

## **Notice of Intent to Submit Rate Filing December 2007**

Xcel Energy Services Inc. ("XES"), on behalf of Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS"), plans to submit a filing to FERC under Section 205 of the Federal Power Act to propose a formula transmission rate in the Xcel Energy Operating Companies Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT") to the applicable customers taking service from SPS under the Xcel Energy OATT and customers taking service from Southwest Power Pool ("SPP") in the SPS rate zone under the SPP OATT. The filing, currently scheduled for December 2007, will propose a revised Attachment H and new Attachment O - SPS, which will utilize a historical test year along with projected transmission plant additions and annual true up procedures to determine Network Integration Transmission Service ("NITS") and Point-to-Point ("PTP") transmission service rates. XES will propose the OATT revisions be effective February 1, 2008. XES will not propose to change the stated ancillary service rates for the SPS system in this rate application.

XES may also propose that SPS be allowed to recover certain transmission incentives addressed in FERC Order 679 in this filing, or in related filings to be submitted either contemporaneously, or subsequent to the planned December 2007 rate filing.

XES anticipates working with the SPP to file corresponding changes to the SPP regional OATT for NITS and PTP services on the SPS system under the SPP OATT.

Transmission Service customers on the SPS system will be served a copy of the rate filing when it is submitted to FERC. XES plans to conduct customer information meetings either prior to or shortly after the filing to address customer questions prior to the date for the filing of intervention and comments. Customers will be notified for the date, time and location of the customer meeting(s) by future notice.