

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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In Reply Refer To:
Mid-Continent Area Power Pool
Docket No. ER06-55-001

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Attention: Stephen M. Spina
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Reference: Revisions to Seams Operating Agreement

Dear Mr. Spina:

1. On January 18, 2006, you submitted, on behalf of Mid-Continent Area Power Pool (MAPP)¹ revised tariff sheets to MAPP's Seams Operating Agreement with Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO) in compliance with the Commission's order issued December 19, 2005 (December 19 Order).² You request an effective date of December 20, 2005. You state that, as required by the December 19 Order, pinpointed cites to MAPP *Policies and Procedures for Transmission Operations* have been added to Attachment C's descriptions of MAPP's Capacity Benefit Margin (CBM) and Transmission Reliability Margin (TRM) methodologies. As discussed below, the revised tariff sheets in your filing are accepted, effective December 20, 2005, as requested.

¹ This filing is made on behalf of each of the individual public utility members of MAPP, as if each such member had submitted a separate filing with the Commission. In making this filing, the public utility members of MAPP do not assume any joint responsibility for each other or for any other MAPP members with respect to the substance of this filing or otherwise.

² See *Mid-Continent Area Power Pool*, 113 FERC ¶ 61,286 (2005).

Background

2. On March 16, 2005, the Commission approved a Seams Operating Agreement between MAPP and Midwest ISO³ which established the technical prerequisites for the coordinated administration of Midwest ISO's energy markets and non-market operations of MAPP members who are not also Midwest ISO members. In response to a request in the Commission's acceptance of the Seams Operating Agreement, MAPP filed amendments to its current Attachment C on October 20, 2005, to conform its Available Transmission Capability (ATC) calculations to the provisions of the Seams Operating Agreement. The filing was protested by MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) which stated that MAPP's proposed amendments should be modified to pinpoint the location in MAPP's tariff of the approved regional methodology referenced in Attachment C when describing its CBM and TRM calculations. In the December 19 Order, the Commission accepted the tariff sheets in MAPP's filing effective December 20, 2005, subject to MAPP filing revised tariff sheets to reference the location of the ATC methodology when it refers to the "approved regional methodology" in order to ensure that transmission customers will have the ability to easily find the ATC methodology and determine how it works.

Procedural Matters

3. Notice of the filing was published in the *Federal Register*, 71 Fed. Reg. 5,825 (2006), with interventions and protests due on or before February 8, 2006. MidAmerican filed a timely motion to intervene.

4. MidAmerican states that it does not protest the tariff changes proposed by MAPP. However, MidAmerican notes that MAPP's Policies and Procedures web site contains a new draft Appendix F proposed to be effective February 28, 2006, which indicates that the new draft Appendix F is intended to incorporate the material in existing Appendices K through O of the *Policies and Procedures*. MidAmerican believes that MAPP should be required to make a subsequent tariff filing if and when the references to Appendix L and Appendix M become outdated.

Discussion

5. In the instant filing, MAPP has added language explaining that the "approved regional methodology" referred to in Attachment C's descriptions of MAPP's CBM and TRM methodologies is included in Appendix M and L, respectively, of the *Policies and Procedures for Transmission Operations* posted on the information section of its tariff on its website. MAPP has also corrected a typographical error in the *ATC Component*

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

Section of Attachment C, changing an incorrect reference to the acronym “TCC” to “TTC”. We find that MAPP has complied with the December 19 Order. We also find good cause to grant MAPP an effective date of December 20, 2005, since that date is consistent with the effective date of the tariff sheets conditionally accepted by the December 19 Order. We find the concerns raised by MidAmerican in its motion to intervene to be irrelevant to MAPP’s compliance filing and premature at this time. The concerns raised would be more appropriately addressed if and when MAPP files revisions to Appendix F.

6. The Commission hereby accepts MAPP’s modification to Attachment C of its Seams Operating Agreement to be effective December 20, 2005, as requested.

By direction of the Commission.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.