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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

United States Department of Energy
Southwestern Power Administration
(Integrated System)

Docket No. EF14-1-001

ORDER CONFIRMING AND APPROVING RATE SCHEDULE
ON A FINAL BASIS

(March 9, 2017)

Summary

On January 3, 2017, the Deputy Secretary of Energy (Deputy Secretary) filed a request for final confirmation and approval of Southwestern Power Administration's (Southwestern) Rate Schedule NFTS-13A,¹ applicable to non-federal point-to-point and network transmission service from Southwestern's Integrated System.² The Deputy Secretary placed the rate schedule into effect on an interim basis effective January 1, 2017,³ and requests final confirmation and approval of the rate for the period January 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017.⁴ On January 9, 2014, (in Docket No. EF14-1-000), the Commission confirmed and approved, on a final basis, Southwestern's Rate

¹ Southwestern Power Administration, FERC PA Electric Tariff, Tariffs, Rate Schedules, and Other Tariff Documents, [Rates, Rates, 1.0.1](#).

² The Integrated System consists of 22 multi-purpose hydroelectric projects whose power output is sold to preference customers in Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

³ Rate Order No. SWPA-71 placing the rate schedules into effect on an interim basis, was issued on December 23, 2016, under authority delegated to the Deputy Secretary by Department of Energy Delegation Order Nos. 00-037.00A and 00-001.00F (Delegation Orders).

⁴ Rate Schedule NFTS-13A supersedes Rate Schedule NFTS-13, which was approved on a final basis in *U.S. Dept. of Energy – Southwestern Power Admin. (Integrated System)*, 146 FERC ¶ 62,016 (2014) (*Southwestern*).

Schedules for the period from October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2017.⁵ One component of the Integrated System Rate Schedules was Rate Schedule NFTS-13.

In addition, Southwestern requests request waiver of the Commission's data and analysis requirements set forth in 18 C.F.R. §§ 300.11 and 300.13. Southwestern states that incorporation by reference of data in the previous rate filing in Docket No. EF14-1-000 provides adequate technical support and analysis for this rate filing. Southwestern states that the instant filing merely incorporates modifications that will better align the rate schedule with standard practices utilized by Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP). Southwestern notes that Southwestern's NFTS Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) remains unchanged from that determined in its 2013 Integrated System Power Repayment Studies (PRS) and rate proposal approved by the Commission in Docket No. EF14-1-000,⁶ and consequently no net change will occur in the repayment results.

Southwestern states that the instant filing proposes to add a new Section 2.3.6, which establishes a procedure for determining an ARR for customers that choose to contract for Network Integration Transmission Service (NITS) on Southwestern's transmission system pursuant to the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT). Southwestern notes that the new Section 2.3.6 does not change Southwestern's NFTS ARR, as determined in its 2013 PRS and rate proposal, but rather replaces the stated rate for SPP NITS with a revenue requirement-based methodology that includes determining the SPP NITS ARR portion of Southwestern's NFTS ARR. Furthermore, the new Section 2.3.6 affects only those customers that choose to contract for SPP NITS on Southwestern's transmission system under the SPP OATT. Southwestern notes that, its Administrator determined that Section 2.3.6 will provide a more appropriate methodology for revenue recovery from NFTS customers that choose to contract for SPP NITS on Southwestern's transmission system under the SPP OATT.

Notice of the filing was published in the *Federal Register*, 81 Fed. Reg. 8,415 (2017), with comments, protests, or motions to intervene due on February 17, 2017. No responsive filings were received. Notices of intervention and unopposed timely filed motions to intervene are granted pursuant to operation of Rule 214 of the Commission's Rule of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. § 385.214). Any opposed or untimely filed motion to intervene is governed by the provisions of Rule 214.

⁵ See *Southwestern*, 146 FERC ¶ 62,016.

⁶ See *id.*

Discussion

Our review indicates that Southwestern's Rate Schedule NFTS-13A, which is applicable to non-federal point-to-point and network transmission service from Southwestern's Integrated System, will allow Southwestern to meet its final obligations. Since the submittal is consistent with the standards by which it must be judged, it merits final confirmation and approval.

The Director:

Confirms and approves on a final basis Southwestern's proposed Rate Schedule NFTS-13A to be effective for the period January 1, 2017, through September 30, 2017.

Authorities:

This action is taken pursuant to authority delegated to the Director, Division of Electric Power Regulation – Central, under 18 C.F.R. § 375.307. This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.713.

Sincerely,

Penny S. Murrell, Director
Division of Electric Power
Regulation – Central

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