

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

Before Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson
 Dwight D. Keen
 Annie Kuether

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.)

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“Commission”) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed the pleadings and record, the Commission makes the following findings and conclusions:

1. On March 14, 2025, Southern Pioneer Electric Company (“Southern Pioneer”) filed an application requesting approval to make changes to its Rules and Regulations Tariff. The purpose of these changes is to update and modernize the Rules and Regulations, align the Rules and Regulations with those of its parent company, Pioneer Electric Cooperative, and to align the Rules and Regulations with Southern Pioneer’s current rate structure amended in Docket No. 24-SPEE-415-TAR.¹

2. On May 16, 2025, Southern Pioneer, Commission Staff, and the Citizen’s Utility Ratepayer Board (“CURB”) filed a Joint Motion for Procedural Order.²

3. After reviewing the proposed schedule, the Commission adopts the following procedural schedule:

¹ Southern Pioneer Electric Application, p.2 (March 14, 2025).

² Joint Motion for Procedural Order (May 16, 2025).

Action	Date	Time
Staff/Intervenor Testimony Due	June 27, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Cross Answering Testimony Due	July 3, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Southern Pioneer Rebuttal Testimony Due	July 14, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Discovery Cut-Off	July 21, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Settlement Conference	August 5, 2025	9:00 a.m.
Settlement Agreement Due	August 8, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Testimony in Support of Settlement Due	August 18, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Prehearing Conference	August 19, 2025	9:00 a.m.
Evidentiary Hearing (Commission's 1 st Floor Hearing Room, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka)	August 25 – August 26, 2025	9:00 a.m.
Southern Pioneer Initial Brief Due	September 12, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Staff/Intervenor Brief Due	September 19, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Southern Pioneer Reply Due	September 26, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Commission Order Due	November 10, 2025	

4. Finding that a prehearing conference is necessary to address any pending matters, to establish procedures to use during the Evidentiary Hearing, and to consider any other prehearing issues that will promote the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding³, the Commission schedules a Prehearing Conference for Tuesday, August 19, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m. A Presiding Officer will be assigned and will preside. Any party who fails to attend or participate in the Prehearing Conference or in any other stage of this proceeding may be held in default under the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (“KAPA”).⁴ At the Prehearing Conference, this proceeding without further notice may be converted into a conference hearing or a summary proceeding for disposition of the matter as provided by KAPA.⁵

5. An Evidentiary Hearing, with the Commission presiding, will begin on Monday, August 25, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., and continue, as needed, through Tuesday, August 26, 2025, in the

³ K.S.A. 77-517; K.A.R. 82-1-222.

⁴ K.S.A. 77-516(c)(8); K.S.A. 77-520.

⁵ K.S.A. 77-516(c)(7).

Commission's First Floor Hearing Room, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas. Any party who fails to attend or participate in the hearing or in any other stage of this proceeding may be held in default under KAPA.⁶

6. Notice of the application and the public hearing shall be included in a bill insert with the monthly billing statement for each customer in Southern Pioneer's service territory and provided by electronic mail to those customers who receive their bill by electronic mail. One week prior to the public hearing, Southern Pioneer should send a reminder via postcard for customers receiving paper bills and by email for customers who receive their bill electronically. Southern Pioneer is also required to file an affidavit confirming notice has been mailed to customers, and provided by electronic mail to customers, who receive their bills by electronic mail.

7. Southern Pioneer and CURB shall make information concerning this proceeding accessible to the public through their websites. These parties' websites should include links and contact information to enable the public to easily identify how to access filings made in the docket. To the extent practicable, parties are encouraged to include background information explaining this proceeding.

8. The Commission approves the use of electronic service of all testimony, briefs, and orders, without requiring provision of follow-up hard copies as required by K.A.R. 82-1-216(a)(6). Testimony and briefs must be served electronically by 5:00 p.m., on the date due, without requiring service among the parties of a follow-up hard copy.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The procedural schedule set forth in paragraph 3 is adopted.

B. This Order is procedural and constitutes non-final agency action.⁷

⁶ K.S.A. 77-518(c)(8); K.S.A. 77-520.

⁷ K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 07/01/2025



Celeste Chaney-Tucker
Executive Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of

electronic service on 07/01/2025.

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