

**SPP
Notification to Construct**

November 14, 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 October 31, 2017, the SPP Board of Directors approved the Network Upgrade listed below to be modified as specified.

Upgrades with Modifications

Previous NTC Number: 200430

Previous NTC Issue Date: 2/21/2017

Project ID: 31082

Project Name: Sub - Butler - Altoona 138 kV Terminal Upgrades

Need Date for Project: 1/1/2017

Estimated Cost for Project: \$247,332

Network Upgrade ID: 51626

Network Upgrade Name: Butler - Altoona 138 kV Terminal Upgrades

Network Upgrade Description: Upgrade any necessary terminal equipment at Altoona and Butler substations to increase the rating of the 138 kV line.

Network Upgrade Owner: WR

MOPC Representative(s): John Olsen, Mo Awad

TWG Representative: N/A

Reason for Change: Original Network Upgrade Specification for at least an emergency rating of 110 MVA could not be met by the Designated Transmission Owner but the Network Upgrade was deemed acceptable with an emergency rating of at least 101

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MVA, which the Designated Transmission Owner can meet.

Categorization: Economic

Network Upgrade Specification: All elements and conductor must have at least an emergency rating of 101 MVA.

Network Upgrade Justification: Identified as needed as an economic project in the 2017 ITP10.

Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars): \$247,332

Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade: Base Plan

Estimated Cost Source: WR

Date of Estimated Cost: 5/15/2017

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

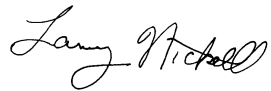
On an ongoing basis, please keep SPP advised of any inability on WR's part to complete the approved Network Upgrade(s). For project tracking, SPP requires WR to submit status updates of the Network Upgrade(s) quarterly in conjunction with the SPP Board of Directors meetings. However, WR shall also advise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

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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'.

Lanny Nickell

Vice President, Engineering

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