THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Jay Scott Emler, Chair
Shari Feist Albrecht
Pat Apple

In the Matter of the Application of Southern Pioneer Electric Company for Approval to Make Certain Changes in its Irrigation Service Schedule in the Geographic Service Territory Served by Southern Pioneer Electric Company.	))))))	Docket No. 17-SPEE-129-TAR

ORDER APPROVING REVISED TARIFFS

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and records, the Commission makes the following findings:

I. Background

1. On October 10, 2016, Southern Pioneer Electric Company (Southern Pioneer) filed with the Commission an Application seeking approval of revisions to its Irrigation Service Schedule tariff.

2. On December 8, 2016, Commission Staff (Staff) filed its Report and Recommendation (R&R) analyzing the Application and recommending approval of revised tariffs. More specifically, Staff recommends the Commission approve revised versions of Southern Pioneer's Irrigation Service tariff and Rules and Regulations tariffs, attached to Staff's

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R&R as Exhibits 1.1, 2.1, and 3.1, which differ somewhat from the revisions initially proposed by Southern Pioneer.[1]

3. In its R&R, Staff reports that it conceptually agrees with the revisions to the Irrigation Service tariff initially proposed by Southern Pioneer. However, during its review, Staff determined that additional revisions were required for clarity.[2] Also, Staff determined Southern Pioneer's Rules and Regulations tariffs should be revised for consistency with the Irrigation Service tariff and to reflect current practices of the utility.[3] Staff further notes that its revisions were jointly developed and "mutually agreed upon" with Southern Pioneer.[4]

4. On December 15, 2016, Southern Pioneer filed its Response to Staff's R&R. In its Response, Southern Pioneer "affirms Staff's assertion that through discovery and several conversations between Staff and Southern Pioneer representatives, the Parties mutually crafted revisions to Southern Pioneer's Irrigation Service Tariff and Southern Pioneer's General Rules & Regulations, specifically the Index and Schedule R&R Extensions (line extension policy)."[5] In addition, Southern Pioneer affirmatively states its support for each of the revised tariffs.[6]

II. Findings and Conclusions

5. Based on Staff's analysis, the Commission finds and concludes that the proposed tariffs, as revised by Staff, will result in sufficient and efficient service at just and reasonable rates. The Commission approves the revised versions of Southern Pioneer's Irrigation Service

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[1] Staff's Report & Recommendation , December 8, 2016, pp. 1, 4. (Staff R&R, pp. 1, 4.)
[2] R&R, p. 2.
[3] R&R, p. 3.
[4] R&R, p. 2.
[5] Southern Pioneer's Response to Notice of Filing of Staff's Report & Recommendation, December 15, 2016, ¶ 2. (Southern Pioneer Response, ¶ 2.)
[6] Southern Pioneer Response, ¶¶ 3-5.

tariff and Rules and Regulations tariffs, attached to Staff's R&R as Exhibits 1.1, 2.1, and 3.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Revised versions of Southern Pioneer's Irrigation Service tariff and Rules and Regulations tariffs, attached to Staff's R&R as Exhibits 1.1, 2.1, and 3.1, are approved.

B. Parties have 15 days, plus three days if service is by mail, from the date of service of this Order in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration.[7]

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary and proper.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Emler, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: _____

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Amy L. Green
Secretary to the Commission

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[7] K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).