

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:                    Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair  
   Thomas E. Wright  
   Jay Scott Emler

In the Matter of the Adoption of Policies    )  
Related to Electronic Filing.                    )   Docket No. 14-GIMX-280-MIS

**ORDER AUTHORIZING USE OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE**

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

1.       On December 17, 2013, the Commission issued an Order authorizing electronic filing via the Commission’s Electronic Filing System, e-filing EXPRESS. In that Order, the Commission found that electronic filing will allow for more efficient administration of Commission duties, and reduce costs for all parties practicing before the Commission. However, the service of filings is a separate function from filing and the Commission’s Order did not address service of pleadings.

2.       The Commission recognizes that electronic service of filings, in addition to electronic filing, will further provide administrative efficiencies for parties practicing before the Commission.

3.       K.A.R. 82-1-216(a)(6) provides, in part, that notices, motions, or other papers may be served by electronic delivery in a format acceptable to the commission, *if a signed, original hard copy of the document delivered electronically is also served.* (Emphasis added.)

4. K.A.R. 82-1-202 allows the Commission to waive the requirements of its current regulations for good cause shown so long as waiver is in the public interest.

5. The Commission's records show that there have been multiple proceedings in which the parties to a particular docket agreed to electronic service of documents and waived their right to a follow-up signed, original hard copy as provided in K.A.R. 82-1-216(a)(6).

6. The Commission finds that electronic service, without a follow-up original, hard copy, lends itself to a more efficient administration of parties' practice before the Commission and is in the public interest.

7. The Commission authorizes any party filing via the Commission's Electronic Filing System, e-filing EXPRESS, to serve that filing electronically without serving an original hard copy.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:**

A. The Commission waives K.A.R. 8-1-216(a)(6) and authorizes electronic service without a follow-up original hard copy for parties filing electronically via the Commission's Electronic Filing System, e-filing EXPRESS.

B. The parties have fifteen (15) days, plus three (3) days if service of this order is by mail, from the date this order was served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any issue or issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter of this docket for the purpose of issuing such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary.

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

Albrecht, Chair; Wright, Com.; Emler, Com.

Dated: 1-23-2014



Kim Christiansen  
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