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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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In Reply Refer To:  
Southwest Power Pool, Inc.  
Docket No. ER14-2226-000

Southwest Power Pool, Inc.  
201 Worthen Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72223

Attention: Nicole Wagner  
Manager – Regulatory Policy

Dear Ms. Wagner:

1. On June 20, 2014, Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP) submitted an executed Agreement Establishing a Pseudo-Tie Electrical Interconnection Point (Agreement) among SPP, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (Arkansas Electric) as the market participant, and Entergy Arkansas, Inc. (Entergy Arkansas) as the external balancing authority (collectively, Parties). SPP states that the terms of the Agreement include terms and conditions that do not conform to the standard form of agreement that is in SPP's Open Access Transmission Tariff (Tariff). The Agreement is accepted subject to the outcome of the proceeding in Docket Nos. ER14-1653-000 and ER14-1653-001, as discussed below.

2. SPP explains that on April 3, 2014, in Docket No. ER14-1653-000 (April Filing), it filed proposed revisions to Attachment AO of its Tariff to modify the *pro forma* Agreement for use in all pseudo-tie arrangements, and that the April Filing is still pending before the Commission. SPP states that Arkansas Electric sought to establish a new pseudo-tie electrical interconnection point between the SPP balancing authority and the Entergy Arkansas balancing authority to allow the Arkansas Electric resources listed in the Agreement to be identified as part of the Entergy Arkansas balancing authority. As a result, the Parties entered into the Agreement, which is based on the version of Attachment AO included in SPP's April Filing.

3. SPP states that although the Agreement does not conform to the *pro forma* Agreement currently in its Tariff, the non-conforming language in the Agreement is identical to the proposed revisions to Attachment AO that are pending before the Commission in the April Filing. According to SPP, the changes to Attachment AO allow for resources and loads internal and external to SPP to pseudo-tie in or out of the SPP Balancing Authority. SPP states that the non-conforming language in the Agreement is necessary for Arkansas Electric to establish a pseudo-tie electrical interconnection point in anticipation of the June 1, 2014 effective date of its network service agreement with the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

4. SPP seeks waiver of the Commission's 60-day prior notice requirement to permit an effective date of June 1, 2014 for the Agreement. SPP argues that waiver is appropriate because the Agreement is being filed no later than 30 days after the commencement of service.

5. Notice of SPP's filing was published in the *Federal Register*, 79 Fed. Reg. 36,798 (2014), with interventions and protests due on or before July 11, 2014. A timely motion to intervene was filed by Arkansas Electric.

6. Pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2014), the timely, unopposed motion to intervene serves to make the entity that filed it a party to this proceeding.

7. Because the Agreement includes revisions to Attachment AO that are currently pending before the Commission in Docket Nos. ER14-1653-000 and ER14-1653-001, the Commission accepts the Agreement, subject to the outcome of the proceeding in Docket Nos. ER14-1653-000 and ER14-1653-001. With respect to SPP's request for waiver of the Commission's prior notice requirement, the Commission grants those waivers to the extent necessary, so that the Agreement may become effective on the latter of either June 1, 2014 or the effective date of SPP's proposed tariff revisions in Docket Nos. ER14-1653-000 and ER14-1653-001, in the event that these proposed tariff revisions are accepted by the Commission.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.