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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20426

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In Reply Refer To:
Southwest Power Pool, Inc.
Docket No. ER15-2347-000

Southwest Power Pool, Inc.
201 Worthen Drive
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Attn: Matthew Harward

Dear Mr. Harward:

1. On August 22, 2016, you submitted, in the above referenced proceeding, an offer of settlement (Settlement) on behalf of Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP), NorthWestern Corporation, Western Area Power Administration-Upper Great Plains Region (Western-UGP), and Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Settling Parties).¹ On September 2, 2016, Commission Trial Staff filed comments supporting the Settlement. No other comments were filed. On September 6, 2016, the Settlement Judge certified the Settlement to the Commission as an uncontested settlement.²

2. The Settlement addresses issues involving a Contract Services Agreement between SPP and Western-UGP, which governs tariff administration and other duties that SPP performs on behalf of Western-UGP for its transmission facilities in the Western Interconnection that were transferred to the functional control of SPP.

3. Section 4.6 of the Settlement provides that

¹ According to the Settlement, intervenors Missouri River Energy Services and Xcel Energy Services Inc. are not Settling Parties but do not oppose the Settlement, and intervenor Nebraska Public Power District takes no position on the Settlement. Settlement at n.1.

² *Sw. Power Pool, Inc.*, 156 FERC ¶ 63,041 (2016).

[t]he Settling Parties intend that upon Commission approval of this Settlement, any changes to the rates, terms, and conditions stated herein will be subject to the just and reasonable standard of review, not the more stringent public interest standard of review.

4. The Settlement resolves all issues in dispute in this proceeding. The Settlement appears to be fair and reasonable and in the public interest, and is hereby approved. The Commission's approval of this Settlement does not constitute approval of, or precedent regarding, any principle or issue in this proceeding.

5. This letter order terminates Docket No. ER15-2347-000.

By direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.