

Notice of Open Season for Transmission Capacity

Western Interconnect

Western Interconnect LLC announces the launch of an Open Season process to allocate up to 603 MW of remaining transmission capacity on the proposed 1,100 MW Western Interconnect transmission line.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Western Interconnect LLC ("WI") is building a 35 miles, single circuit 345 kV AC merchant transmission line connecting Public Service Company of New Mexico's Blackwater substation to a new 345 kV switching station located northeast of Clovis in Curry County, New Mexico. The normal transfer capacity of the line will be 1,100 MW, and commercial operations are scheduled to begin on January 1, 2017.

WI was formed by Tres Amigas LLC and Pattern Energy Group LP to develop, finance, construct, own and operate the transmission line.

OPEN SEASON PROCESS

The Open Season launches on October 3rd, 2016. London Economics International LLC ("LEI") will be serving as the Independent Examiner. The Open Season will be soliciting Transmission Service Request ("TSR") from interested parties for firm transmission service in the range of 50 MW to 603 MW on the WI transmission line. WI will be offering the firm transmission service to any interested party meeting the minimum eligibility criteria at the same rates, terms, and conditions as reflected in the existing anchor customer agreements (all relevant documentation is available on the Open Season website).

The deadline to submit a TSR is **November 11, 2016 at 5:00 pm Mountain time**. All TSRs for transmission service meeting the minimum eligibility criteria will be ranked based on: i) project viability (to be assessed using the following criteria: proof of site control, and possession of a credit-worthy and commercially reasonable Power Purchase Agreement for the purchase of power delivered through the WI transmission line); ii) amount of transmission capacity requested (in descending order); and iii) creditworthiness & financial strength.

WI and LEI will notify applicants whether their application for transmission rights was selected starting November 21, 2016. Depending on the total amount and nature of conforming TSRs, WI will also notify selected applicants whether there is a need for additional interconnection studies, which could entail additional costs that the applicant must fund.



Additional information about the WI project and Open Season process, including a calendar of events and registration information for upcoming virtual information session, is available on the Open Season website. Any question regarding the project or Open Season process should be submitted via the website, or directed to westerninterconnect-os@londonconomics.com.