

SPP-NTC-200221

SPP
Notification to Construct

March 18, 2013

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

RE: Notification to Construct Approved ITP10 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 31, 2012, the SPP Board of Directors approved the Network Upgrade(s) listed below to be constructed as part of the 2012 Integrated Transmission Planning 10-Year Assessment ("ITP10"). On April 9, 2012, SPP issued WR the Notification to Construct with Conditions ("NTC-C") No. 200182.

On February 22, 2013, SPP received WR's NTC-C Project Estimate(s) ("CPE") for the Network Upgrade(s) specified in the NTC-C No. 200182. SPP approved the CPE(s) as meeting the requirements of Condition No. 1 of the NTC-C, and an NTC would therefore be automatically issued for the Network Upgrade(s).

Upgrades with Modifications

Previous NTC Number: 200182

Previous NTC Issue Date: 4/9/2012

Project ID: 30367

Project Name: Multi - Elm Creek - Summit 345 kV

Need Date for Project: 3/1/2018

Estimated Cost for Project: \$113,049,038 (this project cost contains Network Upgrades not included in this NTC)

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Network Upgrade ID: 50429

Network Upgrade Name: Elm Creek - Summit 345 kV Ckt 1 (WR)

Network Upgrade Description: Build new 345 kV line from the Summit substation to the ITC Great Plains, LLC interception point from the Elm Creek substation.

Network Upgrade Owner: WR

MOPC Representative(s): John Olsen, Tom Stuchlik

TWG Representative: Mo Awad

Reason for Change: The CPE(s) for this project was determined to meet the requirements of Condition No. 1 of the NTC-C No. 200182. Therefore, the conditions of the project are removed.

Categorization: ITP10

Network Upgrade Specification: All elements and conductor must have at least an emergency rating of 1792 MVA.

Network Upgrade Justification: To address voltage collapse at Elm Creek 230 kV for the loss of the Elm Creek - Northwest Manhattan 230 kV line.

Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars): \$66,202,442

Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade: Base Plan

Estimated Cost Source: WR

Date of Estimated Cost: 2/22/2013

Commitment to Construct

Please provide to SPP a written commitment to construct the Network Upgrade(s) within 90 days of the date of this NTC, pursuant to Attachment O, Section VI.6 of the SPP OATT, in addition to providing a construction schedule. 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.

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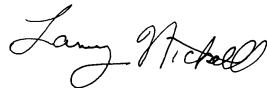
Notification of Progress

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, SPP requires WR to submit status updates of the Network Upgrade(s) quarterly 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. Thank you for the important role that you play in maintaining the reliability of our electric grid.

Sincerely,



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