

News from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission

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Pat Wood, the chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, officials of Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP) and Denise Bode, Commission chair and newly-elected president of the Southwest Power Pool Regional State Committee (SPP RSC) will hold a news conference **today** to discuss the historic and unique effort to not only ensure electricity reliability for Oklahoma and surrounding states, but also develop a system that will allow the region to make full use of its electricity potential for economic growth. The ultimate result could mean millions of dollars in investment and jobs for Oklahoma.

WHAT: News Conference
WHEN: TODAY Tuesday, April 27, 12:00P CDT
WHERE: Century Ballroom-Westin Hotel, Oklahoma City, One North Broadway Oklahoma City, OK

Dial-up connections will be available for those who cannot attend in person.

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BACKGROUND: Among other things, the effort involves the push to make SPP a Regional Transmission Organization (RTO), using a one-of-a-kind model that brings together federal officials, regulators from 7 states, municipal utilities, and the private sector in a working relationship. The states involved include Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Missouri. Southwest Power Pool, Inc. is a group of 48 electric utilities serving more than 4 million customers across all or parts of eight southwestern states. This membership is comprised of investor-owned utilities, municipal systems, generation and transmission cooperatives, state authorities, federal agencies, wholesale generators, and power marketers. SPP serves as a regional reliability council of the North American Electric Reliability Council and, since 1997 has provided independent security coordination and tariff administration, pursuant to a FERC approved tariff, across its service area with over 33,000 miles of transmission lines with a gross plant investment approaching \$4 billion.

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