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1	In the SPP Minimum Transmission Design Standards for Competitive Upgrades, Rev 3, Section 2.6 states that the conversion from conductor ampacity to conductor temperature shall be based on IEEE 738, Standard for Calculating the Current-Temperature Relationship of Bare Overhead Conductors. Can SPP clarify if we should use the IEEE Standard 738-2006 or the IEEE Standard 738-2023 for conductor thermal evaluation in the Mathewson-Redbud RFP?	The applicable IEEE Standard is the most current that was active at the time the RFP was issued. IEEE Standard 738-2023 became active in December 2023 and will be the version to be followed for the Mathewson-Redbud RFP.	5/15/2024
2	Can you please clarify if SPP has a recommended value for Radial Thermal Conductivity?	Radial Thermal Conductivity is not a designated value. Section 2.6 of the Minimum Transmission Design Standards for Competitive Upgrades stipulates "The RFP will specify the design wind speed, wind direction, ambient air temperature, absorptivity, emissivity, and time of day. The Respondent is responsible for determining the value of the remaining parameters."	5/31/2024
3	Is there accommodation in the RFP response workbook for a partial-year construction / mid-year in-service data?	There is no accommodation for partial-year construction or mid-year in-service date. Respondents may include any additional supporting materials they feel necessary to support their proposal.	5/31/2024

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4	The RFP response workbook is limited to one year construction, can this be expanded? SPP workbook only has one option in '3 - PVRR_ROE' tab, cell K:16	The posted RFP Response Form Excel Workbook contains CWIP based on the need date of 1/1/2025. However, with the new process for estimating the in-service date, which is April 2027, those CWIP years should take into account the estimated in-service date. An updated RFP Response Form Excel Workbook will be posted to make this change to all three PVRR tabs.	5/31/2024
5	Does SPP require a uniformed useful book life for the RFP response workbook? 40-years is hardcoded in the '3 - PVRR_ROE' tab.	RFP requirements are identified in the RFP and RFP response forms. Respondents should include any information and supporting materials they feel is relevant to their proposal and the evaluation of their proposal.	5/31/2024
6	Please clarify what voltages should be considered as EHV as noted in the following sections of the IEP Direction to Respondents documents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •2A.2 Rights-of-Way (ROW) Acquisition •2A.5 Construction Plan •3A.1 Control Center Operations (staffing, etc.). 	The volatage to be used for extra high voltage (EHV) is 345 kV and above.	7/29/2024

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7	For the worksheets Financial Statements (4B) and Cash Flow (4C), should Year-1 represent the first year of commercial operations? Or should it include the construction period?	There is no specific requirement. Respondents should include any information and supporting materials they feel is relevant to their proposal and the evaluation of their proposal.	8/12/2024
8	Sales Tax is pre-populated in the RFP workbook, worksheet 2A cell B:42. Is the expectation that all respondents use that input number	Each bidder should populate the sales tax applicable to their proposal.	8/12/2024
9	How does SPP evaluate a levelized revenue requirement, because the Budget Workbook does not accommodate utilizing such a calculation? I.e., the workbook only allows for a declining rate base revenue requirement.	Evaluation of a proposal is conducted by the IEP, SPP does not evaluate proposals. The workbook is setup to get consistency between all bidders for evaluation and does not accommodate levelized revenue requirement. If an entity is proposing something different than what is part of the current RFP form, that entity will need to provide information and supporting materials to be reviewed and evaluated by the IEP.	8/16/2024

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10	The SPP Workbook requires capital investment to be inputted based on 2025 dollars, but the project will go into service in 2026 or 2027. The revenue requirement calculated could be understated without inflationary factors. Is there an opportunity in the SPP Workbook to capture inflationary costs to capital investment?	The RFP Excel Workbook is designed to show financial expenditure to begin with the awarding of the project which is the basis for the 2025 dollars. The workbook is setup to get consistency between all bidders for evaluation. If an entity is proposing or including something different than what is part of the current RFP form, that entity will need to provide information and supporting materials to be reviewed and evaluated by the IEP.	8/16/2024
	For the RFP Narrative Section 4A.5: Lifetime Cost of the Project to Customers, could you please provide more detail on what information you are seeking?	See the RFP Word Response Form Section 4A.5: Lifetime cost of the project to customers. Provide what the lifetime cost of this project will be to customers. Provide any supporting information or documentation not captured elsewhere (i.e. Excel Tables or other Attachments) to support this cost.	9/17/2024

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11	<p>What is the earliest date that Oklahoma Gas and Electric Co. ("OGE") could place the Mathewson - Red Bud Transmission line in-service, when will their upgrades be ready for commissioning activities?</p> <p>Source: STAFF Q3 2024 Quarterly Project Tracking Report Appendix 1.xls UID 158573 is projected to be in service on March 1, 2025 by OGE ("Column I") UID 158574 is projected to be in service on December 31, 2027 by OGE ("Column I")</p> <p>Is December 31, 2027 the earliest OGE would be prepared to place the Mathewson - Red Bud Transmission line in-service? Does the earlier in service date for 158573 indicate that OGE would be ready to be do commissioning activities prior to March 1, 2025?</p> <p>Request For Proposal - Section 2.4 Interconnection Information (pg. 8) - It is assumed that "SPS" in the last line of the last paragraph of that section should be "OGE" and state "...coordinate with OGE for access to the substation."</p>	<p>There is an error in the information provided in the Q3 2024 Project Tracking Report. In checking with OGE the projected in-service dates for UID 158573 and 158574 is December 31, 2027. These dates will be updated and any further updates to these in-service dates will be updated and tracked in the Quarterly Project Tracking Report and online in the TRAC project tracking system.</p> <p>Yes the reference the "SPS reference in the RFP Section 2.4 Interconnection Information is in error and the reference should be to "OGE" for any interconnection activity.</p>	9/17/2024



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12	Can SPP specify what loss factor and what load factor they want used in the loss calculations?	Line losses should be calculated based on a loading of 50% of the emergency rating as defined in the Minimum Transmission Design Standards (Section 2.7 Line Losses) and described in the IEP Direction to Respondents (Section 1A.2 Losses).	9/24/2024
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