachment AE of its Open Access Transmission Tariff (“Tariff”)¹ to delete the requirement for SPP to perform and post a daily simultaneous feasibility deliverability analysis study of the day-ahead resource plans in the SPP Energy Imbalance Market (“November 17 Filing”). As discussed below, SPP requests deferral of Commission action on the November 17 Filing until May 24, 2012.

On November 18, 2011, the Commission issued a Combined Notice of Filings in Docket No. ER12-430-000 in which it set the Comment Date of December 8, 2011 for the November 17 Filing. No parties have intervened, protested, or filed comments in Docket No. ER12-430-000. Subsequent to the Comment Date, Commission Staff contacted SPP with questions regarding the uncontested November 17 Filing. SPP

¹ Southwest Power Pool, Inc., FERC Electric Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1 (“SPP Tariff”).

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intends to address Commission Staff's questions by amending the November 17 Filing. Therefore, SPP requests that the Commission defer action on the November 17 Filing to allow SPP additional time to consult with its stakeholders and the SPP Board of Directors prior to filing the amendment. Specifically, SPP requests deferral of Commission action until May 24, 2012 to allow SPP to discuss the amendment with the stakeholders at the upcoming February and April stakeholder working group and committee meetings, and with the SPP Board of Directors at its next scheduled meeting on April 24, 2012. SPP intends to amend the November 17 Filing after the SPP Board of Directors meeting.²

² Because SPP is not submitting any amended tariff sections with this request for deferral of Commission action, there is no requested "effective date" for this filing. Therefore, SPP is specifying 12/31/9998 in the eTariff metadata for this filing, in accordance with FERC's Implementation Guide for Electronic Filing of Parts 35, 154, 284, 300, and 341 Tariff Filings.

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The Commission should grant the requested deferral of Commission action because such deferral: (i) will not prejudice any parties as the November 17 Filing is uncontested; (ii) will allow SPP to consult with its stakeholders and the SPP Board of Directors prior to amending the November 17 Filing; and (iii) will allow SPP to fully address Commission Staff's questions and concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie L. Bumgarner

**Attorney for
Southwest Power Pool, Inc.**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Dated at Washington, D.C., this 11th day of January, 2012.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carrie L. Bumgarner". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Carrie L. Bumgarner