

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

Before Commissioners: Brian J. Moline, Chair
Robert E. Krehbiel
Michael C. Moffet

In the Matter of the Investigation of) Docket No. 06-GIMX-181-GIV
Affiliate and Ring-Fencing Rules)
Applicable to all Kansas Public Utilities.)

ORDER ASSESSING COSTS

The above captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having examined its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. The Commission initiated this docket for purposes of investigating whether the Commission should adopt affiliate transactions and ring-fencing rules, and, if so, the context of those rules.

2. K.S.A. 66-1502(a) authorizes the Commission to assess the expenses of an investigation, opened on its own motion, against the public utilities if the expenses reasonably attributable to such investigation exceed the sum of \$100. The Commission makes all electric and gas entities subject to the Commission jurisdiction pursuant to K.S.A. 66-104 *et seq.* parties to this docket. The Commission will utilize members of its Staff in this investigation, and as deemed appropriate by the Commission, employ special assistants and consultants to investigate all matters connected with these proceedings.

The Commission finds that the expenses reasonably attributable to this investigation will

exceed \$100. The Commission concludes that the costs of this proceeding should be assessed to the parties. This order constitutes notice of the assessment of costs, and the assessment will begin three business days after the date this order is mailed. The parties are hereby given notice that they may request a hearing as to the necessity of the investigation or the assessment of costs, in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Costs of the docket are assessed as set forth above.

B. A party has fifteen days, plus three days if service is by mail, from the effective date of service of this order in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any nonfinal issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

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

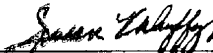
BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Moline, Chr.; Krehbiel, Comm.; Moffet, Comm.

Dated: **AUG 30 2005**

ORDER MAILED

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Susan K. Duffy
Executive Director

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