

OCS Data Request 2.4

TPL Reliability Assessment. The Company's response to OCS 1.2 states that "No deficiencies were found for TPL-002 Category C contingencies (an event resulting in the loss of a single element) prior to the addition of the S-RB Project as the analysis assumes service can be provided from the NV Energy system." In a meeting with the Company on November 15, 2012, it was learned that a TPL-002 deficiency now exists because service cannot be provided from the NV Energy system due to the expiration of a contract.

- (a) Please fully explain the nature of this contract, the parties involved and how it enabled the Company to be in compliance with mandatory reliability standard TPL 002.
- (b) Please explain why the Company can no longer rely on this contract or a similar contractual arrangement to remain compliant with TPL 002.
- (c) Please provide a copy of the contract reference in (a).

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- (a) The referenced contract is an interconnection agreement between NV Energy and UAMPS. Under the terms of the agreement, as PacifiCorp understood them, NV Energy supplied back-up generation and associated transmission service to UAMPS' loads during outages of PacifiCorp's existing Sigurd to Red Butte transmission line. When this contract was in place, the majority of the loads in SW Utah had a supply agreement capable of providing back-up service during N-1 conditions.
- (b) The contract was terminated by NV Energy in August 2011, which was litigated in FERC Docket No. ER11-4215-000. The Commission issued an order November 17, 2011, ruling that NV Energy's request for cancellation of the interconnection agreement with UAMPS was accepted for filing effective April 19, 2012.
- (c) See link to the docket at:
<http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/comm-meet/2011/111711/E-14.pdf>