

SPP-NTC-200176

**SPP**  
**Notification to Construct**

January 16, 2012

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

RE: Notification to Construct for Generation Interconnection Request GEN-2010-057

Dear Mr. Stuchlik,

Pursuant to Section 3.3 of the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. ("SPP") Membership Agreement and Attachment O, Section VI, 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 Upgrade(s).

The Network Upgrade is required on the WR system to fulfill the Generator Interconnection Request as detailed in the Generator Interconnection Agreement for GEN-2010-057, dated December 27, 2011.

**New Network Upgrades**

**Project ID:** 30383

**Project Name:** MULTI - RICE - CIRCLE 230KV CONVERSION

**Estimated In Service Date:** 9/20/2012

**Estimated Cost for Project:** \$18,604,847 (this project cost contains Network Upgrades not included in this NTC)

**Network Upgrade ID:** 50465

**Network Upgrade Name:** Rice - Circle 230 kV Ckt 1 (WR portion)

**Network Upgrade Description:** Install necessary equipment and perform line work at Circle substation to accommodate new bus position for conversion of Rice County - Circle 230kV.

**Network Upgrade Owner:** Westar Energy

**MOPC Representative:** Tom Stuchlik, John Olsen

**TWG Representative:** Mo Awad

**Categorization:** Generation Interconnection

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**Network Upgrade Specification:** Circle 230kV substation work: provide a 230kV terminal for connection of WR's 230kV transmission line to Midwest Energy, Inc.'s ("MIDW") Rice County substation. These costs will include the modification of the MIDW transmission line from Rice County to Circle 230kV substation from the point of crossing of highway K-61 to the Circle 230kV substation, as well as other costs incurred by WR to modify incoming transmission lines and the Circle 230kV substation. More details provided by GEN-2010-057 Facilities Study performed by WR on 11/02/2011.

**Network Upgrade Justification:** GEN-2010-057.

**Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars):** \$5,095,881

**Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade:** Direct Assigned, eligible for credits per Attachment Z2.

**Estimated Cost Source:** WR

**Date of Estimated Cost:** 12/27/2011

**Commitment to Construct**

Pursuant to Attachment O, Section VI.6 of the SPP OATT, please provide a written commitment to construct the Network Upgrade(s) to SPP within 90 days of the date of this NTC, as well as 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 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 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.

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Thank you for the important role that you play in maintaining the reliability of our electric grid.

Sincerely,



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