

[ATTACHMENT K -]**Interregional Transmission Coordination Between the Transmission Provider and SPP**

The Transmission Provider, through its regional transmission planning process, coordinates with the Southwest Power Pool (“SPP”) as the transmission provider and planner for the SPP region to address transmission planning coordination issues related to interregional transmission projects. The interregional transmission coordination procedures include a detailed description of the process for coordination between the Transmission Provider and SPP (i) with respect to an interregional transmission facility that is proposed to be located in both transmission planning regions and (ii) to identify possible interregional transmission facilities that could address transmission needs more efficiently or cost-effectively than transmission facilities included in the respective regional transmission plans. The interregional transmission coordination procedures are hereby provided in this Attachment [K-___] with additional materials provided on the Regional Planning website.

The Transmission Provider ensures that the following requirements are included in the interregional transmission coordination procedures:

- (1) A commitment to coordinate and share the results of the SERTP’s and SPP’s regional transmission plans to identify possible interregional transmission projects that could address transmission needs more efficiently or cost-effectively than separate regional transmission facilities, as well as a procedure for doing so;
- (2) A formal procedure to identify and jointly evaluate transmission facilities that are proposed to be located in both transmission planning regions;
- (3) A duty to exchange, at least annually, planning data and information; and

- (4) A commitment to maintain a website or e-mail list for the communication of information related to the coordinated planning process.

The Transmission Provider has worked with SPP to develop a mutually agreeable method for allocating between the two transmission planning regions the costs of new interregional transmission facilities that are located within both transmission planning regions. Such cost allocation method satisfies the six interregional cost allocation principles set forth in Order No. 1000 and are included in this Attachment [K-___]. All terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the definitions assigned in the Tariff.

For purposes of this Attachment K-___, the Transmission Provider's regional transmission planning process is the process described in Attachment K of this Tariff; the SPP regional transmission planning process is the process described in [Attachment O] of SPP's tariff. References to the respective regional transmission planning processes in this Attachment K-___ are intended to identify the activities described in those tariff provisions. Unless noted otherwise, Section references in this Attachment K-___ refer to Sections within this Attachment K-___.

INTERREGIONAL TRANSMISSION PLANNING

1. Coordination

- 1.1 Annual Coordination:** Representatives of the SERTP and SPP will meet no less than once per year to facilitate the interregional coordination procedures described below (as applicable). Representatives of the SERTP and the SPP may meet more frequently to coordinate the evaluation of interregional transmission project(s).

1.2. Data Exchange

1.2.1 Annual Data Exchange: At least annually, the Transmission Provider and SPP shall exchange power-flow models and associated data used in the regional transmission planning processes to develop their respective then-current regional transmission plan(s). The Transmission Provider and SPP shall each designate a representative for their region to facilitate the annual data exchange. The data exchange will occur when such data is available in each of the regional transmission planning processes, typically during the first calendar quarter. Additional transmission-based models and data used in the development of the respective regional transmission plans will be exchanged between the Transmission Provider and SPP if requested. Data exchanged between the Transmission Provider and SPP under this Section 1.2.1 shall be posted on the pertinent regional transmission planning websites consistent with the posting requirements of the respective regional transmission planning processes and is generally considered CEII.

1.2.2 Exchange of Regional Transmission Plans: The Transmission Provider's regional transmission plan(s) will be posted on the Regional Website pursuant to the Transmission Provider's regional transmission planning process. The Transmission Provider will also notify the SPP representative(s) of such posting so they may retrieve the transmission plan(s). SPP will exchange the then-current SPP regional transmission

plan(s) in a similar manner according to its regional transmission planning process.

1.2.3 Confidentiality: The Transmission Provider and SPP will afford CEII and confidential treatment, as appropriate, to the data exchanged pursuant to this Section 1.2. The implementing protocols and/or agreement(s) will be posted on their respective websites.

1.3. Joint Evaluation

1.3.1 Identification of Interregional Transmission Projects: At least biennially, the Transmission Provider will review SPP's then-current regional transmission plan, and SPP will review the Transmission Provider's then-current regional transmission plan. Such plans include the transmission needs of each region as prescribed by each region's planning process. This review shall occur on a mutually agreeable schedule, taking into account each region's regional transmission planning processes timetable. If through this review, the Transmission Provider and SPP identify a potential interregional transmission project that could be more efficient and cost effective than transmission projects included in the respective regional transmission plans, the Transmission Provider and SPP will jointly evaluate the potential transmission project pursuant to Section 1.3.3.

1.3.2 Identification of Interregional Transmission Projects by Stakeholders: Stakeholders may also propose interregional transmission projects that

may be more efficient or cost-effective than transmission projects included in the Transmission Provider's and/or SPP's regional transmission plans pursuant to the procedures in each region's regional transmission planning processes. The Transmission Provider and SPP will evaluate interregional transmission projects proposed by stakeholders pursuant to Section 1.3.3.

1.3.3 Evaluation of Interregional Transmission Projects:

1.3.3.1 Joint Evaluation of Interregional Transmission Projects:

The Transmission Provider and SPP shall act through their respective regional transmission planning processes to evaluate potential interregional transmission projects and to determine whether the inclusion of any potential interregional transmission projects in each region's regional transmission plan would be more efficient or cost-effective than transmission projects included in the respective then-current regional transmission plans. Initial coordination activities to facilitate such analysis will typically begin during the third calendar quarter. Such analysis shall be consistent with accepted planning practices of the respective regions and the methods utilized to produce each region's respective regional transmission plan(s). To the extent possible, and as needed, information will be coordinated between the Transmission Provider and SPP, including, but not limited to:

- Planning horizons;
- Expected timelines/milestones associated with the joint evaluation;
- Study assumptions and data;

- Models; and
- Criteria

The Transmission Provider and SPP will exchange status updates for new interregional transmission project proposals or proposals currently under consideration as needed. These status updates will generally include, if applicable: (i) an update of the region’s evaluation of the proposal; (ii) the anticipated timeline for future assessments; and (iii) reevaluations related to the proposal.

1.3.3.2 Determination of Regional Benefit(s) for Interregional Cost Allocation Purposes:

(This Section 1.3.3.2 is currently under discussion between the SERTP and SPP)

The Transmission Provider and SPP shall evaluate the proposed interregional transmission project that meets the criteria of Section 2 for interregional cost allocation within the respective regions as follows:

- A. Each region, acting through its regional transmission planning process, will evaluate proposals to determine whether the proposed interregional transmission project(s) provides Regional Benefits to its respective region. For purposes of this Attachment K - , “Regional Benefit” shall mean the calculation described in Section 1.3.3.2.B.
- B. Based upon the evaluation made pursuant to 1.3.3.2.A, each region will quantify a Regional Benefit based upon the following:

(i) For SPP, SPP shall calculate the total avoided costs of regional transmission projects included in the then-current regional transmission plan and which have been issued a notification to construct that would be displaced if the proposed interregional transmission project was included; and

(ii) For the Transmission Provider, the Transmission Provider the total avoided costs of transmission projects included in the then-current regional transmission plan that would be displaced if the proposed interregional transmission project was included.

C. Updated Regional Benefits calculations will be exchanged in a similar manner to the status updates described in Section 1.3.3.

D. In any regional benefit to cost (“BTC”) ratio calculation(s) performed pursuant to the respective regional transmission planning processes, the anticipated allocation of costs of the interregional transmission project to each region shall be based upon the ratio of the region’s Regional Benefit to the sum of the Regional Benefits identified for both SPP and the SERTP.

2. Cost Allocation

2.1 Interregional Transmission Projects Proposed for Interregional Cost

Allocation Purposes: For a transmission project to be considered for purposes of

interregional cost allocation between the Transmission Provider and SPP, the following criteria must be met:

- A. The transmission project must interconnect to transmission facilities in SPP and the transmission facilities of one or more SERTP Sponsors and meet the qualification criteria for transmission projects potentially eligible to be included in the regional transmission plans for purposes of regional cost allocation in accordance with the respective regional transmission planning processes of both the Transmission Provider and SPP.
- B. On a case by case basis, the Transmission Provider and SPP will consider an interregional transmission project that does not satisfy all of the criteria specified in Section 2.1.A but: (i) provides significant interregional benefits (i.e. a major transmission project effectuating significant bulk electric transfers between the SERTP and SPP regions); (ii) would be located in both regions; and (iii) would be interconnected to the transmission facilities of one or more SERTP Sponsors and the transmission facilities of a transmission owner in SPP.
- C. The transmission project must be proposed in both the SPP and SERTP regional planning processes for purposes of cost allocation, as well as any other regions to which the proposed transmission project would interconnect, in accordance with the procedures of the applicable regional transmission planning processes. If the proposed transmission project is being proposed by a transmission developer, the transmission developer

must also satisfy all qualification criteria specified in the respective regional transmission planning processes, as applicable.

2.2 Inclusion in Regional Transmission Plans for Purposes of Cost Allocation:

An interregional transmission project proposed for Interregional cost allocation purposes in the SPP Region and the SERTP will be included in the respective regional transmission plans for purposes of cost allocation after each region has performed all evaluations and the transmission project has obtained all approvals, as prescribed in the respective regional transmission planning processes, necessary for it to be included in each regional transmission plan for purposes of cost allocation.

2.3 Allocation of Costs Between the Transmission Provider and SPP: The cost of an interregional transmission project selected for purposes of cost allocation in the regional transmission plans of both the Transmission Provider and SPP will be allocated between the regions as follows:

- A. Each region will be allocated a portion of the interregional transmission project's costs in proportion to such region's Regional Benefit to the sum of the Regional Benefits identified for both the Transmission Provider and SPP.
 - o The Regional Benefits used for this determination shall be based upon the last Regional Benefit calculation performed – pursuant to the method described in Section 1.3.4 – before each region included the

transmission project in its regional transmission plan for purposes of cost allocation and as approved by each region.

- Should one region be willing to bear more costs of the interregional transmission project than those costs identified pursuant to methodology described in this Section 2.3.A, the regions may voluntarily agree, subject to applicable regional approvals, to an alternative cost sharing arrangement.

2.4 Milestones of Required Steps Necessary to Maintain Status as Being Selected for Interregional Cost Allocation Purposes: Once selected in the respective regional transmission plans for purposes of cost allocation, the Transmission Provider, the SERTP Sponsor(s) that will be allocated costs of the transmission project (“beneficiaries”), SPP and the transmission developer must mutually agree upon an acceptable development schedule including milestones by which the necessary steps to develop and construct the transmission project must occur. These milestones may include (to the extent not already accomplished) obtaining all necessary ROWs and requisite environmental, state, and other governmental approvals and executing a mutually-agreed upon contract(s) between the transmission developer and the beneficiaries. If such critical steps are not met by the specified milestones and then afterwards maintained, then the Transmission Provider and SPP may remove the transmission project from the selected category in the regional transmission plan for purposes of cost allocation.

2.5 Interregional Project Contractual Arrangements: The contracts referenced in Section 2.4 will address terms and conditions associated with the development of

the proposed transmission project included in the regional transmission plans for purposes of cost allocation, including but not limited to:

- a) Engineering, procurement, construction, maintenance, and operation of the proposed transmission project, including coordination responsibilities of the parties;
- b) Emergency restoration and repair;
- c) The specific financial terms/specific total amounts to be charged by the transmission developer of the transmission project to each beneficiary, as agreed to by the parties;
- d) Creditworthiness/project security requirements;
- e) Milestone reporting, including schedule of projected expenditures;
- f) Reevaluation of the transmission project; and
- g) Non-performance or abandonment.

2.6 Removal from Regional Transmission Plans for Purposes of Cost Allocation:

An interregional transmission project may be removed from the Transmission Provider's or SPP's regional transmission plan for purposes of cost allocation if the project is removed from either region's, regional transmission plans pursuant to the requirements of its regional transmission planning process or if the developer fails to meet the developmental milestones established pursuant to Section 2.4.

2.6.1: The Transmission Provider and/or SPP will notify the other party if an interregional transmission project or a portion thereof is likely to be removed from its regional transmission plan.

3. Transparency

3.1 The Transmission Provider and SPP shall host their respective regional websites for communication of information related to coordinated interregional transmission planning procedures. They shall coordinate on the documents and information that is posted on their respective websites to ensure consistency of information. Each regional website shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- i. Link to this Addendum
- ii. Information related to joint meetings, such as links to materials for joint meetings
- iii. Documents relating to joint evaluations
- iv. Procedures for coordination and joint evaluation

3.2 Access to the data utilized will be made available through the pertinent regional planning websites subject to the appropriate clearance, as applicable (such as CEII and confidential non-CEII). The Transmission Provider will make available, on the Regional Website, links to where stakeholders can register (if applicable/available) for SPP stakeholder committees and distribution lists.

3.3 The Transmission Provider shall report back to its stakeholders on the status of any interregional activities done under this Attachment K - including:

- Facilities to be evaluated
- Analysis performed
- Determinations/results.

3.4 Stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide input and feedback related to interregional facilities identified, analysis performed, and any

determination/results within the respective regional transmission planning processes. Stakeholders may participate in either or both regions' regional transmission planning processes to provide their input and feedback regarding the interregional coordination activities described in this Attachment K - .