

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

In the Matter of the Application of Southern)
Pioneer Electric Company for Approval of the)
Demand Response Peak Time Rebate Pilot) Docket No. 15-SPEE-357-TAR
Program)

STAFF'S STATUS UPDATE

The Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Staff" and "Commission," respectively), files its Status Update relevant to Staff's projected Report and Recommendation date in this docket. In support of its Status Update, Staff states as follows:

1. On February 16, 2015, Southern Pioneer Electric Company filed an Application with the Commission seeking approval of a Demand Response Peak Time Rebate Pilot Program.¹

2. As noted in the Commission's Suspension Order issued on March 3, 2015, Staff aimed to complete its Report and Recommendation by May 1, 2015.²

3. Staff has begun its preliminary review of this Application and continues to monitor data requests and responses as submitted by interested parties. However, the entirety of Staff's available resources is being consumed with previously filed applications and requests in other proceedings. Because of this, Staff has determined that it will be unable to complete its Report and Recommendation by the original target date.

4. Staff will make every reasonable attempt to fully investigate and prepare a Report and Recommendation in this docket as soon as practical. However, given Staff's current case

¹ Application of Southern Pioneer Electric Company for Approval of the Demand Response Peak Time Rebate Pilot Program (Feb. 16, 2015).

² Order Granting Intervention, Suspension Order, Protective Order And Discovery Order, p. 2. (Mar. 3, 2015).

assignment it is unable to recommend or provide a specific date that its Report and Recommendation will be completed and filed in this docket.

5. In light of Staff's current and ongoing obligations, Staff must respectfully request that it be granted the ability to conduct its investigation without an internal Report and Recommendation date. Staff recognizes that the Commission is bound by a statutorily defined suspension period, and will thus work to ensure the Commission and other parties are given ample time to consider Staff's forthcoming Report and Recommendation prior to the issuance of an order in this docket.

6. Staff will continue to proceed with its investigation and engage in dialog with any interested parties to ensure the timely resolution of this matter.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission accept this Status Update.

Respectfully Submitted,

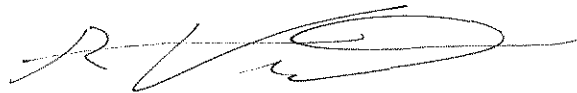


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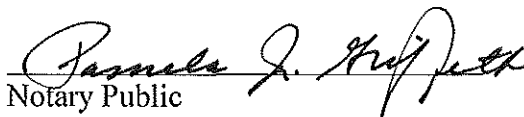
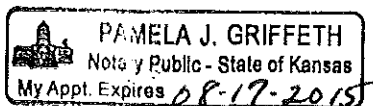
VERIFICATION

Robert E. Vincent, being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and states that he is Litigation Counsel for the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas, that he has read and is familiar with the foregoing *Staff's Status Update* and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



Robert E. Vincent, Litigation Counsel # 26028
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of April, 2015.



Notary Public

My Appointment Expires: August 17, 2015

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Staff's Status Updated was served by electronic service on this 16th day of April, 2015, to the following:

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