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INFORMATIONAL FILING ONLY

December 1, 2015

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Room 1A-East
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Southwestern Public Service Company
Informational Filing: 2015 Transmission Formula Rate Annual Update
Per Settlement in Docket Nos. ER08-313-000 *et al.*

Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to the Formula Rate Implementation Procedures (“Protocols”) included with the Uncontested Offer of Settlement and Settlement Agreement (“Settlement”) approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) in Docket Nos. ER08-313-000 *et al.* by order dated December 2, 2009,¹ Southwestern Public Service Company (“SPS”) hereby submits, as an informational filing, the Annual Update of its Transmission Formula Rate. The Annual Update informational filing submitted herein includes the calculation of the 2016 SPS Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement (“ATRR”), 2014 ATRR true-up, and charges for transmission service on the SPS system for the upcoming rate year (January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016).

This submission is provided to the Commission for informational purposes only. This submission is not intended to be subject to the Commission’s notice requirements, and the Commission need not take any action in response to this informational filing.

Background

SPS is a corporation created and organized under the laws of the State of New Mexico with its principal office in Amarillo, Texas. SPS is a wholly-owned utility operating company subsidiary of Xcel Energy Inc. (“Xcel Energy”) engaged in, *inter alia*, the generation, purchase,

¹ See Order Approving the Uncontested Settlement, *Xcel Energy Servs. Inc.*, 129 FERC ¶ 61,193 (2009).

transmission, distribution, and/or sale of electricity in portions of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas. SPS is a transmission-owning member of the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (“SPP”). Transmission service over the SPS transmission system has been available under the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff (“SPP Regional OATT”) since June 2000.

Under Attachment O - SPS, the ATRR for the SPS pricing zone is posted on the SPS OASIS and reflected in Attachment H of the SPP Regional OATT, and forms the basis for billing Network Integration Transmission Service (“NITS”) customers and deriving the unit charges for Point-to-Point (“PTP”) transmission service to load located in the SPS pricing zone under both the Xcel Energy OATT and the SPP Regional OATT.

This Informational Filing

Pursuant to the Protocols approved with the Settlement (Appendix 1 to Attachment O – SPS of the Xcel Energy OATT), SPS hereby submits, as an informational filing, the Annual Update of its transmission formula rate for the upcoming 2016 rate year starting January 1, 2016. Pursuant to the Protocols, SPS posted, and distributed to its transmission customers, an Annual Update on October 1, 2015. SPS convened a meeting with affected customers on October 16, 2015. This submission is provided for informational purposes only.

Communications

XES requests that all correspondence and communications with respect to this informational filing be sent to the following:

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Conclusion

SPS will post a copy of this transmittal letter on the transmission page of the Xcel Energy Inc. website (www.xcelenergy.com), the SPS OASIS, and the SPP Member Related postings page so customers are aware of the informational filing. SPS will also electronically serve a courtesy copy of this transmittal letter on all parties to Docket No. ER08-313-000 et al. to notify them of the informational filing. Please direct any questions regarding this informational filing to the undersigned at (806) 378-2411 or Mr. Wesley Berger at (806) 378-2891.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Xcel Energy Services Inc., on behalf of
Southwestern Public Service Company

Attachments:

12-2015---Attachment O-SPS 2016_Rv2 Formula Rate Annual Update in PDF format
12-2015---Attachment O-SPS 2016_Rv2 Formula Rate Annual Update in Excel format
10-2015---Attachment O-SPS 2015 Transmission Formula Supporting Documentation (pdf)
10-2015---Disclosure of Material Accounting Changes SPS 2015 Annual Update (pdf)