

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC)	
SERVICE COMPANY'S APPLICATION)	
REQUESTING APPROVAL TO RETIRE AND)	Case No. 17-00089-UT
ABANDON ITS CARLSBAD GENERATING)	
STATION,)	
)	
SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY ,)	
)	
APPLICANT.)	
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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that:

1. On May 1, 2017, in accordance with NMSA 1978, Section 62-9-5 of the Public Utility Act, Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS") filed an Application and supporting direct testimony with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("Commission") requesting that the Commission enter an order: (A) authorizing SPS to retire and abandon the use of the Carlsbad Generating Station ("CGS") facility; and (B) grant all other approvals, authorizations, and relief that may be required for SPS to retire and abandon the CGS.

2. SPS's Application states that: (a) the CGS is near the end of its useful life and has operated primarily for voltage support over the past several years; (b) due to several distribution and transmission projects, the CGS is no longer needed for voltage stability; (c) SPS does not need the capacity from the CGS

to reliably serve its customers; and (d) the present and future public convenience and necessity do not require the service or use of the CGS facility.

3. The Commission has assigned Case No. 17-00089-UT to this Application, and all correspondence, pleadings, inquiries, written comments, or other communications concerning this matter should refer to that case number.

4. The present procedural schedule for this proceeding established in the Procedural Order issued by the Hearing Examiner on May 30, 2017, is as follows:

- a. Any person desiring to become a party to this case must file the original and five copies of a motion for leave to intervene in conformity with Rules 1.2.2.23(A) and 1.2.2.23(B) NMAC on or before June 30, 2017. All motions for leave to intervene shall be served on all existing parties and other proposed intervenors of record.
- b. SPS shall file any supplemental testimony by June 16, 2017.
- c. The Utility Division Staff ("Staff") shall, and any intervenors may, file direct testimony on or before August 25, 2017, or in the alternative, any stipulation and any required documents pursuant to 1.2.2.20. NMAC, may be filed by August 25, 2017.
- d. Opposition to any stipulation pursuant to 1.2.2.20(B) NMAC shall be filed by August 30, 2017.
- e. Rebuttal testimony may be filed on or before September 8, 2017 or in the alternative, testimony in support of any stipulation shall be filed by September 8, 2017.
- f. Testimony in opposition to any stipulation shall be filed by September 18, 2017.
- g. Rebuttal testimony to testimony in opposition to the stipulation shall be filed by September 21, 2017.
- h. A public hearing to hear and receive testimony, exhibits, arguments and other appropriate matters relevant to this proceeding is set to commence at 9:30 A.M. on September 25, 2017, and continue thereafter, if necessary. The hearing

will take place at the Commission's offices in the P.E.R.A. Building, 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

5. The procedural dates and requirements currently set in this case are subject to further order of the Commission or the Hearing Examiner. Interested persons should contact the Commission at 505-827-4295 for confirmation of the hearing date, time, and place, since hearings are occasionally rescheduled.

6. The Commission's Rules of Procedure found at 1.2.2 NMAC shall apply to this proceeding unless modified by order of the Commission or the 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/nmac/>.

7. Any interested person may examine the application together with any exhibits, related papers, and pleading that may be filed in this case at SPS's offices or the Commission's office at the following addresses or by calling 1-800-895-4999 during normal business hours:

Southwestern Public Service Company
c/o Mike McLeod
111 East Fifth Street
Post Office Box 1937
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

SPS's website,
https://www.xcelenergy.com/company/rates_and_regulations

Southwestern Public Service Company
c/o Linda Hudgins, Regulatory Case Specialist II

790 S. Buchanan Street
Amarillo, Texas 79101

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
P.E.R.A. Building
1120 Paseo de Peralta
Post Office Box 1269
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1269
Telephone: 1-888-427-5772
Commission's website <http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us/>

8. Anyone filing pleadings, testimony, and other documents in this case may file either in person with the Commission's Records Bureau in the P.E.R.A. Building in Santa Fe, New Mexico, or by mail addressed to: Records Bureau, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, P.E.R.A. Building, P. O. Box 1269, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87504-1269. The following physical address of the Commission shall be used only for special or hand deliveries: 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501. 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 elizabeth.hurst@state.nm.us by no later than 5:00 p.m. Mountain Prevailing Time.

9. Any person filing prepared testimony under 1.2.2.35(l) NMAC on behalf of a party shall attend the hearing and submit to examination under oath. No person shall testify at the hearing unless that person has pre-filed testimony.

10. Interested persons may appear at the time and place of hearing and make written or oral comment without becoming an intervenor. Written comments, which shall reference Case No. 17-00089-UT, also may be sent to the Commission at the mailing address provided in paragraph 8 above. However, pursuant to Rule 1.2.2.23(F) NMAC, comments shall not be considered as evidence in this case.

11. ANY PERSON WITH A DISABILITY REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING 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 30th day of May, 2017.

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

Elizabeth C. Hurst
Hearing Examiner