

**SPP
Notification to Construct**

August 16, 2017

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

RE: Notification to Construct Generator Interconnection Network Upgrade

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).

The Network Upgrade is required on the WR system to fulfill the Generator Interconnection Request as detailed in the Generator Interconnection Agreement for GEN-2015-016, Service Agreement (SA) 3225 with an Effective Date of June 22, 2016.

New Network Upgrades

Project ID: 31075

Project Name: Sub - Tap Centerville-Marmaton 161kV (GEN-2015-016 Addition)

Need Date for Project: 10/31/2018

Estimated Cost for Project: \$8,688,000 (this project cost contains Network Upgrades not included in this NTC)

Date of Estimated Cost: 6/22/2016

Estimated Cost Source: GIA for GEN-2015-016 (SA 3225)

Network Upgrade ID: 51615

Network Upgrade Name: Tap Centerville-Marmaton 161kV GEN-2015-016 Addition (WERE)

Network Upgrade Description: Westar Energy, Inc. Marmaton Substation: Change relay settings to accommodate the construction of the Transmission Owner's new 161kV

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switch station.

Network Upgrade Owner: WR

MOPC Representative(s): John Olsen, Mo Awad

TWG Representative: N/A

Categorization: Generation Interconnection

Network Upgrade Specification: Marmaton 161kV Substation: Change relay settings to accommodate the construction of the Transmission Owner's new 161kV switch station.

Network Upgrade Justification: For interconnection of GEN-2015-016

Need Date for Network Upgrade: 10/31/2018

Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars): \$110,000

Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade: GI CUSTOMER

Estimated Cost Source: Estimate from GIA for GEN-2015-016 (SA 3225)

Date of Estimated Cost: 6/22/2016

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

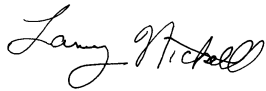
On an ongoing basis, please keep SPP advised of any inability on WR's part to complete the approved Network Upgrade(s). For project tracking, SPP requires WR to submit status updates of the Network Upgrade(s) quarterly in conjunction with the SPP Board of Directors meetings. However, WR shall also advise 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,



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