

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF SOUTHWESTERN)
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY'S)
APPLICATION REQUESTING: (1))
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ITS FILING)
OF THE 2017 ANNUAL RENEWABLE)
ENERGY PORTFOLIO REPORT; (2))
APPROVAL OF ITS ANNUAL)
RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO) CASE NO. 18-_____-UT
PROCUREMENT PLAN FOR PLAN YEAR)
2019; (3) APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED)
RATE FOR ITS 2019 RENEWABLE)
PORTFOLIO STANDARD RIDER; (4))
APPROVAL OF ITS PROPOSED)
TREATMENT OF RENEWABLE)
ENERGY CERTIFICATES ASSOCIATED)
WITH THE SAGAMORE AND HALE)
WIND FACILITIES; AND (5) OTHER)
ASSOCIATED RELIEF,)
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SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE)
COMPANY,)
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APPLICANT.)
_____)

DIRECT TESTIMONY

of

BEN R. ELSEY

on behalf of

SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

July 2, 2018

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GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS AND DEFINED TERMS

<u>Acronym/Defined Term</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
2015 IRP	SPS's current IRP
CT	Combustion Turbine
DAM	Day Ahead Market
DART	Day Ahead and Real Time
DG	Distributed Generation
IRP	Integrated Resource Plan
kW	Kilowatt
LMP	Locational Marginal Price
MW	Megawatt
MWh	Megawatt-hour
Next Plan Year	SPS's Filing for Plan Year 2020
NOx	Nitrogen Dioxide
O&M	Operation and Maintenance
Plan Year	SPS's filing for Plan Year 2019
PPA	Purchased Power Agreement
RCT	Renewable Cost Threshold
RPS	Renewable Portfolio Standard
RTBM	Real Time Balancing Market
Rule 572	Renewable Energy Rule (17.9.572 NMAC)

<u>Acronym/Defined Term</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
SO ₂	Sulfur Dioxide
SPP	Southwest Power Pool Inc.
SPS	Southwestern Public Service Company, a New Mexico corporation
SunE	SunEdison, LLC
Xcel Energy	Xcel Energy Inc.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

<u>Attachment</u>	<u>Description</u>
BRE-1	RCT Revenue Requirement Adjustments

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1 **I. WITNESS IDENTIFICATION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

2 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

3 A. My name is Ben R. Elsey. My business address is 1800 Larimer, Denver,
4 Colorado 80202.

5 **Q. On whose behalf are you testifying in this proceeding?**

6 A. I am filing testimony on behalf of Southwestern Public Service Company, a New
7 Mexico corporation (“SPS”) and wholly-owned electric utility subsidiary of Xcel
8 Energy Inc. (“Xcel Energy”).

9 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what position?**

10 A. I am employed by Xcel Energy Services Inc. as Analyst II, Resource Planning.

11 **Q. Please briefly outline your responsibilities as Analyst II, Resource Planning.**

12 A. I am responsible for working with other analysts and planners in the development
13 of strategic resource plans for SPS including: need assessment, planning,
14 solicitation and negotiation of long-term purchased power agreements (“PPAs”),
15 and financial analysis of various resource and purchase/sales options.

16 **Q. Please describe your educational background.**

17 A. I graduated from Plymouth College of Further Education in Great Britain with a
18 Higher National Certificate in Building Studies (2004). Since relocating to the

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1 United States, I have graduated from Amarillo College with an Associate's
2 Degree in Business Administration (2017) and am currently pursuing a Bachelor's
3 Degree in Accounting from Colorado State University.

4 **Q. Please describe your professional experience.**

5 A. I began employment with Xcel Energy in June 2012 as a Project Control
6 Specialist in the Engineering and Construction department within Energy Supply.
7 In 2015, I moved into the role of Construction Estimator within the same
8 department. In each of these roles, my responsibilities included producing cost
9 assumptions and estimates to be used in modeling, and completing financial
10 analysis and cost forecasting of capital projects. In 2017, I became Analyst II,
11 Resource Planning. Prior to joining Xcel Energy, I worked for various
12 construction companies in Great Britain and the United States as an estimator,
13 quantity surveyor and contracts manager.

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1 **II. ASSIGNMENT**

2 **Q. What is your assignment in this proceeding?**

3 A. My testimony will provide required data and information to allow SPS's 2019
4 Annual Renewable Energy Plan for the 2019 Plan Year ("Plan Year") and 2020
5 Next Plan Year ("Next Plan Year") to comply with 17.9.572 NMAC ("Rule
6 572"). In particular, I:

- 7 • provide Plan Year revenue requirement information to allow SPS witness
8 Ruth M. Sakya to calculate the Reasonable Cost Threshold ("RCT") (Rule
9 572.14(C)); and
- 10 • address Rule 572.14(B)(10), which requires testimony and exhibits
11 demonstrating that the Renewable Portfolio Standard ("RPS") portfolio
12 procurement plan is consistent with SPS's Integrated Resource Plan
13 ("IRP").

14 **Q. Do you sponsor or co-sponsor any sections of the 2019 RPS Plan presented**
15 **by Ms. Sakya?**

16 A. Yes. I sponsor Plan Section II(E).

17 **Q. Was Attachment BRE-1 prepared by you or under your direct supervision**
18 **and control?**

19 A. Yes.

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1 **III. ANALYSES TO COMPLY WITH 17.9.572.14(C) NMAC**

2 **Q. What do you address in this section of your testimony?**

3 A. Rule 572.14(C) governs how plan year revenue requirements shall be determined
4 for RCT purposes. I address the following potential revenue requirement
5 adjustments used to determine SPS's RCT, as required under the Rule: (1) cost
6 savings resulting from environmental credits; (2) cost savings or increases for
7 operation and maintenance ("O&M") expense; (3) cost savings or increases for
8 back-up and load following generation; (4) cost savings or increases from avoided
9 fuel and energy costs and off-system sale opportunities; (5) cost savings or
10 increases for avoided capacity; (6) cost savings or increases for generation,
11 transmission, or distribution; and (7) costs savings or increases for other facilities
12 and improvements or functions that may be required and that can be shown to
13 result in actual reductions or increases in plan year revenue requirements. I
14 quantified these adjustments and provided the information to Ms. Sakya for use in
15 the RCT calculation. A summary of these calculations is contained in Attachment
16 BRE-1, page 1.

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1 **A. Cost Savings Resulting from Environmental Credits**

2 **Q. For RCT purposes, how does SPS account for cost savings resulting from**
3 **environmental credits?**

4 A. Consistent with Rule 572.14(C), which requires consideration for environmental
5 credits “pursuant to compliance rules in effect during the plan year,” SPS expects
6 environmental credit cost savings associated with sulfur dioxide (“SO₂”) and
7 nitrogen dioxide (“NO_x”) emissions reductions during the Plan Year and Next
8 Plan Year. Under the Clean Air Act, the Environmental Protection Agency has
9 implemented SO₂ and NO_x emission allowance programs. SPS will receive SO₂
10 allowances under the Acid Rain Program in both New Mexico and Texas and
11 seasonal NO_x allowances in Texas under the Cross State Air Pollution Rule.
12 Because SPS runs its system as a whole, for the benefit of both its New Mexico
13 and Texas customers, SPS calculated the emission reductions on all system
14 resources, regardless of physical location.

15 **Q. What is the expected value of SO₂ and NO_x emissions allowances?**

16 A. The estimated credit value for SO₂ is \$0.00029/megawatt-hour (“MWh”) in 2019
17 and \$0.00012/MWh in 2020. The estimated credit value for Seasonal NO_x is
18 \$0.01251 in 2019 and \$0.01410 in 2020. Please refer to Attachment BRE-1.

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1 **Q. How are the environmental credit cost savings calculated?**

2 A. At a high level, SPS performed two production cost model runs. The first run
3 modeled the dispatch of the SPS system excluding the generation from SPS's five
4 solar PPAs with SunEdison, LLC ("SunE"). For the second case, the system was
5 re-dispatched with the renewable resources included. The difference in emissions
6 (SO₂ and NO_x) between the two model runs represents the incremental impact of
7 the renewable resources measured in tons of SO₂ and NO_x.

8 **Q. Please describe how you quantified the expected value of the environmental**
9 **credits.**

10 A. To quantify the expected value of the environmental credits for purposes of the
11 RCT calculation, I took the following steps:

12 1) Determined the avoided tons for SO₂ and NO_x emissions. For NO_x
13 emissions the avoided tons was limited to the period between May 1st and
14 September 30th to represent the seasonal NO_x allowance program. This
15 was done based upon two models, the first being the "base" case which
16 did not include the SunE solar generation, and the second being the same
17 as the "base" case except with the SunE solar generation included. The
18 difference in tons of SO₂ (99 tons in 2019 and 41 tons in 2020) and NO_x
19 (9 tons in 2019 and 10 tons in 2020) between the two model runs
20 represents the avoided emissions.

21 2) Assigned the following costs per ton for SO₂ and NO_x - \$0.32/ton and
22 \$150.00/ton, respectively. These figures were based upon information
23 from the April 2018 Allowance Price Report.

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1 3) Quantified the total cost of SO₂ and NO_x by multiplying the total
2 incremental tons of emissions for SO₂ and NO_x by the cost per ton.

3 4) Determined a dollar amount per MWh by dividing the total cost for SO₂
4 and NO_x by the total forecasted SunEdison MWh, which for SO₂ resulted
5 in \$0.00029/MWh for 2019 and \$0.00012/MWh in 2020, and for NO_x was
6 \$0.01251/MWh in 2019 and \$0.01410/MWh in 2020.

7 **B. Cost Savings or Increases for O&M Expense due to Renewable**
8 **Resources**

9 **Q. Please describe how a renewable resource, such as a solar facility, can impact**
10 **overall O&M expense.**

11 A. The intermittent nature of renewable generation, such as solar facilities, can create
12 additional O&M costs to the overall system. These costs are known as integration
13 costs; they are often embedded, and, as a result, they are not captured in
14 traditional resource planning models. Cycling induced plant wear is one example
15 of an integration cost. Increased levels of intermittent generation force a change
16 from the design operation of base load coal-fired generating units and increase the
17 cycling of these units. This increases cycling induced plant wear and in turn the
18 costs of maintaining the unit and the system as a whole.

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1 **Q. For RCT purposes, did SPS account for any savings or increases in O&M**
2 **expense due to the SunE solar facilities?**

3 A. No. The Southwest Power Pool Inc. (“SPP”) is ultimately responsible for
4 dispatching the generating units of all its members, including SPS. Thus, the
5 impact of the SunE solar facilities must be evaluated in context of the overall SPP
6 market. The SunE solar facilities (50 megawatts (“MW”)) are relatively small in
7 comparison to the total size of the SPP Integrated Marketplace (approximately
8 87,000 MW). So, for all practical purposes (i.e., from a unit-commitment and
9 dispatch standpoint), the O&M impact on the SPS system due to the SunE PPAs
10 is extremely small. In other words, 50 MW of intermittent solar does not
11 materially change unit commitment and dispatch on the SPP Integrated
12 Marketplace. Accordingly, SPS has included a value of \$0/MWh for O&M
13 impacts in its RCT calculation.

14 **C. Cost Savings or Increases for Back-Up and Load Following**
15 **Generation**

16 **Q. Please describe what is meant by “back-up” and “load following” generation.**

17 A. SPP Integrated Marketplace protocols require certain ancillary services to support
18 the transmission of capacity and energy from resources while maintaining reliable

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1 operation of the system. These requirements include operating reserves or “back-
2 up generation” and “load following” generation, which is able to regulate up and
3 down to follow the varying load requirements during a given period.

4 **Q. For RCT purposes, how does SPS account for cost savings or increases**
5 **related to back-up and/or load following generation?**

6 A. As shown in Attachment BRE-1, pages 3 and 4, for purposes of assessing the
7 impact of SPS’s renewable resources on back-up and load following generation,
8 SPS was able to rely upon two sources of available cost data from the SPP
9 Integrated Marketplace: 1) the reliability unit commitment make whole payment
10 distribution; and 2) the cost increases or savings associated with variances
11 between day-ahead and real-time generation (“DART”).

12 **Q. Briefly explain the reliability unit commitment make whole payment**
13 **distribution.**

14 A. Under the SPP Integrated Marketplace protocols, the SPP uses an economic
15 dispatch model to prioritize generation offers. In conjunction with this model, a
16 market clearing algorithm considers all known constraints within the bulk electric
17 system. Outcomes from this algorithm may result in the out-of-merit real-time
18 dispatch of additional resources for reliability purposes. A portion of the costs

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1 associated with these additional resources is allocated across the footprint through
2 a funding mechanism known as the Reliability Unit Commitment Make Whole
3 Payment Distribution. A resource's ability to follow SPP's load-based dispatch
4 instructions will determine how much funding that resource is responsible for.

5 Thus, the Reliability Unit Commitment Make Whole Payment
6 Distribution: (1) is a reasonable proxy for the cost impact that intermittent
7 generation resources are causing for back-up and load following generation, and,
8 in particular, the costs allocated to SPS for the SunE solar generation for the
9 twelve months ending December 2017; and (2) serve as a reasonable estimate for
10 2019 and 2020 back-up and load following generation cost impacts.

11 **Q. What was the final amount (expressed as a \$/MWh value) that was assessed**
12 **to the SunE PPAs for reliability unit commitment make whole payment**
13 **distribution?**

14 A. The annual reliability unit commitment make whole payment distribution amount
15 allocated to the SunE PPAs for the period identified above was \$11,784 and the
16 annual production was 101,977 MWh. Dividing the cost (\$11,784) by the SunE
17 PPAs' annual production (101,977 MWh) results in a per-unit impact of
18 \$0.1156/MWh with respect to back-up and load following generation. These
19 amounts are shown in Attachment BRE-1, page 3.

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1 **Q. Briefly explain variances between Day-Ahead and Real-Time Generation.**

2 A. In the SPP Integrated Marketplace, all generation Market Participants are required
3 to offer their generation resources in the Day Ahead Market (“DAM”). As these
4 offers are submitted ahead of time, there can be a difference between forecasted
5 generation in the DAM and actual generation in the Real Time Balancing Market
6 (“RTBM”). This is especially true when forecasting intermittent renewable
7 generation such as solar. When forecasted output exceeds actual generation, the
8 market participant is responsible for buying back the energy shortfall in the real-
9 time market. Conversely, if actual generation exceeds the forecasted volume, the
10 incremental MWh are sold to the market at the real-time price. Summing the total
11 value of these charges and credits, over a period of time, represents the impact of
12 DART.

13 **Q. What was the final amount (expressed as a \$/MWh value) that was assessed**
14 **to the SunE PPAs for variances between Day-Ahead and Real-Time**
15 **Generation?**

16 A. SPS used historical data from calendar year 2017 and multiplied the delta in
17 hourly MWh (i.e., the difference between DAM and RTBM generation) by the
18 real-time hourly nodal locational marginal price (“LMP”). This calculation
19 provided the hourly cost impact of sales and purchases of all generation, including

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1 renewable generation on the SPP Integrated Marketplace. Summing the results
2 for all hours of 2017 represents the total cost increases or savings associated with
3 the variances in DART generation (-\$306,723) – see attachment BRE-1, page 4.
4 Dividing this result by the annual SunE production (101,977 MWh) represents the
5 cost impact as expressed on a \$/MWh basis. The final calculated amount was
6 -\$3.01/MWh. This amount which is shown in Attachment BRE-1, page 4, is
7 negative, meaning that actual deliveries of SunE energy fell short of SunE
8 scheduled production, and, thus, the shortfall had to be made up with purchases at
9 the RTBM LMPs for SunE generation. That is, the SunE PPAs caused additional
10 costs.

11 **D. Cost Savings or Increases from Avoided Fuel and Energy Costs**
12 **and Off-System Sales Opportunities**

13 **Q. For RCT purposes, how does SPS account for avoided fuel and energy costs**
14 **and additional sales opportunities?**

15 A. As shown in Attachment BRE-1, page 5, for the purposes of assessing the impact
16 of SPS's renewable resources on avoided fuel and energy costs, and the impact of
17 energy purchases and sales, SPS followed a similar approach as it has taken in
18 past RPS filings. In particular, SPS developed two cases in its production cost
19 model to determine system avoided energy costs. Under the first case, SPS

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1 modeled the dispatch of the SPS system excluding the SunE generation. For the
2 second case, the system was re-dispatched with the renewable resources included.
3 The difference in the total system energy costs, including the change in purchases
4 and sales between the two cases or model runs represents the avoided energy
5 costs and the impact of sales opportunities attributable to the SunE PPAs.

6 **Q. What amount did you quantify for avoided fuel and energy?**

7 A. The avoided fuel and energy costs attributable to the SunE PPAs were
8 \$24.97/MWh in 2019 and \$22.75 in 2020. These amounts are shown in
9 Attachment BRE-1, page 5.

10 **E. Cost Savings or Increases from Avoided Capacity Costs**

11 **Q. Please generally describe the nature of avoided capacity costs.**

12 A. Avoided capacity costs are capital expenditures that would be “avoided”, but for
13 the addition of the resource(s) being examined, which, for the purposes of this
14 testimony, will be the SunE PPAs. In other words, the accredited capacity of the
15 SunE PPAs avoid (or more accurately, defer) the need to acquire or construct
16 additional capacity resources. Such avoided costs can be assessed on either a
17 short-term or long-term basis. Given SPS’s current capacity position, it is
18 unlikely that SPS could avoid or defer any capacity resource additions as a result

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1 of the SunE PPAs. Nevertheless, in order to provide a very liberal interpretation
2 and examination, SPS has calculated both a short-term and longer-term capacity
3 credit associated with the SunE PPAs. The capacity credit amounts were
4 provided to Ms. Sakya for use in calculating SPS's RCT. I describe below how
5 these assumed capacity credits were determined.

6 **Q. Does Rule 572.14(C) place any limit on the RPS revenue requirement offset**
7 **for avoided capacity?**

8 A. Yes, to qualify for a RPS revenue requirement offset under Rule 572.14(C), the
9 avoided capacity must be shown to result in reductions in Plan Year revenue
10 requirements.

11 **Q. Is SPS able to show the avoidance or deferral of capacity one year after it**
12 **makes a RPS filing?**

13 A. No. With respect to generation resource planning, there should be adequate
14 capacity on the system to cover system peak plus planning reserves on a running
15 three-year basis. Furthermore, because generation additions are "lumpy,"
16 meaning generation sizes typically never match perfectly the forecasted need for
17 capacity, a positive long position is common when looking up to three years into
18 the future.

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1 The impact of the SunE PPAs has already been incorporated into SPS's
2 resource planning process. However, trying to look one year (i.e., for the Plan
3 Year) or two years (i.e., the Next Plan Year) out to examine current loads and
4 resources capacity positions, and then develop a position that the SunE capacity
5 does or does not have value is inconsistent with the fundamentals of resource
6 planning.

7 Simply put, the nature of resource planning and the lead time necessary to
8 acquire the required generation capacity necessitate the need for SPS to take a
9 longer-range perspective. Thus, while the SunE PPAs now earn accredited
10 capacity under the SPP Criteria 7.1.5.3(7), specifying an economic value of the
11 capacity in a particular year for RPS revenue requirement purposes is not realistic
12 nor consistent with how SPS actually performs its resource planning.

13 **Q. Even if SPS were able to identify a deferral or avoidance of capacity to the**
14 **degree required under Rule 572.14(C), what would be the value of that**
15 **capacity on a short-term basis, e.g., during the Plan Year?**

16 A. The value of the additional capacity depends on whether another entity would be
17 willing to buy the SunE PPA capacity from SPS and, if so, for what amount and
18 what duration. For this analysis, SPS assumed it would be able to sell the

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1 capacity for \$2.40 per kilowatt (“kW”)-month during the summer months of June
2 through September (\$9.6kW-Year). This avoided cost was then multiplied by the
3 accredited capacity of the SunEd PPAs (34 MW) and then divided by the
4 projected generation in 2019 and 2020 to calculate the \$/MWh value. The
5 resulting avoided capacity values are included on Page 6 of Attachment BRE-1.

6 **Q. Notwithstanding that Rule 572.14(C) cannot be met for purposes of offsetting**
7 **SPS’s Plan Year RPS revenue requirement for avoided capacity, did you also**
8 **provide an assessment of avoided capacity for the SunE PPAs based on a**
9 **long-range resource planning horizon?**

10 A. Yes. SPS has provided a quantification of avoided capacity related to the SunE
11 PPAs based upon a capacity deferral methodology. The capacity deferral
12 valuation methodology is consistent with long-range resource planning
13 fundamentals. The avoided capacity values resulting from application of this
14 methodology are included on Page 6 of Attachment BRE-1.

15 **Q. Briefly describe the capacity deferral methodology mentioned above.**

16 A. As in prior RPS filings, SPS calculated the avoided capacity component based
17 upon the installed costs of a combustion turbine (“CT”), which typically has the
18 lowest cost of capacity. The revenue requirements to construct, maintain and
19 operate a CT were then converted into an economic carrying charge and the

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1 resulting annualized avoided capacity cost expressed on a \$/kW-year basis.
2 Dividing this result by the summer generation capacity rating of a CT (200.9
3 MW) provides a representative value of the avoided capacity on a \$/MW-year
4 basis. This \$/MW-year was then applied to the 34 MW accredited capacity of the
5 SunE PPAs to calculate the value of avoided capacity.

6 **F. Cost Savings or Increases from Transmission and Distribution**

7 **Q. For RCT purposes, did SPS include any cost savings or increases related to**
8 **transmission or distribution?**

9 A. No. SPS did not incur any transmission or distribution costs or savings when
10 executing the SunE PPA. Thus, for RCT purposes SPS did not include any costs
11 or savings.

12 **G. Cost Savings or Increases from Facilities and Improvements or**
13 **Other Functions**

14 **Q. For RCT purposes, did SPS include any cost savings or increases related to**
15 **other facilities and improvements or functions that may be required and that**
16 **can be shown to result in actual reductions or increases in plan year revenue**
17 **requirements?**

18 A. No. SPS is not aware of any additional costs or savings from the SunE PPAs that
19 impact the plan revenue requirements collected from ratepayers.

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1 **IV. COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 572.14(B)(10)**

2 **Q. What does Rule 572.14(B)(10) require?**

3 A. Rule 572.14(B)(10) requires testimony and exhibits demonstrating that the RPS
4 portfolio procurement plan is consistent with the IRP and explaining any material
5 differences.

6 **Q. Is SPS's RPS portfolio procurement plan consistent with the resource**
7 **procurement plan provided in its IRP filed in 2015?**

8 A. Yes. SPS's current IRP ("2015 IRP") was accepted in Case No. 15-00217-UT.¹
9 In its 2015 IRP, SPS assumed for modeling purposes, full compliance with the
10 RPS requirements of the Renewable Energy Act and Rule 572. Nevertheless, in
11 recognition of SPS's RCT constraints, SPS did not propose in its 2015 IRP to
12 acquire additional RPS-related renewable resources. The 2015 IRP went on to
13 say that, to the extent renewable energy can be acquired as a cost-effective
14 resource addition, SPS will pursue such additions under a buy-over-time
15 acquisition strategy.² As discussed by Ms. Sakya, SPS's RPS procurement plan is

¹ Case No. 15-00217-UT, *In the Matter of Southwestern Public Service Company's Integrated Resource Plan*, Final Order (Sept. 23, 2015).

² On March 21, 2017, SPS filed a Notice of Material Change and Updated Action Plan to its 2015 IRP regarding purchase sales agreements for two wind facilities.

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1 consistent with the 2015 IRP because SPS: (1) need not add any additional
2 renewable generation to meet the overall RPS requirements for the Plan Year and
3 Next Plan Year; and (2) cannot add any additional renewable generation without
4 exceeding the RCT. For the same reasons, SPS expects its RPS procurement plan
5 to be consistent with its IRP due to be filed mid-July 2018.

6 **Q. Does this conclude your pre-filed direct testimony?**

7 A. Yes.

VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORADO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DENVER)

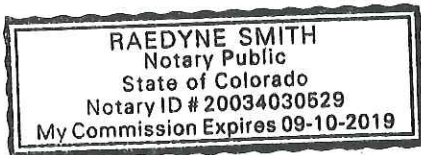
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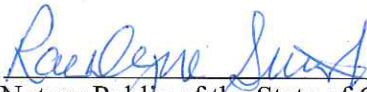
I am the witness identified in the preceding testimony. I have read the testimony and the accompanying attachment(s) and am familiar with their contents. Based upon my personal knowledge, the facts stated in the direct testimony are true. In addition, in my judgment and based upon my professional experience, the opinions and conclusions stated in the testimony are true, valid, and accurate.



BEN R. ELSEY

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 25 day of June, 2018.





Notary Public of the State of Colorado
My Commission Expires: 9/10/19

Summary of Avoided Cost Impacts - \$/MWh

Line No.		2019	2020	Source
1	Forecasted SunEdison MWh	109,102	108,885	Production Cost Model
2				
3	SunEdison Contract Price \$/MWh	\$ 129.17	\$ 133.43	Production Cost Model
4				
5	<u>Credits</u>			
6	Environmental Credits NOX	(\$0.01251)	(\$0.01410)	BRE-1, Page 2
7	Environmental Credits SO2	(\$0.00029)	(\$0.00012)	BRE-1, Page 2
8	O&M Impacts	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	
9	SPP RUCC (Charges)	\$0.1156	\$0.1156	BRE-1, Page 3
10	SPP DART (Charges)	\$3.0078	\$3.0078	BRE-1, Page 4
11	Avoided Energy \$/MWh	(\$24.9733)	(\$22.7490)	BRE-1, Page 5
12	Capacity Value \$/MWh ECC Method	(\$17.4851)	(\$17.8697)	BRE-1, Page 6
13	Capacity Value Short-Term Capacity Market	(\$2.9917)	(\$2.9977)	BRE-1, Page 6
14				
15				
16	Total (No Generation Capacity)	(\$21.8628)	(\$19.6399)	
17	Total (Incl. Short-Term Generation Capacity)	(\$24.8545)	(\$22.6376)	
18	Total (Incl. ECC Generation Capacity)	(\$39.3479)	(\$37.5096)	

Acronyms:

DAM -Day Ahead Market
DART - Day-Ahead and Real-Time
ECC - Economic Carrying Charge
NOX -Nitrogen Dioxide
RTBM -Real Time Balancing Market
RUCC -Reliability Unit Commitment Charges
SO2 -Sulfur Dioxide
SPP -Southwest Power Pool

**Avoided Emissions & Costs
Production Cost Model Output**

Line No.	Tons	2019	2020
1	Avoided NOX Emissions (May - Sep)	(9.10)	(10.24)
2			
3	Tons		
4	Avoided SO2 Emissions	(99.10)	(41.44)
5			
6	Market Price Seasonl NOX \$/Ton	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
7	Market Price SO2 \$/Ton	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.32
8	SunEdison MWh	109,102	108,885
9			
10			
11	Total Avoided NOX Emissions \$	\$ (1,365)	\$ (1,536)
12	Total Avoided SO2 Emissions \$	\$ (32)	\$ (13)
13	Total Avoided NOX \$/MWh	\$ (0.01251)	\$ (0.01410)
14	Total Avoided SO2 \$/MWh	\$ (0.00029)	\$ (0.00012)

Back-Up & Load Following Charges Based upon SPP RUCC

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**Back-Up & Load Following Charges
Based upon SPP DART**

Line No.		(RTMWh-DAMWh)* RTLMP	MWh	\$/MWh
1	Sun 1	\$ (84,311)	19,521	(4.32)
2	Sun 2	\$ (121,352)	20,551	(5.90)
3	Sun 3	\$ (3,040)	19,699	(0.15)
4	Sun 4	\$ (84,275)	21,651	(3.89)
5	Sun 5	\$ (13,746)	20,555	(0.67)
6				
7	Total	\$ (306,723)	101,977	(3.01)

**Avoided Energy Cost
Production Cost Model**

Line No.		2019	2020
1	SunEdison MWh	109,102	108,885
2	SunEdison Total Cost (\$,000)	\$14,092,657	\$14,528,499
3	SunEdison Avoided Energy Cost	\$2,724,625	\$2,477,021
4	REC Value	\$1,091,016	\$1,088,848
5	SunEdison (amount above Avoided Cost)	\$10,277,016	\$10,962,630
6	Avoided Energy Cost \$/MWh	(\$24.97)	(\$22.75)

**Avoided Capacity Cost
Production Cost Model**

Line No.		2019	2020
1	MWh SunEdison Solar	109,102	108,885
2			
3	SunEdison AC MW	50	50
4			
5	SunEdison accredited MW	34	34
6			
7	Avoided Capacity Value (34MW)	\$ 1,907,656	\$ 1,945,734
8			
9	Capacity Value ECC Method \$/MWh (L7/L1)	\$ 17.49	\$ 17.87
10			
11	Short Term Capacity Value \$/kW -year	\$ 9.60	\$ 9.60
12	Short-Term Capacity Value \$/MWh (L11*L5/L1*1000)	\$ 2.99	\$ 3.00