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June 15, 2011

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Room 1A-East
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Notice of Availability of Southwestern Public Service Company's
Transmission Formula Rate Annual True-Up Adjustment

Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to section 3b of Southwestern Public Service Company's ("SPS" or the "Company") transmission formula rate Annual Formula Rate Implementation Procedures, SPS hereby announces the availability of the 2010 True-Up Adjustment. The True-Up Adjustment and supporting documentation will be posted on the publicly accessible portions of the SPS page of the SPP OASIS and the transmission page of the Xcel Energy Inc. website.

On December 7, 2007, in Docket No. ER08-313-000, SPS filed a proposed formula rate to recover its transmission costs. The formula rate is contained in Attachment O – Southwestern Public Service Company (Attachment O – SPS) to the Xcel Energy Operating Companies Joint Open Access Transmission Tariff ("Joint OATT"). On December 2, 2009, the Commission approved a partial Settlement, establishing a formula transmission rate effective January 1, 2009.¹

Under the Annual Formula Rate Implementation Procedures (Procedures) set forth in Attachment O-SPS of the Settlement, the SPS transmission rates for a calendar Rate Year are initially Estimated Rates developed using a forecast test year, and are subject to a true-up to actual SPS costs after SPS files its FERC Form 1 report with the Commission. The Procedures require SPS to post the annual True-Up results by 5:00 p.m. CDT on June 15 after the end of the Rate Year, and to submit an informational letter to the Commission.

This letter is intended to comply with the informational requirement of the Procedures. This submission is provided to the Commission for informational purposes only, is not intended

¹ See *Xcel Energy Servs. Inc.*, Order Approving Uncontested Settlement, 129 FERC ¶ 61,193 (2009).

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to be subject to the Commission's notice requirements, and the Commission need not take any action in response to this letter.

As provided in the Procedures, SPS will contemporaneously post and notify its transmission customers, the parties to FERC Docket No. ER08-313-000 and affected state regulatory commissions of the availability of the 2010 True-up on the publicly-accessible portions of the SPS page of the SPP OASIS² and the Transmission page of the Xcel Energy Inc. Web Site.³ SPS is also scheduling the True-up Customer Meeting required by the Procedures, to be held on or prior to July 13, 2011.

Please direct any questions regarding this informational filing to Mr. Kevin Lewis of SPS at (806) 378-2411 or the undersigned at (612) 215-4592. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cc: All Parties to Docket No. ER08-313-000 *et al.*
SPS Transmission Customers
Affected State Commissions

² <http://www.oatioasis.com/SPS/index.html>.

³ http://www.xcelenergy.com/Texas/Company/Transmission/Pages/Open_Access_Transmission_Tariff.aspx.