

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

BEFORE THE
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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 Docket Room

Before Commissioners: Thomas E. Wright, Chairman
Michael C. Moffet
Joseph F. Harkins

In the Matter of the Application of Prairie)
Wind Transmission, LLC for a Certificate of) Docket No. 08-PWTE-1022-COC
Public Convenience to Transact the Business)
of an Electric Public Utility in Ford, Kiowa,)
Clark, Comanche, Barber, Pratt, Harper,)
Kingman, Sumner and Sedgwick Counties,)
Kansas.)

PETITION TO INTERVENE

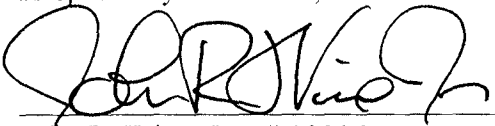
COMES NOW, the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (“SPP”) and pursuant to K.S.A. §77-521, petitions the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“the Commission”) for an order granting SPP intervention in the above-captioned matter. In support of its Petition, SPP states the following:

1. On May 19, 2008, Prairie Wind Transmission, LLC (“Prairie Wind”) filed its application requesting a certificate of public convenience and authority to site, construct, own, operate and maintain bulk electric transmission facilities in Kansas (“Application”).
2. Prairie Wind is a Delaware limited liability company authorized to do business in Kansas. Westar Energy, Inc. owns a 50% ownership interest and the remaining interest is owned by Electric Transmission America, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Electric Power Company, Inc. and MEHC America Transco, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company.

3. Prairie Wind proposes as an initial project a new 765 kV transmission system with two segments. One segment would run generally from Wichita to Medicine Lodge to Spearville and the other segment would run from Medicine Lodge to the Kansas-Oklahoma border. The project would also involve additional facilities interconnecting with existing electrical systems.
4. Prairie Wind indicates that the facilities will be under the functional control of SPP and placed under the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff (“OATT”). Application, at paragraph 19.
5. SPP, as a FERC-approved Regional Transmission Organization (“RTO”) and a regional Reliability Council, 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 Kansas and adjacent states.
6. SPP's interests would, thus, 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.

WHEREFORE, SPP respectfully requests the Commission grant its Petition for Intervention in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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**VERIFICATION
K.S.A. 53-601**

STATE OF KANSAS)
) ss:
COUNTY OF SHAWNEE)

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


John R. Wine, Jr.

Executed on June 6th, 2008.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above Petition to Intervene was placed in the United States mail, postage pre-paid, this 6th day of June, 2008, to the following:

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