

**BEFORE THE
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: Pat Apple, Chairman
Shari Feist Albrecht
Jay Scott Emler

In the Matter of a General Investigation for)
the Purpose of Investigating Whether Annual)
or Periodic Cost/Benefit Reporting by SPP) Docket No. 17-SPPE-117-GIE
and Kansas Electric Utilities that Participate)
in SPP is in the Public Interest.)

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Southwest Power Pool, Inc. ("SPP") hereby enters its appearance in this proceeding. SPP states:

1. On January 19, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Opening General Investigation in the above-captioned docket.¹ In Paragraph D of the January 19 Order, the Commission stated that SPP, and any Kansas utility that participates in SPP, shall be made a party to this proceeding by entering its appearance.

2. SPP is a Regional Transmission Organization ("RTO") approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC").² SPP has also received a certificate of convenience and authority from the Kansas Corporation Commission ("Commission") for the limited purpose of managing and coordinating transmission facilities for Kansas utilities.³

¹ Docket No. 17-SPPE-117-GIE, *Order Opening General Investigation*, at ordering paragraph A (January 19, 2017) ("January 19 Order").

² *Sw. Power Pool, Inc.*, 109 FERC ¶ 61,009 (2004), *order on reh'g*, 110 FERC ¶ 61,137 (2005).

³ See Docket Nos. 06-SPPE-202-COC and 06-WSEE-203-MIS, *Order Adopting Stipulation and Agreement and Granting Applications*, Ordering Clause E (September 19, 2006) ("September 2006 Order").

3. SPP is an Arkansas non-profit corporation with its principal place of business in Little Rock, Arkansas. SPP has ninety-five Members, including sixteen investor-owned utilities, fourteen municipal systems, twenty generation and transmission cooperatives, eight state agencies, fourteen independent power producers, twelve power marketers, ten independent transmission companies, and one federal agency. As an RTO, SPP administers open access transmission service over approximately 60,000 miles of transmission lines covering portions of Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming, across the facilities of SPP's Transmission Owners,⁴ and administers the Integrated Marketplace, a centralized day ahead and real-time energy and operating reserve market with locational marginal pricing and market-based congestion management.⁵

4. In addition to undersigned as counsel, all correspondence, pleadings, testimony, briefs, orders, etc. should be directed to the following:

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⁴ See *Sw. Power Pool, Inc.*, 89 FERC ¶ 61,084 (1999); *Sw. Power Pool, Inc.*, 86 FERC ¶ 61,090 (1999); *Sw. Power Pool, Inc.*, 82 FERC ¶ 61,267, *order on reh'g*, 85 FERC ¶ 61,031 (1998).

⁵ *Sw. Power Pool, Inc.*, 146 FERC ¶ 61,130 (2014) (order approving the start-up and operation of the Integrated Marketplace effective March 1, 2014).

WHEREFORE, SPP respectfully requests the Commission recognize SPP's entry of appearance in this matter and be afforded all rights and privileges attendant thereto, and for such other and further relief as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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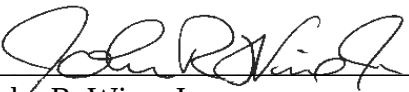
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I verify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



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Executed on April 20, 2017.

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