

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of NextEra)
Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC for a)
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity)
to Construct, Own, Operate, Maintain, and) EA-2022-0234
Otherwise Control and Manage a 345 kV)
Transmission Line and associated facilities)
In Barton and Jasper Counties, Missouri)

**APPLICATION TO INTERVENE OF
SOUTHWEST POWER POOL**

COMES NOW, Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP), by and through its attorneys, Heather H. Starnes and Terry M. Jarrett, of Healy Law Offices, LLC, pursuant to Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) rule 4 CSR 240-2.075, and files its Application to Intervene in this proceeding. In support thereof, SPP states as follows:

1. On July 7, 2022, the NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC (“NEET Southwest”) filed an application asking the Commission to grant a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage a 345 kV transmission line and associated facilities in Barton and Jasper Counties in Missouri, known as the Wolf Creek-Blackberry Project (Project).

2. On July 12, 2022, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice and Setting Intervention Date, which set an intervention deadline of August 5, 2022.

3. SPP is a Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and is responsible for taking all reasonable steps, including planning and general oversight duties, necessary to maintain and enhance the reliability of the electric transmission network operated by its member companies in Missouri and adjacent states.

4. The Project's need was determined by SPP's Integrated Transmission Planning (ITP) Process, which assesses near- and long-term infrastructure needs of the SPP Transmission System. The intent of the ITP is to bring about continued development of a cost-effective, flexible, and robust transmission network that will provide efficient, reliable access to the region's diverse generating resources. As described in Attachment O of SPP's FERC-approved Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT or Tariff), the ITP promotes transmission investment that will meet reliability, economic, and public policy needs. The ITP is an annual planning cycle and produces a 10-year transmission expansion plan each year, combining near-term, 10-year, and NERC transmission planning (TPL-001-4) assessments in one study.

5. As described above, SPP's interests will be substantially affected by the outcome of this proceeding, and the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will not be impaired by allowing intervention. Accordingly, SPP has an essential interest in the outcome of this proceeding, which cannot be adequately represented by any other party. Granting intervention to SPP would serve the public interest by allowing SPP to provide pertinent information and expertise as necessary to assist the Commission in making its determination in this docket.

6. SPP supports the CCN application of NEET Southwest and requests the Commission approve such application.

7. In addition to serving counsel named below, all correspondence, pleadings, notices, orders and other communications regarding this proceeding should also be sent to:

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WHEREFORE, SPP prays that this Commission issue an order granting its application to intervene in this proceeding and for such other orders and relief as may be appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 4th day of August, 2022:

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