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**SPP  
Notification to Construct**

December 3, 2021

Mr. Marcos Mora  
NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC  
700 Universe Boulevard  
Juno Beach, FL 33408

RE: Notification to Construct Approved Reliability Network Upgrades

Dear Mr. Mora,

On October 29, 2019, the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. ("SPP") Board of Directors ("Board") approved the Network Upgrade listed below to be constructed as part of the 2019 Integrated Transmission Planning ("ITP") Assessment. The Network Upgrade was deemed to be a Competitive Upgrade in accordance with Section I of Attachment Y of the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT") which requires the selection of a Designated Transmission Owner ("DTO") through the Transmission Owner Selection Process ("TOSP") in Attachment Y of the SPP OATT. On October 26, 2021, the Board concluded the Transmission Owner Selection Process for the Network Upgrade by selecting NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC ("NEET SW") as the DTO.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 3.3 of the SPP Membership Agreement and Attachments O and Y of the SPP OATT, SPP provides this Notification to Construct ("NTC") directing NEET SW, as the DTO, to construct the Network Upgrade.

**New Network Upgrades**

**Project ID:** 81547

**Project Name:** Line - Wolf Creek - Blackberry 345 kV

**Need Date for Project:** 1/1/2026<sup>1</sup>

**Estimated Cost for Project:** \$97,386,260 (this project cost contains Network Upgrades not included in this NTC)

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<sup>1</sup>NEET SW guaranteed an in-service date of 1/1/2025 in the NEET SW RFP ([SPP RFP000003](#)).

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**Network Upgrade ID:** 122598  
**Network Upgrade Name:** Wolf Creek - Blackberry 345 kV  
**Network Upgrade Description:** Build a new 345 kV line from Wolf Creek to Blackberry with a summer emergency rating of 2512 MVA<sup>2</sup>  
**Network Upgrade Owner:** NEET SW  
**MOPC Representative(s):** Marcos Mora  
**TWG Representative(s):** N/A  
**Categorization:** Economic  
**Network Upgrade Specification:** All elements and conductor must have at least an emergency rating of 2512 MVA  
**Network Upgrade Justification:** Project identified in 2019 ITP Assessment  
**Estimated Cost for Network Upgrade (current day dollars):** \$85,168,938  
**Cost Allocation of the Network Upgrade:** Base Plan  
**Estimated Cost Source:** NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC  
**Date of Estimated Cost:** 10/26/2021

### **Commitment to Construct**

In accordance with Section III of Attachment Y of the SPP OATT, in order to become the DTO of the Network Upgrade, within seven (7) calendar days of receiving this NTC, NEET SW must (1) provide written notification to SPP that it accepts the NTC and (2) submit to SPP a deposit in accordance with Section III.2(d)(xii) of Attachment Y of the SPP OATT. NEET SW shall be deemed to have waived its right to become the DTO if these requirements are not met.

By accepting the NTC, NEET SW agrees that as the DTO selected by the Board through the TOSP, that NEET SW will complete the Network Upgrade in accordance with the RFP Proposal submitted by NEET SW in the TOSP for the Network Upgrade.

### **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 NEET SW's part to complete the approved Network Upgrade(s). For project tracking, SPP requires NEET SW's to submit

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<sup>2</sup> 2019 ITP Assessment Study identified a minimum emergency rating of 1792 MVA. NEET SW's proposed an emergency rating of 2512 MVA in the NEET SW RFP ([SPP RFP000003](#)).

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status updates of the Network Upgrade(s) quarterly in conjunction with the SPP Board of Directors meetings. However, NEET SW 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(s), and nothing in this letter shall vary such terms and conditions.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or comments about these requests. Thank you for the important role that you play in maintaining the reliability of our electric grid.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Lucas', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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