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**SPP
Notification to Construct**

June 23, 2017

Mr. Derek Brown
Westar Energy, Inc.
P.O. Box 889
Topeka, KS 66601

RE: Notification to Construct Approved Reliability Network Upgrades

Dear Mr. Brown,

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 April 12, 2017, SPP concluded that the Network Upgrade(s) below are required on the WR system to fulfill delivery point request(s) as detailed in the Delivery Point Network Study for delivery point request DPA-2016-Mar-596. On June 13, 2017, SPP received all executed Transmission Service Agreements associated with DPA-2016-Mar-596.

New Network Upgrades

Project ID: 31086

Project Name: Line - DePaul - Girard Jct - Franklin - Sugar Creek 69 kV

Need Date for Project: 12/31/2018

Estimated Cost for Project: \$15,808,157

Network Upgrade ID: 51631

Network Upgrade Name: DePaul - Girard Jct 69 kV

Network Upgrade Description: 2.3 miles of the existing DePaul-Girard Jct. 69 kV line will be rebuilt with single 1192.5 Bunting ACSR.

Network Upgrade Owner: WR

MOPC Representative(s): John Olsen, Lloyd Jackson

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TWG Representative: N/A

Categorization: Regional Reliability

Network Upgrade Specification: All elements and conductor must have an emergency rating of at least 149 MVA.

Network Upgrade Justification: DPA-2016-Mar-596

Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars): \$9,142,063

Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade: Base Plan

Estimated Cost Source: WR

Date of Estimated Cost: 5/15/2017

Network Upgrade ID: 51632

Network Upgrade Name: Franklin - Sugar Creek 69 kV

Network Upgrade Description: Two new 3.5 mile circuits of 69 kV line will be constructed with a single 1192.5 Bunting ACSR from Franklin substation to the point on the DePaul-Girard Jct. 69 kV line where the rebuild ends.

Network Upgrade Owner: WR

MOPC Representative(s): John Olsen, Lloyd Jackson

TWG Representative: N/A

Categorization: Regional Reliability

Network Upgrade Specification: All elements and conductor must have an emergency rating of at least 149 MVA.

Network Upgrade Justification: DPA-2016-Mar-596

Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars): \$6,666,094

Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade: Base Plan

Estimated Cost Source: WR

Date of Estimated Cost: 5/15/2017

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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

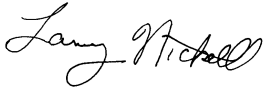
On an ongoing basis, please keep SPP advised of any inability on WR's part to complete the approved Network Upgrade(s). For project tracking, SPP requires WR to submit status updates of the Network Upgrade(s) quarterly in conjunction with the SPP Board of Directors meetings. However, WR shall also advise 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. Thank you for the important role that you play in maintaining the reliability of our electric grid.

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Sincerely,



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