

reactive power resources, including synchronous and asynchronous generation resources, transmission resources and energy storage resources; the design options for and cost of installing reactive power equipment at the time of interconnection as well as retrofitting a resource with reactive power equipment; other means by which reactive power is currently secured such as through self-supply; and how a technology that is capable of providing reactive power but may not be subject to the generation interconnection process (e.g., FACTS) would be analyzed. The staff and participants discussed information on methods used to determine the reactive power requirements for a transmission system and how system impact and system planning studies take into account changes in technologies connected to the system.

Persons wishing to comment on these issues should submit written comments to the Commission no later than May 21, 2012.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Meeting Related to the Transmission Planning Activities of the Southwest Power Pool, Inc.; Notice of Commission Staff Attendance

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hereby gives notice that members of the Commission's staff may attend the following meeting related to the transmission planning activities of the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP):

#### Strategic Planning Committee Task Force on Order 1000

April 25, 2012.

9 a.m.–3 p.m. Local Time.

The above-referenced meeting will be held at: OG&E Offices, 321 N. Harvey Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73101.

The above-referenced meeting is open to stakeholders.

Further information may be found at [www.spp.org](http://www.spp.org).

The discussions at the meetings described above may address matters at issue in the following proceedings:

Docket No. ER09-35-001, *Tallgrass Transmission, LLC*.

Docket No. ER09-36-001, *Prairie Wind Transmission, LLC*.

Docket No. ER09-548-001, *ITC Great Plains, LLC*.

Docket No. ER11-4105-000, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. EL11-34-001, *Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.*

Docket No. ER11-3967-002, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. ER11-3967-003, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. ER12-1179-000, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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#### Midwest Independent Transmission, System Operator, Inc.; Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference

As announced in the Notice of Technical Conference issued on April 4, 2012, and as required in the Commission's March 30, 2012 order in these dockets,<sup>1</sup> there will be a technical conference in these proceedings on May 15, 2012 at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC, Room 3M-2A&B. The technical conference will be led by staff, and will be open for the public to attend. Attendees may register in advance at the following Web page: <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/midwest-independent-5-15-12-form.asp>. Advance registration is not required, but is encouraged. Parties attending in person should still allow time to pass through building security procedures before the 9:00 a.m. start time of the conference.

The conference will not be webcast, but will be accessible via telephone. Parties wishing to participate by phone should fill out the registration form and check the box indicating that they wish to participate by conference call, and do so no later than 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on Wednesday, May 9. Parties selecting this option will receive a confirmation

email containing a dial-in number and a password before the conference. To the extent possible, individuals calling from the same location share a single telephone line.

FERC conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an email to [accessibility@ferc.gov](mailto:accessibility@ferc.gov) or call toll free 866-208-3372 (voice) or 202-208-1659 (TTY), or send a FAX to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For further information regarding this conference, contact Stephen Pointer at [stephen.pointer@ferc.gov](mailto:stephen.pointer@ferc.gov) or 202-502-8761, Adam Pollock at [adam.pollock@ferc.gov](mailto:adam.pollock@ferc.gov) or 202-502-8458, or Katherine Waldbauer at [katherine.waldbauer@ferc.gov](mailto:katherine.waldbauer@ferc.gov) or 202-502-8232.

*I. Questions to be Addressed Prior to Technical Conference.* The Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (MISO) and/or Potomac Economics, Inc., MISO's Independent Market Monitor (IMM), are requested to file written responses to each of the questions below by Thursday, May 10, 2012, so that the responses may be discussed at the technical conferences.

1. Provide monthly information (from 2009 forward) on how many units were committed for VLR and the percentage of those units that were committed on transmission lines of less than 100 kV. Provide information on where in the MISO region these VLR units were committed. Does MISO expect VLR commitments in the future, and if so, where? Please explain.

2. How many VLR units (from 2009 forward) were economically dispatched?

3. With regard to the IMM's testimony in Docket No. ER12-678 at ¶ 15-22,<sup>2</sup> for the period from January 2010 to September 2011:

a. Were VLR units economically dispatched during any of these hours? Provide data on the number of hours VLR units were economically dispatched.

b. Did these units have headroom? If so, how many MWs?

4. MISO states that "[i]n principle, voltage issues would be modeled using thermal constraints as a proxy in the commitment and dispatch"<sup>3</sup> and "[i]n fact, these commitments are made per operating procedures and guidelines regardless of expected or actual deviation volumes."<sup>4</sup>

a. Please provide the Operating Procedures and guidelines.

<sup>2</sup> Docket No. ER12-678-000 Filing, Tab E, Affidavit of David B. Patton.

<sup>3</sup> Analysis of Market Results at 1.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 8.

<sup>1</sup> *Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.*, 138 FERC ¶ 61,235 (2012).