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Re: Confidentiality of Application & Testimony

Dear Ms. Retz,

On behalf of NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC (“NEET Southwest”) and pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1220a and K.A.R. 82-1-221a, we provide this letter regarding the confidentiality designations in the Direct Testimonies of Becky Walding, Daniel Mayers, and Amanda Finnis as well as Exhibit Nos. AF-1 and DM-1, each filed on February 28, 2022. The filings are in support of NEET Southwest’s Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a transmission line in southeastern Kansas and southwestern Missouri, as further described in the Application (the “Project”).

The Project is the product of a competitive bidding process conducted by Southwest Power Pool (“SPP”) in which NEET Southwest and other transmission providers put together confidential bid packages to compete for the Project. This bidding process is anticipated to be the first of many SPP-sponsored bidding competitions for transmission lines in the region, and other regional transmission organizations (“RTOs”) are conducting similar bidding competitions throughout the country.

Information marked as Confidential in the Direct Testimonies of Ms. Walding, Mr. Mayers, and Ms. Finnis and in Exhibit No. DM-1 contains details from NEET Southwest’s confidential bid package, which was submitted under seal and remains screened from the public and competing bidders. If such information is released, it would substantially disadvantage NEET Southwest in future bids and would undermine the integrity of the bidding process. Accordingly, this information qualifies as a trade secret and proprietary commercial information under K.S.A. 66-1220a.

Exhibit No. DM-1 also contains Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (“CEII”) which is confidential pursuant to federal law.

The information marked as Confidential in Exhibit No. AF-1 contains details about financing arrangements between NEET Southwest and its affiliate which are not otherwise available to the public.



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Such information constitutes a trade secret and proprietary commercial information under K.S.A. 66-1220a, and its release would harm the competitive interests of NEET Southwest and its affiliates.

Confidential information in the Direct Testimonies is marked with asterisks, underlines, bold font, and highlighting (****example****). Confidential information in Exhibit No. AF-1 is highlighted in yellow. Exhibit No. DM-1 is Confidential in its entirety and is marked as such.

We appreciate your attention to this matter. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

/s/ Andrew O. Schulte

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