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**SPP  
Notification to Construct**

February 25, 2015

Mr. Mo Awad  
Westar Energy, Inc.  
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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 Attachments O and Y 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 27, 2015, the SPP Board of Directors approved the Network Upgrade(s) listed below to be constructed as part of the 2015 Integrated Transmission Planning 10-Year ("ITP10") Assessment.

**New Network Upgrades**

**Project ID:** 30850

**Project Name:** Line - Iatan - Stranger 345 kV Ckt 1 Voltage Conversion

**Need Date for Project:** 1/1/2019

**Estimated Cost for Project:** \$15,726,289 (this project cost contains Network Upgrades not included in this NTC)

**Date of Estimated Cost:** 12/1/2014

**Estimated Cost Source:** SPP

**Network Upgrade ID:** 51284

**Network Upgrade Name:** Iatan - Stranger Creek 345 kV Ckt 1 Voltage Conversion (WR)

**Network Upgrade Description:** Convert WR's portion of the existing 18.2-mile 161 kV line from Iatan to Stranger Creek to 345 kV operation. Install any necessary terminal equipment at Stranger Creek.

**Network Upgrade Owner:** WR

**MOPC Representative(s):** John Olsen, Tom Stuchlik

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**TWG Representative:** Mo Awad

**Categorization:** Economic

**Network Upgrade Specification:** All elements and conductor must have at least an emergency rating of 1195 MVA.

**Network Upgrade Justification:** Identified in ITP10 primarily as an economic project.

**Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade:** Base Plan

**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, in addition to providing a construction schedule and an updated  $\pm 20\%$  cost estimate, NTC Project Estimate, in the Standardized Cost Estimate Reporting Template for the Network Upgrade(s). Failure to provide a sufficient written commitment to construct as required by the SPP OATT 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**

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.

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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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