

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

Before Commissioners:     Dwight D. Keen, Chair  
                                  Shari Feist Albrecht  
                                  Susan K. Duffy

In the Matter of the Application of Southern     )  
Pioneer Electric Company for Approval to     ) Docket No. 20-SPEE-169-RTS  
Make Certain Changes in its Charges for     )  
Electric Service.                                     )

**AMENDED 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 December 19, 2019, the Commission issued its Order Setting Procedural Schedule in this docket. In that Order, the Commission noted that a public hearing would be held on Monday, January 6, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Liberal High School Auditorium in Liberal, Kansas.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, the Commission Order noted a video conference of the public hearing would be held at the same time and same day at Medicine Lodge High School in Medicine Lodge, Kansas.<sup>2</sup> After review, the Commission has determined the information in the Order should clarify that a public hearing will be held at both Liberal High School and Medicine Lodge High School Library. Both will be conducted on **January 6, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.** The addresses for the public hearing locations are as follows:

**Liberal High School Auditorium  
1611 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Liberal, Kansas 67901**

and

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<sup>1</sup> Order Setting Procedural Schedule (Dec. 19, 2019).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

**Medicine Lodge High School Library  
400 W Eldorado Ave., Medicine Lodge, Kansas 67104**

2. Commissioners and Commission Staff will be present at both locations.
3. Additionally, in the December 19, 2019 Order Setting Procedural Schedule, the Commission directed Southern Pioneer to provide information to the public about the proceeding by “publishing notice in the major newspapers in the region.”<sup>3</sup> However, this should read that the **“Commission and Southern Pioneer have agreed that Southern Pioneer will run ads pertaining to the proceeding only in those newspapers in Liberal and Medicine Lodge since those are the hearing sites.”** The newspaper ads will be in addition to the bill inserts and/or electronic mail that Southern Pioneer will use to notify customers in all locations.
4. The following procedural schedule appears in the Commission’s December 19, 2019, Order Setting Procedural and remains unchanged.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
January 3, 2020	5:00 p.m.	Affidavit of Mailing, Publication and Electronic Service
January 6, 2020	6:00 p.m.	Public Hearing
February 17, 2020	5:00 p.m.	Staff/Intervenor Testimony Due
February 20, 2020	5:00 p.m.	Cross-Answering Testimony Due
March 11, 2020	5:00 p.m.	Southern Pioneer Rebuttal Testimony Due
March 13, 2020	5:00 p.m.	Motion/Discovery Cutoff
March 13, 2020	9:00 a.m.	Settlement Conference

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<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at ¶ 11.

March 18, 2020	5:00 p.m.	Deadline to Submit Settlement Agreement
March 20, 2020	5:00 p.m.	Deadline to Submit Testimony in Support/Opposition of Settlement Agreement
March 23, 2020	9:00 a.m.	Prehearing Conference
March 26, 2020	5:00 p.m.	Deadline for Southern Pioneer to submit estimate rate case expense to Commission
March 31, 2020 April 1, 2020	10:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.	Evidentiary Hearing
April 2, 2020	5:00 p.m.	Public Comment Period Ends
April 9, 2020	5:00 p.m.	PACP Report of Public Comments Due
April 14, 2020	5:00 p.m.	Southern Pioneer Initial Brief Due
April 27, 2020	5:00 p.m.	Staff/Intervenor Briefs Due
May 8, 2020	5:00 p.m.	Southern Pioneer Reply Brief Due
June 8, 2020		Commission Order Due

A. Public Hearing, Notice and Comment Period

5. The Commission adopts the recommendation of the Parties and PACP that one public hearing be conducted in this docket as follows:

**Monday, January 6, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

Liberal High School Auditorium  
1611 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Liberal, Kansas 67901

and

**Monday, January 6, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

Medicine Lodge High School Library  
400 W Eldorado Ave. Medicine Lodge, Kansas 67104

The hearing will be recorded and posted on the Commission’s website at [www.kcc.ks.gov](http://www.kcc.ks.gov) for those unable to attend. Commissioners and Commission Staff will be present at both locations.

6. The Commission and Southern Pioneer have agreed that Southern Pioneer will run ads pertaining to the proceeding only in those newspapers in Liberal and Medicine Lodge, since those are the hearing sites. The newspaper ads will be in addition to the bill inserts and/or electronic mail that Southern Pioneer will use to notify customers in all locations. The Commission orders and directs that notice be published in newspapers approved by the Director of PACP, and that Southern Pioneer work with the Director of PACP to determine the timing of publication.

**THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

A. A public hearing shall be held on January 6, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at both Liberal High School Auditorium, 1611 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Liberal, Kansas 67901 and the Medicine Lodge High School Library, 400 W Eldorado Avenue, Medicine Lodge, Kansas 67104.

B. Southern Pioneer is directed to provide the notice to its customers of the public hearings and Application through a bill insert included with the monthly billing statement for each customer in its service territory, or by electronic mail to those customers who receive their bill by electronic mail.

C. Southern Pioneer is directed to publish notice in the newspapers of both Liberal, Kansas, and Medicine Lodge, Kansas, and work with the Director of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection to determine the timing in which notice will be published.

D. This Order will be served by electronic mail, with a note that no hard copy of this Order will follow. This Order is a procedural order and constitutes non-final agency action.<sup>4</sup>

E. Parties have 15 days from the date of electronic service of this Order in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).


<sup>5</sup> K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

F. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties to enter further orders as it deems necessary.

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Keen, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Dated: 12/31/2019.



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Lynn M. Retz  
Executive Director

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## 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 12/31/2019.

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