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INFORMATIONAL FILING ONLY

January 27, 2017

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

Re: Southwestern Public Service Company
Supplement to Informational Filing: 2017 Transmission Formula Rate Annual Update
Per Settlement in Docket Nos. ER08-313-000 *et al.*

Dear Secretary Bose:

On December 1, 2016, 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”) submitted, as an informational filing, the Annual Update of its Transmission Formula Rate (“December Info Filing”). The Annual Update informational filing submitted included the calculation of the 2017 SPS Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement (“ATRR”), 2015 ATRR true-up, and charges for transmission service on the SPS system for the current rate year (January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017).

The submission was provided to the Commission for informational purposes only. The submission was not intended to be subject to the Commission’s notice requirements.

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, transmission, distribution, and/or sale of electricity in portions of Texas, New Mexico,

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

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 Supplement to the December 1 Info Filing

Included in the instant filing is a revised Annual Update that was posted and distributed to customers on December 28, 2016. In addition, pursuant to Section 7.6 of the offer of settlement approved by the Commission in Docket Nos. EL05-19-000 *et al.* by order dated October 29, 2015,² SPS is including a transmission refund report in the instant filing.

This supplemental submission is provided for informational purposes only, and the Commission need not take any action in response to this filing.

Communications

XES requests that all correspondence and communications with respect to this 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 this supplement to the December Info Filing. SPS will also electronically

² See Order Approving the Uncontested Settlement, *Southwestern Public Service Company*, 153 FERC ¶ 61,103 (2015).

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serve a courtesy copy of this transmittal letter on all parties to Docket No. ER08-313-000 et al. to notify them of the filing. Please direct any questions regarding this informational filing to the undersigned at (806) 378-2411 or Mr. Wesley Berger at (806) 378-2891.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Kevin Lewis

Kevin Lewis
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Southwestern Public Service Company

Attachments:

12-2016---Attachment O-SPS 2017_Rv4 Formula Rate Annual Update in Excel format
01-2017---Refund Report – ROE Settlement (pdf)