

# MEMORANDUM

**To:** SPP Qualified RFP Participants

**From:** SPP Regulatory Processes Department

**Date:** March 3, 2021

**Re:** Competitive Upgrades Status

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On March 2, 2021 the SPP Board of Directors approved the Staff recommendation to re-evaluate the Butler-Tioga 138kV project and to suspend the Transmission Owner Selection Process (“TOSP”) for SPP-RFP-000004. The re-evaluation study is estimated to be complete in less than 30 days and will be presented to the Board following completion no later than April 27, 2021. Consistent with Attachment Y Section VIII.3(b) and the estimated date for the reevaluation completion, the RFP response deadline of August 2, 2021 has not been modified at this time. This means that SPP Staff will not be carrying forward activities related to the Industry Expert Panel at this time during the suspension. Staff will still host the scheduled Pre-Response meeting on March 9, 2021 and will continue to answer those technical and process questions from potential bidders that do not require the assistance of the expert panel. Future impacts to the TOSP for this RFP will be determined following Board action on the completed re-evaluation of this project.