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Notification to Construct**

December 21, 2015

Mr. Nathan McNeil
Westar Energy, Inc.
P.O. Box 889
Topeka, KS 66601

RE: Notification to Construct Approved Reliability Network Upgrades

Dear Mr. McNeil,

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 February 18, 2015, SPP issued NTC No. 200335 to Mid-Kansas Electric Company for Project ID No. 30732 identified as a part of the High Priority Incremental Load Study ("HPILS").

On October 27, 2015, the SPP Board of Directors approved the issuance of modified NTCs to WR and Mid-Kansas Electric Company for Project ID No. 30732 listed below, pending the completion of analysis that confirms the proposed solution resolves the need and does not create any other adverse impact.

New Network Upgrades

Project ID: 30732

Project Name: Multi - Anthony - Bluff City - Caldwell - Mayfield - Milan - Viola 138 kV Ckt 1

Need Date for Project: 6/1/2015

Estimated Cost for Project: \$43,265,193 (this project cost contains Network Upgrades not included in this NTC)

Network Upgrade ID: 51395

Network Upgrade Name: Viola 138 kV Line Tap (WR)

Network Upgrade Description: Install new 3-breaker ring bus at Viola 138 kV substation. Tap existing 138 kV line from Milan to Milan Tap approximately 0.25 miles

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from the Viola substation and terminate both end points at Viola. WR and Mid-Kansas Electric Company shall decide who shall build how much of this Network Upgrade and shall provide such information, along with specific cost estimates for each DTO's portion of the Network Upgrade, to SPP in its response to this NTC.

Network Upgrade Owner: WR

MOPC Representative(s): John Olsen

Categorization: High priority

Network Upgrade Specification: All elements and conductor must have at least an emergency rating of 190 MVA.

Network Upgrade Justification: To address needs identified in HPILS.

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.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lanny Nickell'.

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John Olsen - WR