

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair
 Jay Scott Emler
 Dwight D. Keen

In the Matter of the Application of Prairie Land)
Electric Cooperative, Inc. Seeking Commission)
Approval to Update Its Local Access Delivery) Docket No. 18-PLCE-462-TAR
Service Tariff Pursuant to the 34.5kV Formula)
Based Rate Plan Approved in Docket No. 16-)
MKEE-023-TAR.)

**ORDER APPROVING PRAIRIE LAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.'S
APPLICATION TO UPDATE ITS LOCAL ACCESS DELIVERY SERVICE TARIFF**

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). Having reviewed its files and records, and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On April 23, 2018, Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Prairie Land) filed with the Commission an Application requesting approval to update its Local Access Delivery Service (LADS) tariff.¹ The Application was filed pursuant to Prairie Land's 34.5 kV Formula Based Rate Plan (34.5 kV FBR Plan) approved in Docket No. 16-MKEE-023-TAR.² On April 23, 2018, Prairie Land filed Direct Testimony of Allan J. Miller and Direct Testimony of Elena E. Larson in support of its Application.³

2. On April 25, 2018, William G. Riggins entered his appearance on behalf of Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (KEPCo). On May 14, 2018, John F. McClymont entered his appearance on behalf of Prairie Land.

¹ Application of Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc., p. 1 (Apr. 23, 2018).

² *Id.*

³ Prefiled Direct Testimony of Allan J. Miller, Chief Executive Officer, Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc., on Behalf of Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Apr. 23, 2018); Prefiled Direct Testimony of Elena E. Larson, Rate and Regulatory Consultant, Power System Engineering, Inc., on Behalf of Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Apr. 23, 2018).

3. On June 21, 2018, the Commission issued an *Order Setting Procedural Schedule*, scheduling September 20, 2018, as the deadline for a Commission Order approving the rate adjustment based upon the paper record.⁴

4. On August 22, 2018, Commission Utilities Staff (Staff) filed its Report and Recommendation (R&R), recommending approval of Prairie Land's proposed monthly Local Access Charge (LAC) rate of \$2.79 per kilowatt month.⁵ In the 16-MKEE-023-TAR Docket (16-023 Docket), the Commission approved a 34.5 kV FBR Plan which allows for Prairie Land to make annual adjustments to its LAC demand rate assessed to wholesale customers receiving service off Prairie Land's 34.5 kV sub-transmission facilities. The \$2.79 LAC demand rate was derived in accord with the 34.5 kV FBR Plan approved in the 16-023 Docket.⁶

5. Prairie Land's requested rate of \$2.79 per kilowatt month represents a 2.2% increase from its current LAC rate of \$2.73 per kilowatt month.⁷ The \$2.73 rate was approved in the 17-PLCE-478-TAR Docket (17-478 Docket).⁸

6. After a thorough review of Prairie Land's Application, Staff found two minor errors, prompting revisions by Prairie Land which resulted in a \$2,133 increase to the net revenue requirement.⁹ The revisions were too small to impact the final monthly LAC rate.¹⁰ Staff's recommendation to approve a 34.5 kV monthly LAC demand rate of \$2.79 per kilowatt month for Prairie Land is unopposed.

⁴ *Order Setting Procedural Schedule*, ¶ 3 (June 21, 2018).

⁵ Report and Recommendation, p. 1 (Aug. 22, 2018) (R&R).

⁶ R&R, p. 1.

⁷ R&R, p. 2.

⁸ R&R, p. 2, fn. 4.

⁹ R&R, p. 2.

¹⁰ R&R, p. 2.

7. Based on the evidence presented, the Commission adopts Staff's uncontested Report and Recommendation to approve a 34.5 kV monthly LAC demand rate of \$2.79 per kilowatt month for Prairie Land.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. Prairie Land's Application for a 34.5 kV monthly LAC demand rate of \$2.79 per kilowatt month is approved.

B. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).¹¹

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering further orders as it deems necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

Dated: 09/11/2018



Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission

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¹¹ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following parties by means of electronic service on 09/12/2018.

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