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## INFORMATIONAL FILING ONLY

December 3, 2018

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: 2018 Transmission Formula Rate Annual Update  
Per Attachment O-SPS Protocols  
Docket Nos. ER08-313-000 *et al.*

Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to the Formula Rate Implementation Procedures (“Protocols”) included as Appendix 1 to Attachment O-SPS to the Xcel Energy Operating Companies Open Access Transmission Tariff (“Xcel Energy Tariff”), 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 2019 SPS estimated Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement (“ATRR”), 2017 ATRR true-up, and charges for transmission service on the SPS system for the upcoming rate year (January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019). The Annual Update also includes SPS’s Base Plan Upgrade (“BPU”) revenue requirement, which includes the costs of BPU facilities recovered regionally under Schedule 11 to the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (“SPP”) Open Access Transmission Tariff (“SPP OATT”).

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, transmission, distribution, and/or sale of electricity in portions of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas. SPS is a transmission-owning member of the SPP. Transmission

service over the SPS transmission system has been available under the SPP OATT since June 2000.

Under Attachment O - SPS, the ATRR for the SPS pricing zone (Zone 11 to the SPP Tariff) is posted on the SPS OASIS and reflected in Attachment H of the SPP 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. The ATRR for the BPU Revenue Requirement is also posted on the SPS OASIS and reflected in Attachment H of the SPP OATT, and is incorporated in SPP regional transmission charges under Schedule 11 to the SPP OATT.

### **This Informational Filing**

Pursuant to the Protocols, SPS hereby submits, as an informational filing, the Annual Update of its transmission formula rate for the upcoming 2019 rate year starting January 1, 2019. Pursuant to the Protocols, SPS posted, and distributed to its transmission customers, an Annual Update on October 1, 2018. SPS convened a meeting with affected customers on October 17, 2018. This submission is provided for informational purposes only.

On November 27, 2018, in Docket No. ER19-404-000, SPS filed proposed modifications to its Attachment O-SPS transmission formula rate template. SPS requested an effective date of February 1, 2019 for those template modifications. SPS has posted on the Xcel Energy Transmission website<sup>1</sup> and distributed to its transmission service customers, a populated template showing the estimated 2019 rates under the modified template. Although the SPS filing in Docket No. ER19-404-000 remains pending Commission action, SPS is submitting the estimated 2019 ATRR and 2019 rates reflecting the template changes filed in Docket No. ER19-404-000 as part of this informational filing.

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.transmission.xcelenergy.com/Resources/Open-Access-Same-Time-Information-System-&-Open-Access-Transmission-Tariff>. See the SPS Formula Rate Matters tab.

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## **Communications**

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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.transmission.xcelenergy.com](http://www.transmission.xcelenergy.com)), the SPS OASIS, and the SPP Member Related postings page so SPS and SPP OATT 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachments:

11-2018---Attachment O-SPS 2019 Rate Projected Rv1 in PDF  
11-2018---Attachment O-SPS 2019 Rate Projected Rv1 in Excel  
11-2018---Attachment O-SPS 2019 Rate Proj Effect Feb 1 in PDF  
11-2018---Attachment O-SPS 2019 Rate Proj Effect Feb 1 in Excel  
10-2018---SPS Material Accounting Changes (pdf)  
10-2018---Supporting Documentation (pdf)