



Republic Transmission, LLC

2024 Projection Stakeholder Meeting November 13, 2023

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Background

Company, Project, and Formula Rate



Background – General

Overview of the Company and the Project

- Republic Transmission, LLC ("Republic") is a transmission-only company with a mission to ensure reliable and cost-effective electric transmission in the MISO region. Republic is indirectly owned by LS Power and Hoosier Energy.
- Republic was selected in 2016 through a competitive solicitation to develop the 345kV Duff to Coleman Project, a ~30 mile, single-circuit, 345 kV transmission line from the Duff substation in southern Indiana to the Coleman EHV substation in Kentucky.
 - The Project is subject to certain rate commitments pursuant to the Selected Developer Agreement between Republic and MISO.
 - On June 11, 2020, the Project was placed in service and Big Rivers Electric Corporation took ownership of the Kentucky portion of the Project.
- More information is available at <u>republictransmission.com</u>



Background – Regulatory

Selected Regulatory Filings and Orders

- October 6, 2017 FERC approves certain transmission rate incentives requested by Republic in Docket No. ER17-52:
 - 1. Regulatory asset incentive and accrual of carrying charges;
 - 2. 100% recovery of prudently-incurred costs associated with abandonment of the Project;
 - 3. 50 bps RTO participation adder (subject to 9.8% maximum ROE); and
 - 4. Hypothetical capital structure of 55% debt and 45% equity until in service, then equity the lesser of actual or 45%.
- December 19, 2018 Republic files a transmission owner tariff and proposed company-specific transmission formula rate in Docket No. ER19-605
- June 11, 2019 FERC accepts Republic's formula rate filing in Docket No. ER19-605.
- March 22, 2022 FERC accepts formula revisions submitted April 16, 2020, and amended December 16, 2021, to comply with FERC Order No. 864 (ADIT) in Docket No. ER20-1581.



Background – Cost Commitments

Key Provisions

Republic made certain cost commitments for the Duff to Coleman Project

- Cost Cap¹ Project Costs may not exceed the binding cost cap of \$58.1M, subject to certain exclusions.
- ROE Cap¹ Republic is subject to a return on equity (ROE) cap on the initial investment in the Project stating that ROE shall be the lesser of

(i) 9.80% (inclusive of all ROE adders), or

(ii) the MISO region-wide base ROE plus the RTO adder (currently 10.30%).

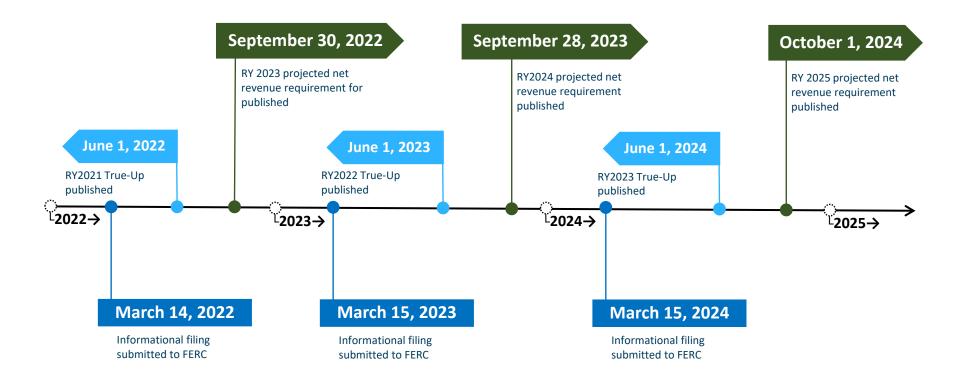
 Equity Cap¹ – Republic is subject to an Equity Percentage Cap of 45% for the Project.

¹ As defined in and subject to the terms of the Selected Developer Agreement between Republic and MISO. Refer to Attachment A included in the 2024 Projection package for additional details.



Formula Rate Timeline

General Update Process





Selected 2023 milestones

- March 15 Informational filing submitted to FERC (Docket No. ER23-1385)
- April 17 2022 FERC Form No. 1 submitted to FERC
- June 1 2022 True-up published
- June 5 2022 FERC Form No. 1 resubmitted to FERC
- August 9 Annual True-up meeting (by September 1)
- September 28 Publication of 2024 Projection
- November 13 Stakeholder meeting for 2024 Projection (by November 15)
- December 1 Last day to incorporate adjustments into 2024 Projection
- January 31, 2024 Scheduled end of information request period



Annual Projection

2024 Rate Year



Annual Projection

2024 Annual Revenue Requirement Projection

| Attachment O Line Item | 2024 Projection | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Average Rate Base | \$ 44,777,448 | | | |
| Rate of Return ¹ | 5.97% | | | |
| Return on Rate Base | 2,674,879 | | | |
| Income Taxes | 535,244 | | | |
| Total Return & Taxes | 3,210,123 | | | |
| Operating Expenses: O&M and A&G Expenses Depreciation Expenses Non-income taxes | 1,358,688 1,158,982 575,553 | | | |
| Total Operating Expenses | 3,093,224 | | | |
| Gross Revenue Requirement | 6,303,347 | | | |
| Less: Revenue Credits | 0 | | | |
| Less: True-up Adjustment with Interest ² | 290,599 | | | |
| Projected Attachment GG Network Upgrade Charge | \$ 6,012,747 | | | |

¹ Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC) calculation for true-up provided in separate slide.

² For the 2024 rate year, Republic's entire revenue requirement (calculated under Attachment O) is recovered through MISO's Attachment GG.



True-up Adjustment

True-up adjustment and interest calculation

| True-Up Adjustment (including interest) ¹ | | 2022 True-up Published June 1 | | 2022 True-up Updated interest ² | |
|---|---|----------------------------------|----|--|--|
| Actual Annual 2022 Revenue Received | \$ | 7,312,841 | \$ | 7,312,841 | |
| Actual Annual 2022 Revenue Requirement | \$ | 7,050,479 | \$ | 7,050,479 | |
| Under/(Over) Recovery of Revenue Requirement | \$ | (262,362) | \$ | (262,362) | |
| Average Monthly Interest Rate Interest For 24 Months | \$ | 0.4245% (27,962) | \$ | 0.4285% (28,237) | |
| Total Under/(Over) Recovery Including Interest | \$ | (290,324) | \$ | (290,599) | |
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| | True-up Adjustment to be incorporated into Attachment GG (Page 3, Column 11) for the 2024 Projection ² | | | | |

¹Refer to True-up and Interest work paper in the published 2022 True-up for more detail.

²Interest rate applied to under/(over) recovery amounts averages rates for twenty four (24) months. Final adjustment revised based on updated interest rate values for July and August published by FERC:

ferc.gov/interest-calculation-rates-and-methodology



Appendix – WACC

Weighted Average Cost of Capital Calculation for 2024 Projection

| WACC Element | Weight | Cost | Weighted | |
|-----------------|--------|-------|----------|----------|
| Long Term Debt | 55% | 2.84% | 1.56% | |
| Preferred Stock | - | - | - | |
| Common Stock | 45% | 9.80% | 4.41% | |
| Total | | | 5.97% | = Return |

Refer to Workpaper No. 5 in the published 2024 Projection for more detail.



Formula rate materials are posted online:

republictransmission.com/documents

misoenergy.org/markets-and-operations/settlements/to-rate-data/republic-transmission-llc

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