



October 30, 2024

Nancy Dippell, Secretary & Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
200 Madison Street, P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: EA-2022-0234  
NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC

Dear Hon. Dippell:

Pursuant to the December 8, 2022 *Order Approving Settlement* issued in Docket No. EA-2022-0234 (“Order”), NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC (“NEET Southwest”) hereby submits its quarterly update on the construction progress of the NEET Southwest Wolf Creek-Blackberry 345 kV Transmission Project that spans Barton and Jasper counties in Missouri, as well as five counties in Kansas (“Project”).

### **GENERAL OVERVIEW**

NEET Southwest has continued to advance the development of the Project in the third quarter of 2024. NEET Southwest has finalized land acquisition activities, all agreements with affected counties have been completed, and construction activities are ongoing along the approved route in Kansas and working towards Missouri. Tree clearing activities in Missouri anticipated to begin in Q4 2024. NEET Southwest’s primary efforts in the third quarter of 2024 have included:

- Continuing with construction progress along the route.
- Continuing to negotiate Transmission Interconnection Agreement with Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. (“Evergy”).
- Working on a joint operation agreement with Evergy and AECl.

### **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

NEET Southwest’s estimated in-service date for the Project has been adjusted from January 1, 2025 to July 15, 2025, to adjust for the additional time required to perform its analysis of the potential co-location option and to coordinate construction with other timing constraints. The update to the expected in-service date has been accepted by SPP. NEET Southwest continues to utilize an experienced team made up of internal and external subject matter experts to develop and execute the Project.

**CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE**

NEET Southwest has completed the first round of tree clearing (along approximately 80% of the route) as of March 31, 2024. NEET Southwest continues the installation of poles in Kansas (currently there are ~130 poles installed).

**REGULATORY UPDATE**

**FERC**

NEET Southwest has not made any filings with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) in the third quarter 2024.

**Southwest Power Pool**

NEET Southwest has signed a Transmission Interconnection Agreement with AECI and SPP for interconnection of the Project to the Blackberry Substation in Missouri. NEET Southwest is continuing to negotiate a Transmission Interconnection Agreement with Evergy and SPP for interconnection to the Wolf Creek Substation in Kansas. On April 30, 2024, NEET Southwest notified SPP that the expected in-service date for the Project has shifted from January 1, 2025 to July 15, 2025 and the update to the expected in-service date was accepted by SPP.

**Agreements with Missouri Jurisdictional Public Utilities**

NEET Southwest has executed a crossing agreement with Barton County Cooperative and, as stated above, has executed a Transmission Interconnection Agreement with AECI.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**Project Budget – Highly Confidential**

The following is the estimated total budget for the Project. These estimates are subject to change as the Project continues to advance, including conducting engineering and determining the timing of materials procurement and construction planning.

The current total estimate for the Project [REDACTED].

**Spend to Date – Highly Confidential**

As of October 1, 2024, NEET Southwest has spent a total of approximately [REDACTED] on the development of the Project, which includes [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cost Category	Amount Expected to Have Been Spent to Date	Amount Spent to Date	Explanation of Increase and/or Decrease in Budget
Total costs	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**LAND UPDATE AND LANDOWNER COMMUNICATIONS**

**Easements Obtained**

As of October 1, 2024, NEET Southwest has obtained the following numbers of parcels in Kansas and Missouri:

State	Obtained	Total Parcels	Percentage Obtained
Kansas	257	257	100%
Missouri	26	26	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Landowner Contacts and Communications**

NEET Southwest continues to monitor landowner questions and concerns via the Project hotline. The hotline messages are forwarded to land agents to reach out directly to the landowners with additional follow-up from NEET Southwest personnel as needed.

**COUNTY AGREEMENTS AND OUTREACH**

NEET Southwest has executed Road Use Agreements with Jasper and Barton County in Missouri. NEET Southwest continues to visit the counties and their commissioners to keep them apprised of status of the Project.

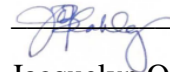
**AFFILIATE CONTRACTS**

NEET Southwest has not entered any new affiliate contracts related to operations, maintenance, and reliability.

**CONCLUSION**

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions.

Thank you,



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