

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Application of)
Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric Cooperative)
for a Certificate of Convenience and)
Authority to Transact the Business of an) Docket No. 15-LVJE-257-COC
Electric Public Utility in Parts of)
Leavenworth County, Kansas.)

STAFF'S MOTION FOR WAIVER OF 180-DEADLINE
PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 66-131

The Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Staff" and "Commission," respectively) moves the Commission for an order granting a waiver and extension of the 180-deadline for decision on the Application of Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric Cooperative ("Leavenworth Jefferson"). In support of its motion, Staff states the following:

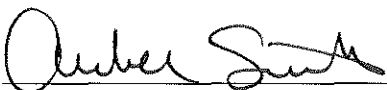
1. On December 16, 2014, Leavenworth Jefferson filed an Application for Certificate, to transact the business of an electric public utility in portions of Leavenworth County, Kansas.
2. Likewise, on December 5, 2014, in Docket Number 15-WSEE-237-CCS, Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") filed an Application requesting Commission approval to cease the transaction of business as an electric public utility in portions of Leavenworth County, Kansas.
3. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 66-131(b), "the [C]ommission shall issue a decision on a common carrier or public utility's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity within 180 days of receiving the application." However, nothing in K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 66-131(b) shall preclude a waiver or extension of the 180-day period.
4. The deadline for decision on Leavenworth Jefferson Application is June 15, 2015.

5. Staff has been working with Leavenworth Jefferson and Westar, and has determined more time is necessary to thoroughly investigate Leavenworth Jefferson's Application and develop a Report and Recommendation thereon. Both Leavenworth Jefferson and Westar have indicated they do not oppose the waiver of the 180-day deadline and extension of time pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 66-131.

6. Staff requests the Commission extend the deadline for decision on Leavenworth Jefferson's Application until July 23, 2015.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, Staff respectfully requests the Commission issue an order granting a waiver of the 180-day deadline pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 66-131, and extend the deadline for decision until July 23, 2015.

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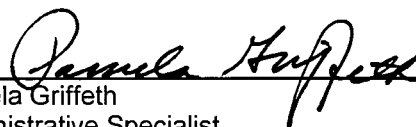
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