

**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 an Annual Compliance Docket)
for Electric Supply Line Filings.) Docket No. 20-GIME-017-CPL

**ORDER OPENING AN ANNUAL COMPLIANCE DOCKET
FOR ELECTRIC SUPPLY LINE FILINGS**

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:

I. BACKGROUND

1. In late 2018, the Commission began formalizing its processes related to its wire stringing regulations. The Commission's wire stringing regulations, K.A.R. 82-12-1 *et seq.*, set out certain requirements for filings related to Electric Supply lines. Commission Staff recommended the Commission utilize an annual compliance docket for the submission and approval of Electric Supply Lines (EL) filings.¹ A compliance docket would allow utilities to electronically file EL forms and serve as a permanent repository for the filings in a given fiscal year.²

II. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

2. The Commission's fiscal year annually resets on July 1. On July 1, 2019, the Commission began Fiscal Year 2020. Accordingly, the Commission finds and concludes a new compliance docket should be opened for EL filings.

¹ Staff Report & Recommendation, Docket No. 19-GIME-190-CPL, p. 3 (Oct. 12, 2018).

² *See id.*

3. K.A.R. 82-12-3 requires public utilities proposing to build new or contemplating a change in existing electric supply lines located outside of the corporate limits of a city to present an application to the Commission for approval. The Commission finds submission of these applications in the instant proceeding is proper. Accordingly, the Commission hereby directs public utilities to file K.A.R. 82-12-3 required applications in the instant docket. This requirement shall remain in place until a new docket is opened in a subsequent fiscal year.

4. K.A.R. 82-12-3(a) requires applications include, among other things, “maps and plats, of a scale of at least one inch to the mile, showing any changes or additions to the electric supply lines.” The Commission believes improved efficiency can be achieved by utilizing digital versions of these maps. In addition to maps required in the application, the Commission encourages public utilities to serve Commission Staff copies of maps in an ESRI Shapefile as detailed in paragraph 7, below.

5. K.A.R. 82-12-5 establishes certain notice requirements related to electric supply lines. The Commission finds the filing of K.A.R. 82-12-5(a) required notices in the instant proceeding would further formalize and modernize the EL filing processes. Accordingly, the Commission hereby directs public utilities to file K.A.R. 82-12-5(a) required notices in the instant docket. This requirement shall remain in place until a new docket is opened in a subsequent fiscal year.

6. The Commission finds and concludes public utilities may continue to utilize “Form EL” for K.A.R. 82-12-3 required filings.

7. The Commission finds serving copies of K.A.R. 82-11-3 applications and K.A.R. 82-11-5(a) notices to Commission Staff will increase administrative efficiency. Accordingly, the Commission hereby directs public utilities filing K.A.R. 82-11-3 applications and K.A.R. 82-11-

5(a) notices to serve a copy of such upon all Commission Staff assigned to the instant proceeding. The Commission approves the use of electronic service of all filings, without requiring follow-up hard copies as required by K.A.R. 82-1-216(a)(6).

8. The Commission finds the decades-long practice of Commission Staff review and approval of EL filings to be appropriate. The Commission hereby authorizes Commission Staff to review and approve or deny EL applications. As such, pursuant to K.A.R. 82-1-202(a), the Commission hereby grants Commission Staff any and all waivers necessary to initially approve or deny EL applications. However, any person or entity aggrieved by Commission Staff's decision regarding an EL application may petition the Commission for a hearing on the matter pursuant to K.A.R. 82-1-232(b).

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

A. This docket is hereby established to track all Electric Supply Line notifications, applications, and approvals for Fiscal Year 2020.

B. Public utilities must file K.A.R. 82-12-3 applications in the instant docket.

C. Public utilities must file K.A.R. 82-12-5(a) notices in the instant docket.

D. Public utilities may continue to utilize "Form EL" for K.A.R. 82-12-3 filings.

E. Public utilities may utilize the Commission's electronic filing service to submit K.A.R. 82-11-3 applications and K.A.R. 82-11-5(a) notices.

F. Public utilities must serve a copy of K.A.R. 82-11-3 applications and K.A.R. 82-11-5(a) notices upon all Commission Staff assigned to the instant docket.

G. Electronic service, with no follow-up hard copy, is hereby authorized.

H. Commission Staff is authorized to review, and approve or deny EL applications. Any person or entity aggrieved by a Commission Staff decision regarding an EL application may petition the Commission for a hearing on the matter.


I. The parties have 15 days from the issuance of this Order, plus three days for mail, to petition for reconsideration.³

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

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Keen, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Dated: 07/16/2019



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³ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

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