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**SPP
Notification to Construct**

February 19, 2013

Mr. Mo Awad
Westar Energy, Inc.
P.O. Box 889
Topeka, KS 66601

RE: Notification to Construct Approved Reliability Network Upgrades

Dear Mr. Awad,

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).

On January 29, 2013, the SPP Board of Directors approved the Network Upgrade(s) listed below to be constructed as part of the 2012 Integrated Transmission Planning Near-Term Assessment.

Upgrades with Modifications

Previous NTC Number: 200179

Previous NTC Issue Date: 4/9/2012

Project ID: 30349

Project Name: XFR - Auburn Road 230/115 kV Transformer Ckt 1

Need Date for Project: 6/1/2014

Estimated Cost for Project: \$29,507,894

Network Upgrade ID: 50398

Network Upgrade Name: Auburn Road 230/115/13.8 kV Ckt 1 Auto Upgrade

Network Upgrade Description: Upgrade Auburn Road 230/115 kV transformer to 440 MVA.

Network Upgrade Owner: WR

MOPC Representative(s): John Olsen, Tom Stuchlik

TWG Representative: Mo Awad

Reason for Change: SPP staff re-evaluated the project and determined it is the best regional solution. The Board approved removal of the conditions on this project.

Categorization: Regional reliability

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Network Upgrade Specification: All elements and conductor must have at least an emergency rating of 440 MVA.

Network Upgrade Justification: To address the overload of the Auburn Road 230/115 kV transformer for the loss of the Jeffrey Energy Center - Hoyt 345 kV line.

Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars): \$29,507,894

Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade: Base Plan

Estimated Cost Source: WR

Date of Estimated Cost: 11/26/2012

Commitment to Construct

Within 90 days of this NTC, Please provide to SPP a written commitment to construct the Network Upgrade(s) pursuant to Attachment O, Section VI.6 of the SPP OATT and 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.

Mitigation Plan

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

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


Please continue to keep SPP advised of any inability on WR's part to complete the approved Network Upgrade(s). For project tracking, SPP requires WR to submit quarterly status updates of the Network Upgrade(s) 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.

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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 "Lanny Nickell". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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