

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

In the Matter of the Application of Southern )  
Pioneer Electric Company for Approval to ) Docket No. 25- SPEE - 353 -TAR  
Make Certain Changes to its Rules and )  
Regulations Tariff. )

**APPLICATION**

Southern Pioneer Electric Company (“Southern Pioneer” or “Company”), pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117, hereby requests approval from the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“KCC” or “Commission”) to make certain changes to its Rules and Regulations Tariff (“Rules and Regulations”).

**I. BACKGROUND**

1. Southern Pioneer is a Kansas not-for-profit corporate utility with its principal place of business located in Ulysses, Kansas, with distribution and customer service offices located in Liberal and Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

2. Southern Pioneer is regulated by the Commission and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Pioneer Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“Pioneer Electric”), a not-for-profit Kansas member-owned electric cooperative not subject to Commission rate regulation pursuant to K.S.A. 66-104d.

3. Southern Pioneer provides electric service to approximately 17,000 consumers in 34 communities located in Barber, Clark, Comanche, Haskell, Kingman, Kiowa, Meade, Pratt, Reno, and Seward counties. Throughout these counties, Southern Pioneer serves 28 distribution

substations operated at 13.8-kV. These substations feed 60 primary distribution circuits, containing approximately 830 miles of overhead distribution line.

## **II. OVERVIEW OF APPLICATION**

4. Southern Pioneer requests approval of certain revisions to its Rules and Regulations for the following primary purposes: (1) to update and modernize the Rules and Regulations to conform with more current technology and practices utilized by Southern Pioneer and others in the marketplace, (2) to align Southern Pioneer's Rules and Regulations with those of Pioneer Electric Cooperative, (3) to bring the Rules and Regulations in alignment with Southern Pioneer's current rate structure as most-recently amended in Docket No. 24-SPEE-415-TAR and (4) to make a certain miscellaneous revisions and clarifications to further improve the Rules and Regulations, and how they govern the relationship between Southern Pioneer and its customers.

5. Southern Pioneer has made only limited revisions to its Rules and Regulations since they were inherited from its predecessor, Aquila-WPK, in 2007.

6. Southern Pioneer is requesting approval to modify its Rules and Regulations to make the changes indicated above, and as more fully addressed in the testimony and documents filed herein.

7. All requested changes in the Application are reasonable and necessary to ensure continuing efficient and sufficient service to Southern Pioneer customers under fair and reasonable rules, regulations and conditions.

## **III. TESTIMONY AND SERVICE**

8. Submitted with this Application is the testimony and supporting exhibits of the following witnesses:

<b>WITNESS</b>	<b>TOPIC(S)</b>
Chantry C. Scott   Southern Pioneer Executive VP, Assistant CEO & CFO	Historical information on Southern Pioneer. Description of Southern Pioneer's Requested Revisions to its Rules and Regulations.
Brian Beecher / Southern Pioneer Manager, Engineering and Operations	Outline of specific revisions to Rules and Regulations, including redline of revisions to tariff, and outline of categories of requested revisions.

9. In addition to the undersigned counsel, all correspondence, pleadings, orders, decisions and communications regarding this proceeding should be sent to:

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WHEREFORE, Southern Pioneer respectfully requests the Commission issue an Order granting this Application, thereby approving the revisions to the Southern Pioneer Rules and Regulations presented herein and as described more fully in the Direct Testimonies filed in support of this Application, and for such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERIFICATION**

I, Will B. Wohlford, verify under penalty of perjury that I have caused the foregoing pleading to be prepared; that I have read and reviewed the same; and that the contents thereof are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

/s/ Will B. Wohlford