

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF SOUTHWESTERN)	
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR)	Case No. 13-00031-UT
PERMANENT APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN)	
THE SOUTHWEST POWER POOL REGIONAL)	
TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION)	
)	
SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY,)	
APPLICANT.)	

SECOND NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

NOTICE is given by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("Commission") of the following:

1. On February 4, 2013, Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS"), doing business as Xcel Energy, filed an Interim Report regarding its participation in the Southwest Power Pool ("Power Pool") and a request for permanent approval to participate in the Power Pool.

2. On February 2, 2010, in Case No. 07-00390-UT, the Commission granted approval for SPS to participate in the Power Pool for a five-year interim period that ends on February 2, 2015 ("Interim Period"). The Commission's February 2, 2010, Order also directed SPS to file an Interim Report regarding SPS's continued participation in the Power Pool.

3. SPS filed its Interim Report, in which SPS claims significant costs savings for SPS' New Mexico retail customers have occurred in the past and are expected in the future as a result of SPS's participation in the Power Pool. As

part of its Interim Report, SPS has requested that the Commission approve SPS's participation in the Power Pool on a permanent basis. SPS it is not requesting approval for any specific dollar amounts of costs in this case, however, SPS has requested costs in it pending rate case.

4. The Commission's interim approval for SPS to participate in the Power Pool becomes permanent if the Commission does not issue an order to terminate or extend the interim approval by the end of the Interim Period, February 2, 2015. Permanent approval for SPS's participation in the Power Pool also could occur through a Commission order issued by February 2, 2015 granting permanent approval.

5. SPS's request for permanent participation in the Power Pool affects all of SPS's New Mexico retail customers. There is also a claim that permanent participation in the Power Pool may result in the loss of the Commission's jurisdiction over SPS's transmission rates.

6. The present procedural schedule established by the Commission for this proceeding is as follows:

A. Any person desiring to become a party to this case must file 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 noon on **December 24, 2013**;

B. Any settlement agreement and any required supporting schedules, shall be filed by **January 31, 2014**;

C. Any Opposition to any settlement shall be filed on or before **February 7, 2014;**

D. The Commission Staff shall, and any Interveners may, file direct testimony on or before **January 31, 2014.** Alternatively, testimony in support of a settlement, shall be filed on or before **January 31, 2014;**

E. Testimony supporting opposition to any filed agreement shall be filed on or before **February 14, 2014;**

F. Rebuttal testimony shall be filed on or before **February 21, 2014;**

G. A public hearing will be held beginning **March 6, 2014,** at 9:30 A.M. at the offices of the Commission, P.E.R.A. Building, 1120 Paseo De Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico, to hear and receive testimony, exhibits, arguments, and any other appropriate matters relevant to this proceeding.

7. 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 for confirmation of the hearing date, time, and place because hearings are occasionally rescheduled.

8. The Commission has assigned Case No. 13-00031-UT to this filing and inquiries should refer to that case number.

9. Any interested person may obtain further information about this case and may examine the Interim Report and the request for permanent

approval, together with any exhibits and related papers filed in this case by contacting SPS or the Commission at the following addresses and telephone numbers: SPS, Mike McLeod, 111 East Fifth Street, Roswell, NM 88201, Telephone: (575) 625-5499; Brooke Trammell, P.O. Box 1261, Amarillo, Texas, telephone (806) 378-2415; or the NMPRC, P.E.R.A. Building, 1120 Paseo De Peralta, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1269, Telephone: 1-888-427-5772.

10. Further information may be obtained at the Commission's website, <http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us/> or at Excel's (SPS's parent company) website, [http://www.xcelenergy.com/About Us/Rates & Regulations/Regulatory Filings](http://www.xcelenergy.com/About%20Us/Rates%20&%20Regulations/Regulatory%20Filings) and then selecting New Mexico in the scroll bar at the top of the page, just to the left of Contact Us.

11. The Commission's Rules of Procedure, 1.2.2.1 NMAC, *et seq.*, 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.

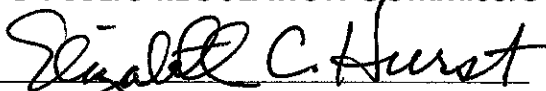
12. Any interested person may appear at the time and place of hearing and make a written or oral comment as allowed under 1.2.2.23(F) NMAC without becoming an Intervenor. Interested persons may also send written comments, which shall reference Case No.13-00031-UT, to the Commission at the address set out above. However, comments governed by this paragraph will not be considered as evidence in this case.

13. Anyone filing pleadings or pre-filed testimony will serve copies on all parties of record, Commission Staff, and the Hearing Examiner. Any person whose testimony has been pre-filed will attend the hearing and submit to examination under oath. If you file documents in person, the location for filing is the Commission's address listed in Paragraph 9. If you file documents by mail, send them to: NMPRC, P.O. Box 1269, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1269.

14. Any person with a disability requiring special assistance in order to participate in this proceeding should contact the Commission as soon as possible prior to the commencement of the hearing.

ISSUED at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 19th day of November, 2013.

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION



Elizabeth C. Hurst
Hearing Examiner