



January 31, 2025

Nancy Dippell, Secretary & Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: EA-2022-0234
NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC

Dear Hon. Dippell:

Pursuant to the December 8, 2022 *Order Approving Settlement* issued in Docket No. EA-2022-0234 (“Order”), NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC (“NEET Southwest”) hereby submits its quarterly update on the construction progress of the NEET Southwest Wolf Creek-Blackberry 345 kV Transmission Project that spans Barton and Jasper counties in Missouri, as well as five counties in Kansas (“Project”).

GENERAL OVERVIEW

NEET Southwest has continued to advance the development of the Project in the fourth quarter of 2024. NEET Southwest has finalized land acquisition activities, all agreements with affected counties have been completed, and construction activities are ongoing along the approved route in Kansas and working towards Missouri. Tree clearing activities in Missouri are ongoing and construction in Missouri is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2025. NEET Southwest’s primary efforts in the fourth quarter of 2024 have included:

- Continuing with construction progress along the route in Kansas.
- Continuing with tree clearing along the route in Missouri.
- SPP is currently reviewing the Transmission Interconnection Agreement with Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. (“Evergy”). Final agreement is anticipated in Q1 2025.
- Final redlines being complete on a joint operation agreement with Evergy and AECL. Final signatures are anticipated in Q1 2025.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

NEET Southwest’s estimated in-service date for the Project has been adjusted from January 1, 2025 to July 15, 2025, to adjust for the additional time required to perform its analysis of the potential co-location option and to coordinate construction with other timing constraints. The

update to the expected in-service date has been accepted by SPP. NEET Southwest continues to utilize an experienced team made up of internal and external subject matter experts to develop and execute the Project.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE

NEET Southwest has completed all tree clearing required for the project. NEET Southwest continues the installation of poles in Kansas (currently there are ~361 poles installed), project is also over halfway complete with the installation of conductor.

REGULATORY UPDATE

FERC

On October 29, 2024, SPP filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”), on behalf and at the request of NEET Southwest, revisions to the SPP Tariff to incorporate NEET Southwest’s Zonal Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement within the Evergy Zone (identified in the Tariff as Zone 14) (FERC Docket No. ER25-252-000).

Southwest Power Pool

NEET Southwest has signed a Transmission Interconnection Agreement with AECl and SPP for interconnection of the Project to the Blackberry Substation in Missouri. NEET Southwest is continuing to negotiate a Transmission Interconnection Agreement with Evergy and SPP for interconnection to the Wolf Creek Substation in Kansas.

Agreements with Missouri Jurisdictional Public Utilities

NEET Southwest has executed a crossing agreement with Barton County Cooperative and, as stated above, has executed a Transmission Interconnection Agreement with AECl.

Government Approvals and Permits Relating to Construction

Pursuant to the Order condition listed at page 13, paragraph (2)(o), NEET Southwest is to provide all required government approvals and permits required prior to beginning construction (“Construction Permits”). These Construction Permits are provided in Attachment 1 to this filing.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Project Budget – Highly Confidential

The following is the estimated total budget for the Project. These estimates are subject to change as the Project continues to advance, including conducting engineering and determining the timing of materials procurement and construction planning.

The current total estimate for the Project [REDACTED].

Spend to Date – Highly Confidential

As of January 1, 2025, NEET Southwest has spent a total of approximately \$ [REDACTED] on the development of the Project, which includes [REDACTED].

Cost Category	Amount Expected to Have Been Spent to Date	Amount Spent to Date	Explanation of Increase and/or Decrease in Budget
Total costs	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

LAND UPDATE AND LANDOWNER COMMUNICATIONS

Easements Obtained

NEET Southwest has obtained 100% of the easements needed for the Project.

Per the Order Condition listed at page 10, paragraph (2)(f), NEET Southwest is attaching a spreadsheet and a map displaying the location of each easement parcel. *See Attachments 2 and 3* to this filing.

Landowner Contacts and Communications

NEET Southwest continues to monitor landowner questions and concerns via the Project hotline. The hotline messages are forwarded to land agents to reach out directly to the landowners with additional follow-up from NEET Southwest personnel as needed.

COUNTY AGREEMENTS AND OUTREACH

NEET Southwest has executed Road Use Agreements with Jasper and Barton County in Missouri. NEET Southwest continues to visit the counties and their commissioners to keep them apprised of status of the Project.

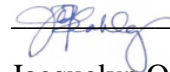
AFFILIATE CONTRACTS

NEET Southwest has not entered any new affiliate contracts related to operations, maintenance, and reliability.

CONCLUSION

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions.

Thank you,



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