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Dear Transmission Customer:

The Upper Great Plains Region of Western Area Power Administration (Western) is in the process of joining the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) with a tentative effective date of October 1, 2015, contingent upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's approval of Western's negotiated provisions in the SPP Membership Agreement, Bylaws, and Tariff. The other Integrated System (IS) owners, Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Heartland Consumers Power District, have also received the necessary internal approvals and authorizations to join SPP based upon their negotiated provisions. Notices and status updates regarding this change have been posted on Western's OASIS page at the following URL:

<http://www.oasis.oati.com/wapa/index.html>.

Once the IS owners join SPP, transmission service on the IS will no longer be available under Western's Tariff. Therefore, current transmission customers of the IS will need to make transmission arrangements with SPP. Western has posted information outlining the requirements and process for becoming an SPP transmission customer on its OASIS site under the "SPP Integration" folder. Further, Western intends to exercise the provision in Western's Tariff and Transmission and Network Service Agreements allowing Western to terminate such Service Agreements to allow it to join an Independent System Operator by providing a one-year written termination notice.

Western will host a kick-off Informational Webinar on Friday, September 12, 2014, at 1:00 pm CDT to update the IS customers on the status of its efforts to join SPP, to outline the impacts upon the IS customers, and to discuss the transition of transmission service from the IS to SPP. Western will also answer IS customers' questions. SPP staff should also be available on the webinar to provide additional information and answer questions. Additional webinars may be scheduled based upon the feedback from the IS customers. All presentations will be posted on Western's OASIS under the "SPP Integration" folder following the meeting.

Those parties desiring to attend the webinar will need to contact Ms. Kass Portra at (406) 255-2842, or by email at portra@wapa.gov, for access information.

Sincerely,

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