

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

Before Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson
Dwight D. Keen
Annie Kuether

In the Matter of the Application of Southern)
Pioneer Electric Company for Approval of its) Docket No. 26-SPEE-099-RTS
Formula Based Ratemaking Plan.)

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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:

1. On September 17, 2025, Southern Pioneer Electric Company (“Southern Pioneer”) filed with the Commission an application requesting approval of the continuation of its Formula-Based Rate Plan.¹
2. On October 14, 2025, Southern Pioneer and the Citizen’s Utility Ratepayer Board (“CURB”) filed a Joint Motion for Procedural Order.²
3. After reviewing the proposed schedule, the Commission adopts the following procedural schedule:

Action	Date	Time
Staff/Intervenor Testimony Due	December 30, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Cross Answering Testimony Due	January 20, 2026	5:00 p.m.
Southern Pioneer Rebuttal Testimony Due	February 2, 2026	5:00 p.m.
Settlement Conference	February 10, 2026	9:00 a.m.
Settlement Agreement Due	February 13, 2026	5:00 p.m.
Settlement Testimony Due	February 17, 2026	5:00 p.m.
Prehearing Conference	March 2, 2026	9:00 a.m.

¹ Application of Southern Pioneer Electric Company (Sept. 17, 2025).

² Joint Motion for Procedural Order (Oct. 14, 2025).

Evidentiary Hearing (Commission's 1 st Floor Hearing Room, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka)	March 23, 2026	9:00 a.m.
Southern Pioneer Post Hearing Brief Due	March 27, 2026	5:00 p.m.
Staff/Intervenor Response Brief Due	April 3, 2026	5:00 p.m.
Southern Pioneer Reply Due	April 10, 2026	5:00 p.m.
Commission Order Due	May 8, 2026	

4. Finding that a prehearing conference is necessary to address any pending matters, to establish procedures to use during the Evidentiary Hearing, and to consider any other prehearing issues that will promote the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding,³ the Commission schedules a Prehearing Conference for Monday, March 2, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m. A presiding officer will be assigned and will preside. Any party who fails to attend or participate in the Prehearing Conference or in any other stage of this proceeding may be held in default under the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (“KAPA”).⁴ At the Prehearing Conference, this proceeding without further notice may be converted into a conference hearing or a summary proceeding for disposition of the matter as provided by KAPA.⁵

5. An Evidentiary Hearing, with the Commission presiding, will begin on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission's First Floor Hearing Room, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas. Any party who fails to attend or participate in the hearing or in any other stage of this proceeding may be held in default under KAPA.⁶

6. Notice of the application and the public hearing shall be included in a bill insert with the monthly billing statement for each customer in Southern Pioneer's service territory and provided by electronic mail to those customers who receive their bill by electronic mail. One week

³ K.S.A. 77-517; K.A.R. 82-1-222.

⁴ K.S.A. 77-516(c)(8); K.S.A. 77-520.

⁵ K.S.A. 77-516(c)(7).

⁶ K.S.A. 77-518(c)(8); K.S.A. 77-520.

prior to the public hearing, Southern Pioneer should send a reminder via postcard for customers receiving paper bills and by email for customers who receive their bill electronically. Southern Pioneer is also required to file an affidavit confirming notice has been mailed to customers, and provided by electronic mail to customers, who receive their bills by electronic mail.

7. Southern Pioneer and CURB shall make information concerning this proceeding accessible to the public through their websites. These parties' websites should include links and contact information to enable the public to easily identify how to access filings made in the docket. To the extent practicable, parties are encouraged to include background information explaining this proceeding.

8. The Commission approves the use of electronic service of all testimony, briefs, and orders, without requiring provision of follow-up hard copies as required by K.A.R. 82-1-216(a)(6). Testimony and briefs must be served electronically by 5:00 p.m., on the date due, without requiring service among the parties of a follow-up hard copy.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. The procedural schedule set forth in paragraph 3 is adopted.
- B. This Order is procedural and constitutes non-final agency action.⁷

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 10/23/2025



Celeste Chaney-Tucker
Executive Director

⁷ K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of electronic service on 10/23/2025.

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