

EXHIBIT A

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)	CASE NO. 18-_____ -UT
ANNUAL RENEWABLE ENERGY)	
PORTFOLIO 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,)	
)	
SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE)	
COMPANY,)	
)	
APPLICANT.)	

PROPOSED NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that:

1. Southwestern Public Service Company (“SPS”) filed its Application with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (“Commission” or “NMPRC”) on July 2, 2018, requesting the Commission enter a final order that:

(a) acknowledges SPS's concurrent filing of its 2017 Annual Renewable Energy Portfolio Report ("2017 RPS Report") required under 17.9.572.19 NMAC;

(b) approves SPS's 2019 Annual Renewable Energy Act Plan ("2019 RPS Plan") for the 2019 Plan Year ("Plan Year") and 2020 Next Plan Year ("Next Plan Year")(pursuant to 17.9.572.14 NMAC, the Next Plan Year is submitted for information purposes) under Rule 572.14, and prior Commission Orders related to SPS's Plan Year and Next Plan Year RPS requirements;

(c) approves SPS's proposed rate for its 2019 RPS Rider, which includes, without limitation, recovery of SPS's RPS-related costs over a 12-month period beginning January 1, 2019;

(d) authorizes SPS to: (i) retire and use the renewable energy certificates ("RECs") associated with the Sagamore and Hale wind facilities for RPS compliance under the REA and Rule 572, as needed; and (ii) sell Sagamore and Hale RECs not needed for RPS compliance and allocate the proceeds as credits to SPS's New Mexico retail customers through SPS's fuel and purchased power cost adjustment clause ("FPPCAC"); and

(e) grants all other approvals, authorizations, and relief that may be required for SPS to implement its 2019 RPS Plan.

2. SPS proposes to collect an estimated \$17.8 million in RPS-related costs over a 12-month period, beginning January 1, 2019, through its RPS Rider approved in Case No. 12-00350-UT. SPS proposes to calculate the 2019 RPS Rider using a kilowatt-hour

("kWh") based rate calculated at \$0.003888 per kWh that will apply to all of SPS's New Mexico retail rate classes, subject to the large customer cap under the REA and Rule 17.9.572 NMAC.

3. By order issued in this case on _____, 2018, the Hearing Examiner has established the following procedural schedule and requirements for this case:

- A. Any person desiring to intervene to become a party ("intervenor") in this case must file a motion for leave to intervene in conformity with NMPRC Rules of Procedure 1.2.2.23(A) and 1.2.2.23(B) NMAC on or before _____, 2018.
- B. A settlement meeting between and among the parties to this case shall be held on _____, 2018 at a location to be determined.
- C. Staff shall, and any intervenor may, file direct testimony on or before _____, 2018; alternatively, a stipulation may be filed on or before _____, 2018.
- D. If a stipulation is filed as provided above, direct testimony in support of it shall be filed no later than _____, 2018. Alternatively, if a stipulation is not filed, any rebuttal testimony shall be filed by _____, 2018.
- E. A public hearing will be held beginning at ____ m. on _____, 2018, and continuing as necessary at the Commission's offices in the P.E.R.A. Building, 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico, for purposes of hearing and receiving testimony, exhibits, arguments, and any other appropriate matters relevant to the Application.

4. Under Commission Rules 17.9.572.7(G) and 17.9.572.11, a public utility, must at a minimum, meet its 2019 RPS requirements from the following renewable resources: (i) 30 percent wind energy; (ii) 20 percent solar energy; (iii) 5 percent "Other" energy; and (iv) 3 percent from Distributed Generation ("DG") systems. The remainder of the requirement can be filled with any renewable resource, although new acquisitions must

represent the most cost-effective resource, which in this case, is wind (Rule 572.13.C). In its 2019 RPS Plan, SPS affirms its expectation to meet the 2019 Plan Year and 2020 Next Plan Year RPS diversity requirements for wind, but not for the solar, “Other”, or DG due to constraints under the RCT.

5. The following tables compare the present bills and anticipated bills, including the proposed 2019 RPS rider, under each affected customer class and for the indicated levels of consumption:

Residential Service

	Annualized Monthly Bill		Bill Change	
	Bills Including 2018 RPS Rider	Bills Including Proposed 2019 RPS Rider	Proposed \$ Change	Proposed % Change
Consumption Level	Present	2019	2019	2019
0 kWh	\$ 8.80	\$ 8.80	\$ -	0.00%
250 kWh	\$ 33.62	\$ 33.43	\$ (0.19)	-0.57%
500 kWh	\$ 58.44	\$ 58.07	\$ (0.37)	-0.63%
750 kWh	\$ 83.26	\$ 82.70	\$ (0.56)	-0.67%
1000 kWh	\$ 108.09	\$ 107.34	\$ (0.75)	-0.69%
2000 kWh	\$ 207.38	\$ 205.89	\$ (1.49)	-0.72%

Residential Heating Service

	Annualized Monthly Bill		Bill Change	
	Bills Including 2018 RPS Rider	Bills Including Proposed 2019 RPS Rider	Proposed \$ Change	Proposed % Change
Consumption Level	Present	2019	2019	2019
0 kWh	\$ 8.80	\$ 8.80	\$ -	0.00%
250 kWh	\$ 31.13	\$ 30.95	\$ (0.18)	-0.58%
500 kWh	\$ 53.47	\$ 53.09	\$ (0.38)	-0.71%
750 kWh	\$ 75.80	\$ 75.24	\$ (0.56)	-0.74%
1000 kWh	\$ 98.13	\$ 97.39	\$ (0.74)	-0.75%
2000 kWh	\$ 187.47	\$ 185.97	\$ (1.50)	-0.80%

Small General Service

	Annualized Monthly Bill		Bill Change	
	Bills Including 2018 RPS Rider	Bills Including Proposed 2019 RPS Rider	Proposed \$ Change	Proposed % Change
Consumption Level	Present	2019	2019	2019
0 kWh	\$ 14.90	\$ 14.90	\$ -	0.00%
250 kWh	\$ 35.52	\$ 35.33	\$ (0.19)	-0.53%
500 kWh	\$ 56.13	\$ 55.76	\$ (0.37)	-0.66%
750 kWh	\$ 76.75	\$ 76.19	\$ (0.56)	-0.73%
1000 kWh	\$ 97.36	\$ 96.62	\$ (0.74)	-0.76%
2000 kWh	\$ 179.82	\$ 178.33	\$ (1.49)	-0.83%

Secondary General Service

	Annualized Monthly Bill		Bill Change	
	Bills Including 2018 RPS Rider	Bills Including Proposed 2019 RPS Rider	Proposed \$ Change	Proposed % Change
Consumption Level	Present	2019	2019	2019
1,500 kWh and 12 kW	\$ 267.76	\$ 266.64	\$ (1.12)	-0.42%
7,500 kWh and 35 kW	\$ 845.75	\$ 840.16	\$ (5.59)	-0.66%
15,000 kWh and 35 kW	\$ 1,124.09	\$ 1,112.89	\$ (11.20)	-1.00%
30,000 kWh and 100 kW	\$ 2,684.94	\$ 2,662.55	\$ (22.39)	-0.83%

Irrigation Service

	Annualized Monthly Bill		Bill Change	
	Bills Including 2018 RPS Rider	Bills Including Proposed 2019 RPS Rider	Proposed \$ Change	Proposed % Change
Consumption Level	Present	2019	2019	2019
1,500 kWh and 12 kW	\$ 162.01	\$ 160.89	\$ (1.12)	-0.69%
7,500 kWh and 35 kW	\$ 668.20	\$ 662.61	\$ (5.59)	-0.84%
15,000 kWh and 35 kW	\$ 1,254.23	\$ 1,243.03	\$ (11.20)	-0.89%
30,000 kWh and 100 kW	\$ 2,531.89	\$ 2,509.50	\$ (22.39)	-0.88%

Primary General Service

	Annualized Monthly Bill		Bill Change	
	Bills Including 2018 RPS Rider	Bills Including Proposed 2019 RPS Rider	Proposed \$ Change	Proposed % Change
Consumption Level	Present	2019	2019	2019
1,500 kWh and 12 kW	\$ 303.66	\$ 302.54	\$ (1.12)	-0.37%
7,500 kWh and 35 kW	\$ 830.78	\$ 825.19	\$ (5.59)	-0.67%
15,000 kWh and 35 kW	\$ 1,089.47	\$ 1,078.28	\$ (11.19)	-1.03%
30,000 kWh and 100 kW	\$ 2,511.69	\$ 2,489.30	\$ (22.39)	-0.89%

Large General Service Transmission (69 kV)

	Annualized Monthly Bill		Bill Change	
	Bills Including 2018 RPS Rider	Bills Including Proposed 2019 RPS Rider	Proposed \$ Change	Proposed % Change
Consumption Level	Present	2019	2019	2019
500,000 kWh and 800 kW	\$ 25,998.10	\$ 25,624.98	\$ (373.12)	-1.44%
1,000,000 kWh and 1,500 kW	\$ 49,568.84	\$ 48,822.61	\$ (746.23)	-1.51%
4,000,000 kWh and 6,100 kW	\$ 194,767.61	\$ 191,782.67	\$ (2,984.94)	-1.53%
8,000,000 kWh and 12,200 kW	\$ 388,051.45	\$ 382,081.57	\$ (5,969.88)	-1.54%

Large General Service Transmission (115+ kV)

	Annualized Monthly Bill		Bill Change	
	Bills Including 2018 RPS Rider	Bills Including Proposed 2019 RPS Rider	Proposed \$ Change	Proposed % Change
Consumption Level	Present	2019	2019	2019
500,000 kWh and 800 kW	\$ 25,735.72	\$ 25,362.61	\$ (373.11)	-1.45%
1,000,000 kWh and 1,500 kW	\$ 49,987.67	\$ 49,241.44	\$ (746.23)	-1.49%
4,000,000 kWh and 6,300 kW	\$ 194,585.80	\$ 191,600.86	\$ (2,984.94)	-1.53%
8,000,000 kWh and 13,000 kW	\$ 391,342.06	\$ 385,372.18	\$ (5,969.88)	-1.53%

Large Municipal and School Service

	Annualized Monthly Bill		Bill Change	
	Bills Including 2018 RPS Rider	Bills Including Proposed 2019 RPS Rider	Proposed \$ Change	Proposed % Change
Consumption Level	Present	2019	2019	2019
10,000 kWh and 30 kW	\$ 750.45	\$ 742.98	\$ (7.47)	-1.00%
20,000 kWh and 45 kW	\$ 1,301.50	\$ 1,286.58	\$ (14.92)	-1.15%
30,000 kWh and 75 kW	\$ 2,024.27	\$ 2,001.88	\$ (22.39)	-1.11%

Small Municipal and School Service

	Annualized Monthly Bill		Bill Change	
	Bills Including 2018 RPS Rider	Bills Including Proposed 2019 RPS Rider	Proposed \$ Change	Proposed % Change
Consumption Level	Present	2019	2019	2019
500 kWh	\$ 52.02	\$ 51.64	\$ (0.38)	-0.73%
1,000 kWh	\$ 86.69	\$ 85.95	\$ (0.74)	-0.85%
2,000 kWh	\$ 156.05	\$ 154.56	\$ (1.49)	-0.95%

6. SPS's proposed rate changes are for informational purposes only and the final 2019 RPS Rider rate may vary.

7. SPS's Application, 2017 RPS Report and 2019 RPS Plan, together with supporting pre-filed direct testimony and any exhibits and related papers, may be examined by any interested person online at the SPS website <http://www.xcelenergy.com/regulatory>, or the Commission's website Case Lookup E-Docket <http://www.nmprc.stat.nm.us/>, or in person at the offices of SPS or the Commission at the following addresses and all inquiries or written comments should refer to Case No. 18-_____-UT.

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8. Any interested person may appear at the time and place of hearing and make written or oral comment pursuant to 1.2.2.23.F NMAC without becoming an Intervenor. Interested persons may also send written comments to the Commission at the address set out above. All such comments will not be considered as evidence in this case.

9. The procedural dates and requirements provided herein are as provided in the Procedural Order issued in this case, and are subject to further order of the Commission or Hearing Examiner.

10. Any interested person should contact the Commission at 806-827-6956 for confirmation of the hearing date, time and place since hearings are occasionally rescheduled.

11. Anyone filing pleadings or testimony will serve copies thereof on all parties of record and the Utility Division Staff by first class mail or hand-delivery and by

e-mail as provided by the Procedural Order. Any person whose testimony has been pre-filed will attend the hearing and submit to examination under oath.

12. All documents mailed to the Commission and its personnel shall be mailed to: P.O. Box 1269, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87504. The physical address of the Commission shall be used only for special or hand deliveries. Copies of all filings shall be served on all parties of record and Staff as specified in the most recent Certificate of Service issued in this case. Copies of all filings shall also be e-mailed on the date of filing to the Hearing Examiner at _____ by no later than 5:00 p.m. MST.

13. The Commission's Rules of Procedure found at 1.2.2 NMAC will apply to this case unless modified by order of the Commission or Hearing Examiner. A copy of such Rules may be obtained from the offices of the Commission and are available online at the official NMAC website <http://www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/nm>.

14. Any person with a disability requiring special assistance in order to participate in this case should contact the Commission at 505-827-6956 at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the hearing.

ISSUED at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this _____ day of July 2018.

**NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION
COMMISSION**

Hearing Examiner