Monday, August 1, 2011

On Monday, August 1, 2011, SPP activated an automated check to ensure that the limits to Non-firm Network Integration Transmission Service (NITS) as determined by Section 28.4 of the SPP OATT are being followed. The following is the process for determining the limits:

Soft Limit – a limit that uses the NN-6 capacity that each customer has historically scheduled and can be overridden if the customer has a reason to request more service. The Soft Limit is described in Section 28.4 of the SPP OATT as follows:

“For any single hour scheduling period of time, a Network Customer’s total Reserved Capacity for secondary service shall not exceed the greater of (i) 200 MW or (ii) 125 percent times the Network Customer’s average of the highest hourly non-firm network schedules from four (4) separate days for the previous twelve (12) calendar month period or (iii) 25% of the Network

Customer's peak Network Load from the prior calendar year;”

Hard Limit – a limit that uses a percentage of the customer’s reported peak from the previous calendar year and will not be able to be overridden. The Hard Limit is described in Section 28.4 of the SPP OATT as follows:

“provided, however, that the Reserved Capacity for such secondary service shall not exceed 110 percent of the Network Customer’s peak Network Load from the prior calendar year.”

The Network Customer’s peak Network Load is the prior year coincident peak value submitted to SPP that SPP uses to bill Network Customers.

In the event that the Soft Limit must be exceeded, the Network Customer should contact the SPP Tariff Administration desk (501-614-3900 option 3) to request the Tariff Administrator override the validation failure. A Network Customer can also request the annulment of any NN-6 transmission service reservation prior to scheduling to free up capacity to be requested from a different source by simply contacting the SPP Tariff Administration desk.