## BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Sunflowe	r)	
Electric Power Corporation and Prairie Land	d )	
Electric Cooperative, Inc. for Approval o	of )	Docket No. 26-SEPE-049-TAR
Continuation of 34.5kV Formula-Based Rates.	)	
	)	

## PETITION OF KANSAS ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, INC. TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("KEPCo") and, pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521 and K.A.R. 82-1-225, respectfully petitions the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Commission") for an order permitting it to intervene in the above-captioned docket. In support of its petition, KEPCo states as follows:

- 1. KEPCo is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of Kansas, with its registered office and principal place of business at 600 SW Corporate View, Topeka, Kansas, 66615.
- 2. KEPCo is engaged in the business of a generation and transmission cooperative electric supplier providing power and energy to 17 member distribution cooperatives ("Members") in the state of Kansas pursuant to all-requirements wholesale electric power agreements. KEPCo's Members serve approximately 75,000 retail meters in the eastern two-thirds of Kansas, which equates to nearly 200,000 rural Kansans.
- 3. On August 11, 2025, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation ("Sunflower") and Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Prairie Land") (collectively, "Joint Applicants") jointly filed an application seeking approval for "[c]ontinuation of Prairie Land's respective individual 34.5kV Formula-Based Rates ("34.5kV FBR(s)"), as originally approved in Docket No. 16-MKEE-023-TAR ("023 Docket") and approved for renewal in Docket No. 21-SEPE-049-TAR ("21-049 Docket"), without any substantive changes." Joint Application at p. 1.

4. KEPCo takes service from Prairie Land's 34.5kV facilities pursuant to its Local

Access Distribution Service ("LADS") tariff. Any change to the 34.5kV FBR, whether or not

substantive, will necessarily impact KEPCo. KEPCo seeks to intervene in the docket in order to

review the filing and determine the impact of Prairie Land's continued use of its FBR mechanism

and other changes proposed by the Joint Applicants on KEPCo in order to protect its interests.

5. For these reasons, KEPCo has a direct and substantial interest in the issues to be

addressed in this docket and such interest cannot be adequately represented by any other party.

Further, KEPCo may or will be substantially affected by any Commission order or activity in this

proceeding. K.A.R. 82-1-225(a)(2). Finally, the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt

conduct of this proceeding will not be impaired by allowing KEPCo to intervene. K.A.R. 82-1-

225(a)(3).

6. Because KEPCo will or may be bound by any Commission order or activity in this

proceeding and may be adversely affected thereby, and because KEPCo's interest herein may not

be adequately represented by any other party, KEPCo respectfully requests its petition to intervene

be granted without limitation.

7. In addition to the undersigned counsel, service of all pleadings, testimony, briefs,

orders, correspondence, and other communication relating to this docket should be sent to the

following named individual:

Rebecca Fowler

Director, Regulatory Affairs

Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.

600 SW Corporate View

Topeka, KS 66615

Telephone: (785) 271-4843

E-mail: rfowler@kepco.org

2

WHEREFORE, for the above and foregoing reasons, KEPCo respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Petition to Intervene without limitation and for such other relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Susan B. Cunningham

Susan B. Cunningham, KS #14083 Senior Vice President & General Counsel Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. 600 SW Corporate View Topeka, KS 66615 O: (785) 271-4815

M: (785) 817-1864

E-mail: <a href="mailto:scunningham@kepco.org">scunningham@kepco.org</a>

Attorney for Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.

**VERIFICATION** (K.S.A. 53-601)

STATE OF KANSAS	)	
	)	SS
COUNTY OF SHAWNEE	)	

I, Susan B. Cunningham, verify under penalty of perjury that I have caused the foregoing Petition of Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. to Intervene to be prepared on behalf of Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.; that I have read and reviewed the Petition; and that the contents thereof are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

/s/ Susan B. Cunningham

Susan B. Cunningham

Executed on this 18th day of August 2025.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Petition of Kansas

Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. to Intervene was electronically served on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August

2025, to the following named persons appearing on the Commission's service list:

Ahsan Latif, Litigation Counsel Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 SW Arrowhead Rd. Topeka, KS 66604 ahsan.latif@ks.gov

James Brungardt, Mgr., Reg. & Govt. Affairs Sunflower Electric Power Corporation 301 W. 13<sup>th</sup>, P.O. Box 1020 Hays, KS 67601-1020 jbrungardt@sunflower.net

Taylor P. Calcara Watkins Calcara Chtd. 1321 Main St., Ste. 300 P.O. Drawer 1110 Great Bend, KS 67530 tcalcara@wcrf.com

Justin Craswell, Utility Rate Analyst Power System Engineering, Inc. 1532 W. Broadway, Ste. 103 Madison, WI 53713 craswellj@powersystem.org

Kirk A. Girard, CEO
Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc.
14935 US Hwy 36
P.O. Box 360
Norton, KS 67654-0360
kgirard@ple.coop

Rebecca A. Fowler, Dir., Reg. Affairs Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. 600 SW Corporate View Topeka, KS 66615 rfowler@kepco.org Madisen Hane, Litigation Counsel Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 SW Arrowhead Rd. Topeka, KS 66604 madisen.hane@ks.gov

Monica Seib, Corp. Paralegal Supervisor Sunflower Electric Power Corporation 301 W. 13<sup>th</sup>, P.O. Box 1020 Hays, KS 67601-1020 mseib@sunflower.net

Jack L. Roenne Watkins Calcara Chtd. 1321 Main St., Ste. 300 P.O. Drawer 1110 Great Bend, KS 67530 jroenne@wcrf.com

Richard J. Macke, Vice President Power System Engineering, Inc. 1532 W. Broadway, Ste. 103 Madison, WI 53713 macker@powersysterm.org

Elena Larson, Dir. of Member Svcs.
Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc.
14935 US Hwy 36
P.O. Box 360
Norton, KS 67654-0360
elarson@ple.coop

/s/ Susan B. Cunningham

Susan B. Cunningham