

**BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF SOUTHWESTERN )  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY'S )  
APPLICATION FOR: (1) ISSUANCE OF A )  
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE )  
AND NECESSITY AUTHORIZING )  
CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF )  
TWO 230 KV TRANSMISSION LINES AND )  
ASSOCIATED SUBSTATION FACILITIES IN )  
CURRY AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, NEW )  
MEXICO; (2) APPROVAL OF THE )  
LOCATION OF THE 230 KV TRANSMISSION )  
LINES AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES; )  
AND (3) AUTHORIZING ACCRUAL OF AN )  
ALLOWANCE FOR FUNDS USED DURING )  
CONSTRUCTION FOR THE TRANSMISSION )  
LINES AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES, )  
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SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE )  
COMPANY, )  
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Applicant. )  
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**Case No. 12-00027-UT**

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND HEARING**

**NOTICE** is hereby given by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("Commission") of the following:

On February 7, 2012, SPS filed an Application with the Commission, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 62-9-1, 62-9-3 and 62-9-6, and 17.1.2.9 NMAC and 17.9.592 NMAC, requesting (i) the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CCN") authorizing the construction and operation of two 230 kilovolt ("kV") transmission lines and associated substation facilities in Curry and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico, (ii) approval of the location of the 230 kV transmission lines as described in SPS's Application and the supporting pre-filed direct testimony; and (iii) authorization for SPS to accrue AFUDC for the proposed transmission lines and substation facilities.

SPS states that the first 230 kV line will connect SPS's proposed Pleasant Hill Substation, located five miles northeast of Clovis, New Mexico, to a connection point north of Oasis Substation, located southwest of Clovis, New Mexico. The second 230 kV line will connect SPS's proposed Pleasant Hill Substation to the existing Roosevelt County Substation located south of Clovis, New Mexico. SPS states that the proposed project is necessary to provide increased reliability for Southeastern New Mexico.

The Commission has assigned Case No. 12-00027-UT to this proceeding, and all inquiries or written comments concerning this matter should refer to that case number.

The procedural schedule established for this proceeding is as follows:

1. Any person who desires to intervene to become a party to this case must file a Motion for Leave to Intervene, in conformity with 1.2.2.23(A) and (B) NMAC, on or before April 25, 2012, with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, Records Bureau, P.E.R.A. Building, P.O. Box 1269, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1269.
2. Staff and Intervenors shall file any direct testimony on or before May 4, 2012. Any rebuttal testimony by SPS, Staff or Intervenors must be filed on or before May 14, 2012.
3. A public hearing will be held beginning at 9:30 A.M. on June 7, 2012 in the Ground Floor Hearing Room of the Commission's offices in the P.E.R.A. Building, 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, 87501, to hear and receive evidence, arguments and any other appropriate matters relevant to this proceeding.

In accordance with NMSA 1978, Section 62-9-1(C), the Commission may approve a request for a CCN and related authorizations without a formal hearing if no protest is received by the Commission within sixty days after publication of notice.

The procedural dates and requirements currently set in this case are subject to further Order of the Commission or the Hearing Examiner. Any interested person should contact the Commission for confirmation of the hearing date, time and place since hearings are occasionally rescheduled.

The Application, together with supporting pre-filed direct testimony and any attachments and related papers, may be examined by any interested person at the Xcel Energy's *Power for the Plains* website (<http://www.powerfortheplains.com/>) or the offices of SPS and the Commission (<http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us/general-counsel/case-lookup.html>) at the following addresses:

Southwestern Public Service Company  
500 Pile Street  
Clovis, NM 88102  
Attn: David Essex

Southwestern Public Service Company  
600 S. Tyler, Suite 2400  
Post Office Box 1261  
Amarillo, TX 79105  
Attn: James Bagley

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission  
Records Bureau  
P.E.R.A. Building  
1120. Paseo de Peralta  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Pursuant to 17.9.592.13 NMAC, the Application, supporting pre-filed direct testimony and attachments may also be examined by any interested person at:

Clovis-Carter Public Library  
701 N. Main Street  
Clovis, NM 88101

or

Portales Public Library  
218 S. Avenue B  
Portales, NM 88130

The Commission's Rules of Procedure (1.2.2.1 NMAC) shall apply to this proceeding except as modified by order of the Commission or Hearing Examiner. A copy of the rules may be obtained from the offices of the Commission or at [www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/nmac/](http://www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/nmac/).

Anyone filing pleadings, documents or testimony shall serve a copy on all parties of record, the Commission Staff and the Hearing Examiner (i) by first class mail or hand-delivery and (ii) by e-mail. Copies served upon the Hearing Examiner shall include an electronic version of the filing in Word format. All filings shall be e-mailed on the date they are filed with the Commission.

Any person whose testimony has been pre-filed shall attend the hearing and submit to examination under oath. Unless otherwise ordered or approved by the Commission or Hearing Examiner, the questioning of a party sponsoring a witness shall be limited on direct examination to the authentication and verification of the witness' pre-filed written testimony and later to appropriate redirect examination.

Any interested person may appear at the time of hearing and make a written or oral comment pursuant to 1.2.2.23(F) NMAC without becoming an intervenor. Interested persons may also send written comments, which shall reference NMPRC Case No. 12-00027-UT, to the Commission at the mailing address set out below. All such comments will not be considered as evidence in this proceeding.

All documents mailed to the Commission and its personnel shall be mailed to: New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, P.E.R.A. Building, P.O. Box 1269, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87504-1269. The following physical address of the Commission shall be used only for special or hand deliveries: 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

**ANY PERSON WITH A DISABILITY REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE COMMISSION AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE HEARING.**

**ISSUED** at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this **March 22, 2012**.

**NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION**

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**Ashley C. Schannauer**  
**Hearing Examiner**