



April 30, 2025

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 first quarter of 2025. NEET Southwest has completed land acquisition activities, all agreements with affected counties have been completed, and construction activities are ongoing along the approved route in Kansas and Missouri. All tree clearing activities are complete. NEET Southwest's primary efforts in the first quarter of 2025 have included:

- NEET Southwest is continuing with construction progress along the route in Kansas and Missouri.
- Interconnection with AECEI is complete.
- Final reviews are complete on the joint operation agreement with Evergy and Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("AECEI"). NEET Southwest expects to sign the agreement in May.

### **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

NEET Southwest continues to work towards the In-Service date of July 15, 2025. 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 all tree clearing required for the Project. NEET Southwest continues the installation of poles (currently there are ~526 poles out of 535 installed), and the Project is also over halfway complete with the installation of conductor.

## **REGULATORY UPDATE**

### **FERC**

On October 29, 2024, SPP filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”), on behalf and at the request of NEET Southwest, revisions to the SPP Tariff to incorporate NEET Southwest’s Zonal Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement within the Evergy Zone (identified in the Tariff as Zone 14) (FERC Docket No. ER25-252-000).

### **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 finalizing the Transmission Interconnection Agreement with Evergy, and the agreement has already been reviewed by SPP and is expected to be signed in May 2025.

### **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 and is finalizing a joint operation agreement with AECI.

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

### **Project Budget – Highly Confidential**

The following is the estimated total budget for the Project.

The current total estimate for the Project, [REDACTED]

### **Spend to Date – Highly Confidential**

As of April 1, 2025, NEET Southwest has spent a total of approximately [REDACTED] on the development of the Project, which includes [REDACTED]

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

### **LAND UPDATE AND LANDOWNER COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **Easements Obtained**

NEET Southwest has obtained 100% of the easements needed for the Project.

#### **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.

### **AFFILIATE CONTRACTS**

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

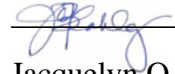
### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

NEET Southwest has entered into a contract with Southeast Power Corp. (“Southeast”) to provide emergency response services once the Project is operational. NEET Southwest will provide a copy of its contract with Southeast to the Commission upon project completion, consistent with the Order.

## **CONCLUSION**

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions.

Thank you,



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