

January 7, 2009 Ms. Kimberly Bose Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: NERC Notice of Penalty regarding Wise County Power Company, LP, FERC Docket No.

NP09-\_-000

Dear Ms. Bose:

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) hereby provides this Notice of Penalty<sup>1</sup> regarding Wise County Power Company, LP, NERC Registry ID NCR04165,<sup>2</sup> in accordance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission or FERC) rules, regulations and orders, as well as NERC Rules of Procedure including Appendix 4C (NERC Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program (CMEP)).<sup>3</sup>

SUEZ Energy Generation NA Inc. self-certified non-compliance with Reliability Standards FAC-008-1 Requirements (R) 1-3; FAC-009-1 R1-2; and IRO-004-1 R4 with respect to its Wise County Power Company, LP facility, on September 28, 2007 as part of its required annual self-certification of compliance due to be submitted to Texas Regional Entity on October 1, 2007. This Notice of Penalty is being filed with the Commission because, based on information from Texas Regional Entity, Wise County Power Company, LP does not dispute the violations of FAC-008-1 R1-3; FAC-009-1 R1-2; and IRO-004-1 R4 and the proposed penalty of \$0 to be assessed to Wise County Power Company, LP at issue in this Notice of Penalty. Accordingly, the violations identified as NERC Violation Tracking Identification Numbers TRE200700016, TRE200700017, TRE200700018, TRE200700019, TRE200700020 and TRE200700021 are Confirmed Violations, as that term is defined in the NERC Rules of Procedure and the CMEP.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Rules Concerning Certification of the Electric Reliability Organization; and Procedures for the Establishment, Approval, and Enforcement of Electric Reliability Standards (Order No. 672), III FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,204 (2006); Notice of New Docket Prefix "NP" for Notices of Penalty Filed by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, Docket No. RM05-30-000 (February 7, 2008). See also 18 C.F.R. Part 39 (2008). Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,242 (2007) (Order No. 693), reh'g denied, 120 FERC ¶ 61,053 (2007) (Order No. 693-A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Texas Regional Entity confirmed that Wise County Power Company, LP was included on the NERC Compliance Registry and was subject to the requirements of the NERC Reliability Standards set forth herein.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See 18 C.F.R § 39.7(c)(2).

#### **Statement of Findings Underlying the Violations**

This Notice of Penalty incorporates the findings and justifications set forth in the Notice of Confirmed Violation and Proposed Penalty or Sanction (NOC) issued on February 18, 2008, by Texas Regional Entity. The details of the findings and basis for the penalty are set forth herein. This Notice of Penalty filing contains the basis for approval of the Notice of Penalty by the NERC Board of Trustees Compliance Committee (NERC BOTCC). In accordance with Section 39.7 of the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 39.7 (2007), NERC provides the following summary table identifying each Reliability Standard at issue in this Notice of Penalty.

Region	Registered Entity	NOC ID	NERC Violation ID	Reliability Std.	Req. (R)	VRF	Total Penalty (\$)
	Wise County Power						
TRE	Company, LP	NOC-06	TRE200700016	FAC-008-1	1	Lower/Medium <sup>4</sup>	0
	Wise County Power						
TRE	Company, LP	NOC-06	TRE200700017	FAC-008-1	2	Lower	0
	Wise County Power						
TRE	Company, LP	NOC-06	TRE200700018	FAC-008-1	3	Lower	0
	Wise County Power						
TRE	Company, LP	NOC-06	TRE200700019	FAC-009-1	1	Medium	0
	Wise County Power						
TRE	Company, LP	NOC-06	TRE200700020	FAC-009-1	2	Medium	0
	Wise County Power						
TRE	Company, LP	NOC-06	TRE200700021	IRO-004-1	4	High	0

In summary, FAC-008-1 R1 requires an entity such as Wise County Power Company, LP that is registered as a Generator Owner to document its current methodology used for developing Facility Ratings (Facility Ratings Methodology) of its solely and jointly owned Facilities. During the 2007 annual self-certification, Wise County Power Company, LP self-certified, on September 28, 2007, that it did not have a documented methodology for determining Facility Ratings. Texas Regional Entity identified the violation on October 23, 2007 and determined it to be a documentation issue, because Wise County Power Company, LP had determined Facility Ratings but did not have a written methodology.

FAC-008-1 R2 requires Wise County Power Company, LP to make its Facility Ratings Methodology available for inspection and technical review by those Reliability Coordinators, Transmission Operators, Transmission Planners, and Planning Authorities that have responsibility for the area in which the associated Facilities are located, within 15 business days of receipt of a request. During the 2007 annual self-certification, Wise County Power Company, LP self-certified, on September 28, 2007, that it did not have a documented methodology for determining Facility Ratings in order to meet this requirement. Texas Regional Entity identified the violation was October 23, 2007 and determined it to be a documentation issue, because Wise County Power Company, LP had determined Facility Ratings but did not have a written methodology.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> While FAC-008-1 R1 has a "Lower" VRF, its sub-requirements have a "Medium" VRF.

FAC-008-1 R3 states that, if a Reliability Coordinator, Transmission Operator, Transmission Planner, or Planning Authority provides written comments on its technical review of a Wise County Power Company, LP's Facility Ratings Methodology, Wise County Power Company, LP shall provide a written response to that commenting entity within 45 calendar days of receipt of those comments. The response shall indicate whether a change will be made to the Facility Ratings Methodology and, if no change will be made to that Facility Ratings Methodology, the reason why. During the 2007 annual self-certification, Wise County Power Company, LP self-certified, on September 28, 2007, that it did not have a documented methodology for determining Facility Ratings to allow for the technical review. Texas Regional Entity identified the violation was on October 23, 2007 and determined it to be a documentation issue, because Wise County Power Company, LP had determined Facility Ratings but did not have a documented methodology.

FAC-009-1 R1 requires Wise County Power Company, LP to establish Facility Ratings for its solely and jointly owned Facilities that are consistent with the associated Facility Ratings Methodology. During the 2007 annual self-certification, Wise County Power Company, LP self-certified, on September 28, 2007, that it did not have a documented methodology for determining Facility Ratings. Texas Regional Entity identified the violation on October 23, 2007 and determined it to be a documentation issue, because Wise County Power Company, LP had determined Facility Ratings but did not have a documented methodology that provided the basis for these ratings.

FAC-009-1 R2 requires Wise County Power Company, LP to provide Facility Ratings for its solely and jointly owned Facilities that are existing Facilities, new Facilities, modifications to existing Facilities and re-ratings of existing Facilities to its associated Reliability Coordinator(s), Planning Authority(ies), Transmission Planner(s), and Transmission Operator(s) as scheduled by such requesting entities. During the 2007 annual self-certification, Wise County Power Company, LP self-certified, on September 28, 2007, that it did not have a documented methodology for determining Facility Ratings. Texas Regional Entity identified the violation on October 23, 2007 and determined it to be a documentation issue, because Wise County Power Company, LP had determined Facility Ratings but did not have a documented methodology to determine these ratings.

IRO-004-1 R4 requires Wise County Power Company, LP to provide information required for system studies, such as critical facility status, Load, generation, operating reserve projections, and known Interchange Transactions. This information shall be available by 1200 Central Standard Time for the Eastern Interconnection and 1200 Pacific Standard Time for the Western Interconnection. During the 2007 annual self-certification, Wise County Power Company, LP self-certified, on September 28, 2007, that it did not have a written procedure to provide such information for system studies. Texas Regional Entity identified the violation on October 23, 2007 and determined it to be a documentation issue, because Wise County Power Company, LP provided this information daily as part of its operations in the ERCOT Region but did not have a documented procedure that assured this, nor did Wise County Power Company, LP submit evidence that this information would otherwise be made available.

FAC-008-1 R1 has a "Lower" Violation Risk Factor (VRF). Texas Regional Entity determined to exercise its discretion, for this violation that occurred in 2007, to assess no penalty because this was a documentation issue in light of the fact that Wise County Power Company, LP had Facility Ratings but no written methodology for determining such Facility Ratings. Given that there were Facility Ratings in place, Texas Regional Entity determined that this violation had a low impact on the bulk power system.

FAC-008-1 R2 has a "Lower" VRF. Texas Regional Entity determined to exercise its discretion, for this violation that occurred in 2007, to assess no penalty because this was a documentation issue in light of the fact that Wise County Power Company, LP had Facility Ratings but no written methodology for determining such Facility Ratings. Given that there were Facility Ratings in place, Texas Regional Entity determined that this violation had a low impact on the bulk power system.

FAC-008-1 R3 has a "Lower" VRF. Texas Regional Entity determined to exercise its discretion, for this violation that occurred in 2007, to assess no penalty because this was a documentation issue in light of the fact that Wise County Power Company, LP had Facility Ratings but no written methodology for determining such Facility Ratings. Given that there were Facility Ratings in place, Texas Regional Entity determined that this violation had a low impact on the bulk power system.

FAC-009-1 R1 has a "Medium" VRF. Texas Regional Entity determined to exercise its discretion, for this violation that occurred in 2007, to assess no penalty because this was a documentation issue in light of the fact that Wise County Power Company, LP had Facility Ratings but no written methodology for determining such Facility Ratings. Given that there were Facility Ratings in place, Texas Regional Entity determined that this violation had a low impact on the bulk power system.

FAC-009-1 R2 has a "Medium" VRF. Texas Regional Entity determined to exercise its discretion, for this violation that occurred in 2007, to assess no penalty because this was a documentation issue in light of the fact that Wise County Power Company, LP had Facility Ratings but no written methodology for determining such Facility Ratings. Given that there were Facility Ratings in place, Texas Regional Entity determined that this violation had a low impact on the bulk power system.

IRO-004-1 R4 has a "High" VRF. Texas Regional Entity determined to exercise its discretion, for this violation that occurred in 2007, to assess no penalty because this was a documentation issue in light of the fact that the information was provide daily as part of its operations in the ERCOT Region but did not have a documented procedure that assured this, nor did Wise County Power Company, LP submit evidence that this information would otherwise be made available. Given that Wise County Power Company, LP was providing this information daily as part of its operations; Texas Regional Entity determined that and this violation had a low impact on the bulk power system.

Section 4.2.2 of the NERC Sanction Guidelines states that:

If the actual or foreseen impact of the violation is judged to be inconsequential by NERC or the regional entity and the violation is the first incidence of violation of the requirement in question by the violator, NERC or the regional entity may at its discretion: (i) set the Base Penalty Amount to a value it deems appropriate within the initial value range set above pursuant to Section 4.1, *or* (*ii*) excuse the penalty for the violation (i.e. set the Base Penalty Amount to 0\$).

Texas Regional Entity exercised its discretion to assess no penalty for these violations because: (1) they occurred during the period of transition to mandatory standards during which the Commission authorized such discretion (*see* Order Nos. 693 and 693-A<sup>6</sup>); (2) the violations were documentation issues because the Registered Entity had Facility Ratings in place and it was providing the required studies on a daily basis; and (3) the violations were deemed by Texas Regional Entity not to be violations that put bulk power system reliability at serious or substantial risk because Facility Ratings were in place and the required studies were being provided.

#### **Status of Mitigation Plans**<sup>7</sup>

Wise County Power Company, LP's Mitigation Plans to address the referenced violations were accepted by Texas Regional Entity on December 14, 2007 and were approved by NERC on January 30, 2008. The Mitigation Plans for the violations listed in Table 1 are designated as MIT-07-0211, MIT-07-0212 and MIT-07-0213 and were submitted as non-public information to FERC on January 31, 2008 in accordance with FERC orders. Wise County Power Company, LP certified on December 14, 2007 to Texas Regional Entity that its Mitigation Plans were completed, and Texas Regional Entity verified on June 3, 2008 that the Mitigation Plans were completed. In doing so, Texas Regional Entity reviewed the evidence Wise County Power Company, LP submitted as part of its certification of completion of the Mitigation Plan as part of the verification process. Texas Regional Entity requested documentation from the entity showing completion of the Mitigation Plans. As discussed in greater detail below, Texas Regional Entity reviewed the evidence Wise County Power submitted in support of its Certification of Completion and verified that the Mitigation Plan was timely completed.

Specifically, Wise County Power Company, LP's Mitigation Plan to address the violations of FAC-008-1 R1, R2 and R3 identified the underlying need to document its Facility Ratings Methodology in a timely fashion in order to be compliant. Wise County Power Company, LP engaged a contractor to develop and perform the procedure for determining Facility Ratings for this purpose. This mitigation occurred prior to the end of the 2007. Wise County Power Company, LP certified on December 14, 2007 to Texas Regional Entity that its Mitigation Plan was completed. Texas Regional Entity requested that Wise County Power, LP furnish copies of its new documents containing the Facility Ratings Methodology and reviewed them for content

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See NERC Sanction Guidelines (emphasis added).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See n.1 supra.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See 18 C.F.R § 39.7(d)(7).

and dates of interest. They were found to match reported dates and to adequately address the generators, transformers and associated equipment at the facility in accordance with the requirements for a ratings methodology.

Wise County Power, LP's Mitigation Plan to address the violations FAC-009-1 R1 and R2 identified the need to document its Facility Ratings Methodology to be compliant with establishing Facility Ratings consistent with the methodology. Wise County Power Company, LP engaged a contractor to develop and perform the procedure for determining Facility Ratings for this purpose. This mitigation occurred prior to the end of 2007. Wise County Power Company, LP certified on December 14, 2007 to Texas Regional Entity that its Mitigation Plan was completed. Texas Regional Entity requested that Wise County Power LP furnish copies of its new documents containing the Facility Ratings for the equipment and reviewed them for content and dates of interest. They were found to be consistent with the Facility Ratings Methodology.

Wise County Power, LP's Mitigation Plan to address the violation of IRO-004-1 R4 identified the underlying need to document procedures to assure that its personnel will provide information regarding system studies. Wise County Power Company, LP engaged a contractor to review necessary information and develop procedures for this purpose. This mitigation occurred prior to the end of 2007. Wise County Power Company, LP certified on December 14, 2007 to Texas Regional Entity that its Mitigation Plan was completed. Texas Regional Entity requested that Wise County Power, LP furnish copies of its new documents containing the resource plan procedure. Texas Regional Entity reviewed them for content and dates of interest. Wise County Power, LP's documentation of submittal of resource plans to the ERCOT ISO, its Reliability Coordinator, and a resource plan procedure that covers the information needed for system studies mitigated this entity's violation.

Statement Describing the Proposed Penalty, Sanction or Enforcement Action Imposed<sup>8</sup>

#### **FERC Order Excerpts**

In Order No. 693, the Commission provided guidance to NERC and the industry on the determination of penalties during the first six month period of mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards:

222. . . . In light of commenters' concerns, including the fact that there are new aspects to the Reliability Standards and the proposed compliance program that will apply to all users, owners and operators of the Bulk-Power System, the Commission directs the ERO and Regional Entities to focus their resources on the most serious violations during an initial period through December 31, 2007. This thoughtful use of enforcement discretion should apply to all users, owners and operators of the Bulk-Power System, and not just those new to the program as originally proposed in the NOPR. This approach will allow the ERO, Regional Entities and other entities time to ensure that the compliance monitoring and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See 18 C.F.R § 39.7(d)(4).

enforcement processes work as intended and that all entities have time to implement new processes.

223. By directing the ERO and Regional Entities to focus their resources on the most serious violations through the end of 2007, the ERO and Regional Entities will have the discretion necessary to assess penalties for such violations, while also having discretion to calculate a penalty without collecting the penalty if circumstances warrant. Further, even if the ERO or a Regional Entity declines to assess a monetary penalty during the initial period, they are authorized to require remedial actions where a Reliability Standard has been violated. Furthermore, where the ERO uses its discretion and does not assess a penalty for a Reliability Standard violation, we encourage the ERO to establish a process to inform the user, owner or operator of the Bulk-Power System of the violation and the potential penalty that could have been assessed to such entity and how that penalty was calculated. We leave to the ERO's discretion the parameters of the notification process and the amount of resources to dedicate to this effort. Moreover, the Commission retains its power under section 215(e)(3) of the FPA to bring an enforcement action against a user, owner or operator of the Bulk-Power System.

224. The Commission believes that the goal should be to ensure that, at the outset, the ERO and Regional Entities can assess a monetary penalty in a situation where, for example, an entity's non-compliance puts Bulk-Power System reliability at risk. Requiring the ERO and Regional Entities to focus on the most serious violations will allow the industry time to adapt to the new regime while also protecting Bulk-Power System reliability by allowing the ERO or a Regional Entity to take an enforcement action against an entity whose violation causes a significant disturbance. Our approach strikes a reasonable balance in ensuring that the ERO and Regional Entities will be able to enforce mandatory Reliability Standards in a timely manner, while still allowing users, owners and operators of the Bulk-Power System time to acquaint themselves with the new requirements and enforcement program. In addition, our approach ensures that all users, owners and operators of the Bulk-Power System take seriously mandatory, enforceable reliability standards at the earliest opportunity and before the 2007 summer peak season.<sup>9</sup>

#### **Basis for Determination**

Taking into consideration the Commission's direction in Order No. 693, the NERC Sanction Guidelines, and the Commission's July 3, 2008 Guidance Order the NERC BOTCC reviewed the NOC and supporting documentation on April 24, 2008 and on October 7, 2008. The NERC BOTCC approved the assessment of a zero dollar (\$0) penalty against Wise County Power Company, LP based upon Texas Regional Entity's findings and determinations, the NERC

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Order No. 693 at PP 222-224 (emphasis added).

BOTCC's review of the applicable requirements of the Commission-approved Reliability Standards and the underlying facts and circumstances of the violations at issue.

In reaching this determination, NERC BOTCC considered the following: (1) violations occurred in 2007, were reported in 2007 by Wise County Power Company, LP and were corrected in 2007, during the period of transition to mandatory standards during which the Commission authorized such discretion (*see* Order Nos. 693 and 693-A<sup>10</sup>); (2) the violations were documentation issues because the registered entity had Facility Ratings in place and it was providing the required studies on a daily basis; (3) the violations were deemed by Texas Regional Entity not to be violations that put bulk power system reliability at serious or substantial risk because Facility Ratings were in place and the required studies were being provided; (4) the Mitigation Plans were timely completed and were verified by Texas Regional Entity as completed; and (5) the instant NOP was originally scheduled to be submitted in June 2008, along with NP08-12-000 (regarding NOC-005), but was delayed due to the need to conform the filing to the Commission's July 3, 2008 Order.

Therefore, NERC believes that the proposed zero dollar penalty is appropriate and consistent with NERC's goal to ensure reliability of the bulk power system.

NERC notes that there are four Settlement Agreements in SERC Reliability Corporation region that are being contemporaneously filed also involving SUEZ-affiliated entities. Each Settlement Agreement has penalty amounts of \$10,000, involving the same facts wherein entities self-certified compliance in 2007 and were later found in 2008 by the SERC Reliability Corporation not to be compliant. In each case, while self-certifying compliance in 2007, the entity revised its documentation in 2007 so that the violation did not continue into 2008, but did not self-report the violations once known or advise SERC Reliability Corporation of the changes made. In addition, also being contemporaneously filed are two Notices of Penalty, including the instant one, involving SUEZ-affiliated entities that self-certified non-compliance in 2007, the Texas Regional Entity subsequently confirmed in 2007 such non-compliance and the entities became compliant by year end 2007. In those cases, Texas Regional Entity assessed a zero dollar penalty. These issues were considered by NERC BOTCC in approving all six Notices of Penalty. NERC believes that the facts are sufficiently distinguishable to warrant the penalty amounts imposed by SERC Reliability Corporation and Texas Regional Entity.

Pursuant to Order No. 693, the penalty will be effective upon expiration of the thirty (30) day period following the filing of this Notice of Penalty with FERC, or, if FERC decides to review the penalty, upon final determination by FERC.

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 $<sup>^{10}</sup>$  See n.1 supra.

#### The Record of the Proceeding<sup>11</sup>

The record of the proceeding includes the following documents and material:

- a) Self-Certification Report of Wise County Power Company, LP dated September 28, 2007, filed as part of the October 21, 2007 annual certification requirement;
- b) Notice of Alleged Violation and Penalty or Sanction dated October 23, 2007. Wise County Power Company, LP did not submit a response thereto.
- c) Notice of Confirmed Violation and Penalty or Sanction dated February 18, 2008. Wise County Power Company, LP did not submit a response thereto;
- d) Supplemental Record Information dated September 18, 2008;
- e) Wise County Power Company, LP response to Supplemental Record Information dated September 19, 2008, included as Attachment a;
- f) Supplemental Record Information dated September 25, 2008. Wise County Power Company, LP did not submit a response thereto;
- g) Supplemental Record Information dated November 18, 2008. Wise County Power Company, LP did not submit a response thereto;
- h) Mitigation Plan designated as MIT-07-0211, MIT-07-0212 and MIT-07-0213, included as Attachment b;
- i) Wise County Power Company, LP's certification of completion of the Mitigation Plan, dated December 14, 2007, included as Attachment c; and
- j) Texas Regional Entity's statement of verification that the Mitigation Plan has been completed, dated June 3, 2008, included as Attachment d.

#### A Form of Notice Suitable for Publication 12

A copy of a notice suitable for publication is included in Attachment e.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See 18 C.F.R § 39.7(d)(5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See 18 C.F.R § 39.7(d)(6).

#### **Notices and Communications**

Notices and communications with respect to this filing may be addressed to the following:

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#### **Conclusion**

NERC respectfully requests that the Commission accept this Notice of Penalty as compliant with its rules, regulations and orders.

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rebecca J. Michael
Rebecca J. Michael

**Assistant General Counsel** 

cc: Wise County Power Company, LP Texas Regional Entity

Attachment(s)



## Attachment a

## Wise County Power Company, LP's Response to the Supplemental Record Information dated September 19, 2008



Re: Supplemental Record Information to Support Notice of Penalty filing regarding Wise County Power Company LP (Wise County Power), Violation ID Tracking Number(s):

#### TRE200700016, TRE200700017, TRE200700018, TRE200700019, TRE200700020, TRE200700021

Dear North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC):

SUEZ Energy Marketing NA, in behalf of Wise County Power Company LP (Wise County Power) concurs with the Texas RE (TRE) findings that Wise County Power has finished its mitigation plan in accordance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Guidance Order on Filing Reliability Notices of Penalty submissions issued on July 3, 2008.

Wise County Power's mitigation plan was accepted by Texas RE, on December 14, 2007 and approved by NERC on March 7, 2008. The Mitigation Plan for the violations listed has also been designated as MIT-07-0206 and has been submitted as non-public information to FERC on January 31, 2008, in accordance with FERC orders.

Furthermore, Wise County Power certified to the Texas RE on December 14, 2007 that its Mitigation Plan was completed. The Texas RE has reviewed the evidence Wise County Power submitted in support of its Certification of Completion and on June 4, 2008 Texas RE verified that the Mitigation Plan was completed in accordance with its terms.

Respectfully yours,

Cesar Seymour

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Director, Market Policy



## **Attachment b**

## Mitigation Plans designated as MIT-07-0211, MIT-07-0212 and MIT-07-0213

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## Mitigation Plan Submittal Form

Date this Mitigation Plan is being submitted: 12/03/07

If this Mitigation Plan has already been completed:

- Check this box X and
- Provide the Date of Completion of the Mitigation Plan: 12/07/2007

#### **Section A:** Compliance Notices

- Section 6.2 of the CMEP<sup>1</sup> sets forth the information that must be included in a Mitigation Plan. The Mitigation Plan must include:
  - (1) The Registered Entity's point of contact for the Mitigation Plan, who shall be a person (i) responsible for filing the Mitigation Plan, (ii) technically knowledgeable regarding the Mitigation Plan, and (iii) authorized and competent to respond to questions regarding the status of the Mitigation Plan. This person may be the Registered Entity's point of contact described in Section 2.0.
  - (2) The Alleged or Confirmed Violation(s) of Reliability Standard(s) the Mitigation Plan will correct.
  - (3) The cause of the Alleged or Confirmed Violation(s).
  - (4) The Registered Entity's action plan to correct the Alleged or Confirmed Violation(s).
  - (5) The Registered Entity's action plan to prevent recurrence of the Alleged or Confirmed violation(s).
  - (6) The anticipated impact of the Mitigation Plan on the bulk power system reliability and an action plan to mitigate any increased risk to the reliability of the bulk power-system while the Mitigation Plan is being implemented.
  - (7) A timetable for completion of the Mitigation Plan including the completion date by which the Mitigation Plan will be fully implemented and the Alleged or Confirmed Violation(s) corrected.
  - (8) Implementation milestones no more than three (3) months apart for Mitigation Plans with expected completion dates more than three (3) months from the date of submission. Additional violations could be determined for not completing work associated with accepted milestones.
  - (9) Any other information deemed necessary or appropriate.
  - (10) The Mitigation Plan shall be signed by an officer, employee, attorney or other authorized representative of the Registered Entity, which if applicable, shall be the person that signed the Self-Certification or Self Reporting submittals.
- This submittal form may be used to provide a required Mitigation Plan for review and approval by Texas Regional Entity (Texas RE) and NERC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Uniform Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation;" a copy of the current version approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is posted on NERC's website.

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- The Mitigation Plan shall be submitted to the Texas RE and NERC as confidential information in accordance with Section 1500 of the NERC Rules of Procedure.
- This Mitigation Plan form may be used to address one or more related violations of one Reliability Standard. A separate mitigation plan is required to address violations with respect to each additional Reliability Standard, as applicable.
- If the Mitigation Plan is approved by Texas RE and NERC, a copy of this Mitigation Plan will be provided to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in accordance with applicable Commission rules, regulations and orders.
- Texas RE or NERC may reject Mitigation Plans that they determine to be incomplete or inadequate.
- Remedial action directives also may be issued as necessary to ensure reliability of the bulk power system.

#### **Section B: Registered Entity Information**

B.1 Identify your organization:

Company Name: Wise County Power Company, LP

Company Address: 800 Boons Creek Lane

Poolville, TX 76487

NERC Compliance Registry ID [if known]: NCR04165

B.2 Identify the individual in your organization who will serve as the Contact to Texas RE regarding this Mitigation Plan. This person shall be technically knowledgeable regarding this Mitigation Plan and authorized to respond to Texas RE regarding this Mitigation Plan.

Name: Bill King Title: Plant Manager

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Phone: 940-374-9925

## Section C: <u>Identity of Reliability Standard Violations Associated with</u> this Mitigation Plan

This Mitigation Plan is associated with the following violation(s) of the reliability standard listed below:

C.1 Standard: FAC-008-1

[Identify by Standard Acronym (e.g. FAC-001-1)]

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#### C.2 Requirement(s) violated and violation dates:

[Enter information in the following Table]

NERC Violation ID #	Texas RE Violation ID	Requirement	Violation
[if known]	#	Violated	Date <sup>(*)</sup>
	[if known]	(e.g. R3.2)	
aaaaaYYYYnnnnn	1234577890	Rn.n.n	MM/DD/YY
TRE200700016	ERCOTWISEGO0001	R1	10/23/07
TRE200700017	ERCOTWISEGO0002	R2	10/23/07
TRE200700018	ERCOTWISEGO0003	R3	10/23/07

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#### Section D: <u>Details of Proposed Mitigation Plan</u>

#### **Mitigation Plan Contents**

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Check this box and proceed to Section E of this form if this Mitigation Plan, as set forth in Part D.1, has already been completed; otherwise respond to Part D.2, D.3 and, optionally, Part D.4, below.

#### **Mitigation Plan Timeline and Milestones**

- D.2 Provide the timetable for completion of the Mitigation Plan, including the completion date by which the Mitigation Plan will be fully implemented and the violations associated with this Mitigation Plan are corrected: 12/14/07
- D.3 Enter Milestone Activities, with completion dates, that your organization is proposing for this Mitigation Plan:

Milestone Activity	Proposed Completion Date* (shall not be more than 3 months apart)
Hire contractor	11/1/07
Plant Rating Methodology	12/07/07

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[Note: Provide your response here; additional detailed information may be provided as an attachment as necessary]

#### **Additional Relevant Information (Optional)**

D.4 If you have any relevant additional information that you wish to include regarding the mitigation plan, milestones, milestones dates and completion date proposed above you may include it here:

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#### Section E: Interim and Future Reliability Risk

Check this box  $\square$  and proceed and respond to Part E.2 and E.3, below, if this Mitigation Plan, as set forth in Part D.1, has already been completed.

#### **Abatement of Interim BPS Reliability Risk**

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**Authorized Individual Signature** 

<u>Cesar Seymour</u>

(Electronic signatures are acceptable; see CMEP)

Name (Print): Cesar Seymour Title: Director – Market Policy

Date: 12/03/07

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#### **Section G: Comments and Additional Information**

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Title: Director - Market Policy

Email: cesar.seymour@suezenergyna.com

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## Mitigation Plan Submittal Form

Date this Mitigation Plan is being submitted: 12/03/07

If this Mitigation Plan has already been completed:

- Check this box X and
- Provide the Date of Completion of the Mitigation Plan: 12/07/2007

#### **Section A:** Compliance Notices

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- The Mitigation Plan shall be submitted to the Texas RE and NERC as confidential information in accordance with Section 1500 of the NERC Rules of Procedure.
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#### **Section B: Registered Entity Information**

B.1 Identify your organization:

Company Name: Wise County Power Company, LP

Company Address: 800 Boons Creek Lane

Poolville, TX 76487

NERC Compliance Registry ID [if known]: NCR04165

B.2 Identify the individual in your organization who will serve as the Contact to Texas RE regarding this Mitigation Plan. This person shall be technically knowledgeable regarding this Mitigation Plan and authorized to respond to Texas RE regarding this Mitigation Plan.

Name: Bill King Title: Plant Manager

Email: bill.king@suezenergyna.com

Phone: 940-374-9925

## Section C: <u>Identity of Reliability Standard Violations Associated with</u> <u>this Mitigation Plan</u>

This Mitigation Plan is associated with the following violation(s) of the reliability standard listed below:

C.1 Standard: FAC-009-1

[Identify by Standard Acronym (e.g. FAC-001-1)]

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C.2 Requirement(s) violated and violation dates: [Enter information in the following Table]

NERC Violation ID #	Texas RE Violation ID	Requirement	Violation
[if known]	#	Violated	Date <sup>(*)</sup>
	[if known]	(e.g. R3.2)	
aaaaaYYYYnnnnn	1234577890	Rn.n.n	MM/DD/YY
TRE200700019	ERCOTWISEGO0004	R1	10/23/07
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#### Section D: Details of Proposed Mitigation Plan

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#### Section E: Interim and Future Reliability Risk

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Email: bill.king@suezenergyna.com

Phone: 940-374-9925

## Section C: <u>Identity of Reliability Standard Violations Associated with</u> this Mitigation Plan

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C.1 Standard: IRO-004-1

[Identify by Standard Acronym (e.g. FAC-001-1)]

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C.2 Requirement(s) violated and violation dates: [Enter information in the following Table]

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TRE200700021	ERCOTWISEGO0006	R4	10/23/07

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The information required is provided daily, however, a written procedure does not exist.

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<b>Authorized Individual Signature</b>	Cesar Seymour
	(Electronic signatures are acceptable; see CMEP)

Name (Print): Cesar Seymour Title: Director – Market Policy

Date: 12/03/07

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## **Attachment c**

# Wise County Power Company, LP's Certification of Completion of the Mitigation Plans dated December 14, 2007



December 14, 2007

Texas Regional Entity Office of Compliance 7620 Metro Center Drive Austin, Texas 78744

Office of Compliance:

Re: Notice of Completion of Mitigation Plans

This letter is to inform the Texas Regional Entity that all 'Milestone Activities' listed in the mitigation plans submitted on December 10, 2007, have been completed on or before the 'Proposed Completion Date' for each the Notice of Alleged Violation listed below:

#### Wise County Power Company, LP:

TRE200700016

TRE200700017

TRE200700018

TRE200700019

TRE200700020

TRE200700021

#### **SUEZ Energy Marketing NA Inc**

TRE200700011

TRE200700012

TRE200700013

TRE200700014

TRE200700015

#### **SUEZ Energy Generation NA**

TRE200700005

TRE200700006

TRE200700007

TRE200700008

TRE200700009

TRE200700010

We understand that this letter completes the terms and conditions for the TRE Notice of Violations.

Sincerely,

Herman Schopman

President & CEO, SUEZ Energy Generation NA, LLC

SUEZ Energy North America, Inc.

1990 Post Oak Boulevard., Suite 1900 Houston, TX 77056-4499

tel. 713 636-1276 - fax 713 636-1602 email herman.schopman@suezenergyna.com

www.suezenergyna.com



### Attachment d

Texas Regional Entity's Statement of Verification that the Mitigation Plans has been completed dated June 3, 2008



June 3, 2008

Re: Texas Regional Entity (Texas RE) Mitigation Plan Verification of Completion

Registered Entity: Wise County Power Company, LP (Wise County Power)

Violation Number(s): TRE200700016, TE200700017, TRE200700018, TRE200700019,

TRE200700020 & TRE200700021

Texas RE reviewed evidence, on June 3, 2008, of completion and compliance provided by Wise County Power for mitigation plans addressing the above violations.

It was discovered during a self-certification that Wise County Power had determined facility Ratings for its generation plants but did not have a documented methodology for determining its facility ratings (TRE200700016 – 20) and that Wise County Power did provide information required for system studies but did not have a written procedure (TRE200700021)

Wise County Power identified in their mitigation plan that they had engaged a contractor to develop and perform the procedure to determine the ratings of their facilities and that it would be completed by December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Texas RE's review of the procedures and records provided by Wise County Power, shows that Wise County Power's procedures were written and implemented before the mitigation plan completion date.

Wise County Power provided the following procedures and documents as evidence of completion of its mitigation plan:

STANDARD NUMBER: FAC-008-1. Original release dated and approved 11/13/07, (most recent revision dated and approved on 5/21/08).

STANDARD NUMBER: FAC-009-1. Original release dated and approved 11/13/07, (most recent revision dated and approved on 5/21/08).

Complete generation facilities rating worksheets for all Wise County Power's equipment, including generators, transformers, bushings, surge arresters, disconnect switches and connections.

SEMNA Operations Guide Number: TOG 07-005, ERCOT Resource Plan, including a screen shot of the ERCOT Resource Plan by hour, original Rev. 0 dated and approved 10/29/07, (most recent revision dated and approved 5/23/08).

The evidence submitted did meet the requirements of NERC Reliability Standards FAC-008-1 R1/R2/R3, FAC-009-1 R1/R2 and IRO-004-1 R4 in accordance with mitigation plan date.



## Attachment e

## **Notice of Filing**

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Wise County Power Company, LP

Docket No. NP09-\_\_\_-000

## NOTICE OF FILING (DATE)

Take notice that on January 7, 2009, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), filed a Notice of Penalty regarding Wise County Power Company, LP in the Texas Regional Entity region.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary