

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman;
Nora Mead Brownell, and Suedeen G. Kelly.

Mid-Continent Area Power Pool

Docket No. ER06-55-000

ORDER ACCEPTING TARIFF SHEETS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

(Issued December 19, 2005)

1. On October 20, 2005, the Mid-Continent Area Power Pool (MAPP) filed revised tariff sheets,¹ to be effective December 20, 2005, to conform its Available Transmission Capability (ATC) calculations to the provisions of the Seams Operations Agreement (SOA) between MAPP and the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO). This order accepts the tariff sheets filed by MAPP to be effective December 20, 2005, as requested, subject to conditions.

Details of the Filing

2. MAPP, on behalf of its public utility members, filed revisions to Attachment C of the MAPP Schedule F,² which governs ATC calculations. MAPP proposes to amend the attachment in order to conform its ATC calculation methodologies to provisions of the SOA between MAPP and the Midwest ISO.

3. MAPP states that on March 16, 2005, the Commission approved, subject to limited clarifications, the SOA which generally establishes the technical prerequisites for the coordinated administration of the Midwest ISO's energy markets and the non-market operations of the MAPP members that are not also Midwest ISO members.³ MAPP

¹First Revised Sheet No 114, First Revised Sheet No 115, First Revised Sheet No. 117 and First Revised Sheet No. 118 to MAPP's FERC Electric Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1.

² Schedule F is MAPP's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

³ *Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.*, 110 FERC ¶ 61,290 (2005).

states that, under the SOA, the Midwest ISO and MAPP have agreed to address issues related to the calculation of ATC, Total Transfer Capability (TTC), Availability Flowgate Capability (AFC), congestion management timing and service reservation issues between Schedule F and the Midwest ISO Open Access Transmission and Energy Markets Tariff (TEMT) in order to create a more seamless administration of the parties' two tariffs.

4. MAPP states that the primary changes to Attachment C include revisions reflecting that both firm and non-firm transmission service reservations within the planning horizon will be evaluated after reviewing counterflow impacts across specific flowgates. MAPP states that Attachment C has also been revised to establish that known impacts of energy schedules will be used when setting ATC. MAPP states that firm ATC will remain based upon transmission reservations rather than energy schedules in both the planning and operating horizon. MAPP also states that it made several minor typographical changes to Attachment C.

Public Notice, Interventions and Protests

5. Public notice of MAPP's filing was issued on October 26, 2005, providing for interventions and protests to be filed by November 10, 2005. Pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2005), the notices of intervention and timely, unopposed motions to intervene serve to make the entities that filed them parties to this proceeding.

6. A timely motion to intervene and protest was filed by MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican). MidAmerican states that it does not object to filings that bring other documents into conformity with the SOA. MidAmerican asserts that the proposed changes to Attachment C, however, do not provide adequate clarity into how ATC will be determined pursuant to Schedule F or to the SOA. MidAmerican contends that the proposed language in Attachment C contains only a general description of how MAPP will calculate ATC pursuant to the SOA. MidAmerican cites to the proposed language which states: "With regard to CBM [Capacity Benefit Margin], two values are used, one for the calculation of the firm ATC (NCBM)⁴ and one for the calculation of non-firm ATC (RCBM).⁵ These values are determined using an approved regional methodology." (Emphasis added indicating proposed revisions). MidAmerican states that it does not object to methodologies that are specified in prior Commission orders; MidAmerican simply cannot determine from the proposed language where that

⁴ Non-recallable capacity benefit margin.

⁵ Recallable capacity benefit margin.

methodology is to be found. MidAmerican argues that the Commission should require that Attachment C pinpoint the location of that methodology in the SOA or in MAPP's business practices.

7. On November 23, 2005, MAPP filed a request for leave to file an answer and answer to the protest of Mid American. Rule 213 (a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.213(a)(2)(2005), prohibits an answer to a protest unless otherwise ordered by the decisional authority. We will accept MAPP's answer because it has provided information that assisted us in our decision-making process.

8. MAPP asserts that Commission policy allows transmission providers to include information such as the details of ATC calculations in business practices posted on the relevant transmission provider's website or Open Access Same Time Information System (OASIS).⁶ MAPP states that its ATC methodology is delineated in *MAPP Policies and Procedures for Transmission Operations* manual, which is a business practice posted on MAPP's OASIS. MAPP states that section 2 and Appendices F, K, and L of that manual delineate MAPP's regionally- approved ATC methodology, including MAPP's treatment of counterflows, CBM and TTC. MAPP states that this methodology was approved by the MAPP Regional Transmission Committee (RTC) and the Midwest Reliability Organization. MAPP states that while Attachment C does not include the details of MAPP's ATC methodology, that methodology is posted on MAPP's OASIS where it may be viewed by MidAmerican or any other party. Accordingly, MAPP asserts that Attachment C does not need to be revised in order to pinpoint where MAPP's ATC methodology can be found.

Discussion

9. The Commission will accept MAPP's revised tariff sheets, to be effective December 20, 2005, subject to one modification. MidAmerican requested that Attachment C pinpoint the location of the ATC methodology in the SOA or in MAPP's business practices. In its answer, to MidAmerican's protest, MAPP stated that the ATC methodology is delineated in *MAPP Policies and Procedures for Transmission Operations*, which is a business practice posted on MAPP's OASIS. In order to make MAPP's tariff clear, the Commission directs MAPP to file revised tariff sheets, within 30 days of the date of this order, to reference the location of the ATC methodology when it

⁶ Citing, *Dynegy Power Marketing, Inc. v. Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*, 96 FERC ¶ 61,275 (2001); *Pennsylvania-New Jersey Maryland Interconnection*, 81 FERC ¶ 61,257 (1997).

refers to the “approved regional methodology.” Such change will ensure that transmission customers will have the ability to easily find the ATC methodology and determine how it works.

The Commission orders:

(A) MAPP’s proposed tariff sheets are conditionally accepted, effective December 20, 2005.

(B) MAPP is directed to file revised tariff sheets, within 30 days of the date of this order, as discussed in the body of this order.

By the Commission.

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Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.