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Re: 2014 Eighth Biennial Transmission Assessment 2014-2023, Docket No. E-00000D-13-0002

Dear Mr. Stoneburg,

On May 15, 2014 the utilities presented their ten year transmission plans as part of the Commission’s Biennial Transmission Assessment (BTA) effort. At that workshop, Laurie Woodall, Policy Advisor to Commissioner Bitter Smith, asked SRP to provide a written response to whether any transmission projects, including reconductoring activities, were avoided or delayed as a result of distributed generation (DG) and energy efficiency (EE). This letter is in response to Ms. Woodall’s question.

As SRP indicated at the workshop, the current penetration of DG and EE is not significant enough to impact the timing of SRP’s planned transmission projects. As such, SRP has not deferred any transmission projects, including reconductoring projects due to DG or EE.

SRP plans for new transmission projects primarily utilizing the Company’s current peak load forecast, with most projects in the 2014 ten year transmission plan driven by specific large customer requests. SRP identified two projects in our transmission plan that were not specifically driven by large customer requests. SRP performed a thermal analysis to determine if, with the addition of the load represented by DG and EE, overloads would have occurred in the year prior to the published in service year of the projects. The result of such analysis was that neither DG nor EE had any impact on transmission projects planned within the next ten years.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Laura Furrey

cc: Laurie Woodall
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