

3. Southern Pioneer was granted public utility status on November 21, 2013, when the Commission approved the transfer of the retail certificated territory, consumers, Rules and Regulations, and tariffs from Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC to Southern Pioneer in Docket No. 13-MKEE-447-MIS.

4. Southern Pioneer serves approximately 17,134 retail customers in all or parts of ten southwest and south central Kansas counties that purchased approximately 582,648,339 kilowatt hours (“kWh”) of electricity annually. Of these total retail customers, forty-one (41) are Irrigation customers, who use approximately 2,177,795 kWhs of electric energy annually and take service under the Southern Pioneer Commission-approved Irrigation Service Tariff, Schedule 15-IP-I and.¹

5. In addition to the undersigned, copies of pleadings, documents, and correspondence in this docket should be sent to:

Randall D. Magnison
Executive Vice President-Assistant CEO
Southern Pioneer Electric Company
P.O. Box 430
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II. OVERVIEW OF THE APPLICATION

A. Irrigation Service Schedule Revision

6. Southern Pioneer now files for certain changes in its Commission-approved Irrigation Service Schedule 16-IP-I (“Irrigation Service Tariff”)² for Southern Pioneer’s services provided to Irrigation customers within its designated geographical certificated service territory

¹ Southern Pioneer RUS Form 7, Page 2, Part D dated December 31, 2015.

² Docket 16-SPEE-497-RTS, Commission “Order Granting Application and Approving Adjustments”, dated August 2, 2016.

served by Southern Pioneer under the terms of the Irrigation Service Tariff. In summary, the changes are as follows and are reflected in the marked-up and clean copy of Irrigation Service Schedule “16-IP-I Revision 1”, attached hereto as Exhibit A:

- Availability – Change the original contract term for initial service from five (5) years to one (1) year, and then year-to-year thereafter.
- Character of Service – Remove duplicitous descriptive language and replace with definitive single or three phase, at available voltage, definition.
- Net Monthly Bill, Demand Charge – Insert language permitting the annual contracted horsepower charge (contracted horsepower charge x 12-months), currently paid in three (3) monthly installments, to be paid in twelve (12) monthly installments, and round-down the Demand charge of \$38.01 to \$38.00 for ease of calculation.
- Minimum Charge – Retitle to Minimum Annual Bill and define (i) the Minimum Annual Bill, (ii) the period covered by the Minimum Annual Bill, (iii) the responsibility of customer wishing to disconnect or down rate Irrigation service to avoid the Minimum Annual Bill, and (iv) proration of the Annual Minimum Bill for Irrigation services added mid-calendar year.
- Connected Horsepower – Insert definition to better define the connected horsepower.
- Payment – Eliminate section providing Minimum Charges payable over three months.

B. Impact of Proposed Changes

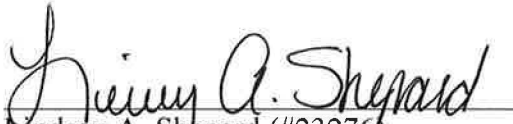
7. The proposed changes in this Application are not material in nature, are better reflective of Southern Pioneer's administration of the Irrigation Service Tariff in practice, and remove cumbersome applications of the Irrigation Service Tariff to Southern Pioneer's irrigation consumers. Because Southern Pioneer and Pioneer Electric both utilize the same NISC I-VUE customer billing software program, revising definitions makes the overall administration of the respective irrigation tariffs and programs for both Southern Pioneer and Pioneer Electric more efficient. Furthermore, by collecting the annual horsepower charge over 12 months as opposed to 3 months of the calendar year, it eliminates a compressed financial burden on the Southern Pioneer irrigation consumer without affecting the rate class revenue requirement.

8. Even though Southern Pioneer is requesting that the Demand Charge (annual connected horsepower charge) of \$38.01 be rounded down to \$38.00 per connected horsepower for the ease of calculating the monthly demand charge, this change has no material impact on the annual revenue requirement.

9. The requested changes will not impair Southern Pioneer in continuing to provide adequate, efficient and reliable utility service.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission approve within thirty (30) days the Applicant's revised Irrigation Service Schedule in order to better define service and ease administration required thereunder, substituting such schedule for the schedule currently on file and approved for Applicant, and such other and further relief as the Commission may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,


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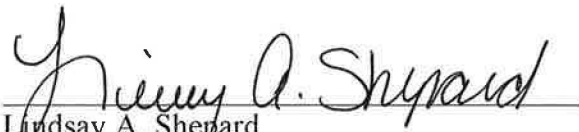
**ATTORNEY FOR SOUTHERN PIONEER
ELECTRIC COMPANY**

VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS)
)
COUNTY OF GRANT) ss:

Lindsay A. Shepard, of lawful age, being first duly sworn on oath, states:

That she is the attorney for Southern Pioneer Electric Company named in the foregoing Application, knows the contents thereof; and that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.


Lindsay A. Shepard

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 5th day of October 2016.


Notary Public – Brandi L. Fowler

My Commission Expires: 12/3/16

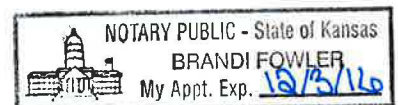


EXHIBIT A

**Marked Up and Clean Copy of
Irrigation Service Schedule 16-IP-I Revision 1**

SOUTHERN PIONEER ELECTRIC CO.

(Name of Issuing Utility)

Schedule: 16-IP-I Revision 1Replacing Schedule 16-IP-I Sheet 1Which was filed August 2, 2016

SERVICE AREA

(Territory to which schedule is applicable)

No supplement or separate understanding shall modify the tariff as shown hereon.

Sheet 1 of 2 Sheets

IRRIGATION SERVICEAVAILABILITY

This schedule is available for irrigation power only. Service under this schedule shall be under contract for one year and from year to year thereafter.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE

Alternating current, 60 cycles, single or three phase, at available voltage.

NET MONTHLY BILLDemand Charge

Per horsepower contracted per year, paid \$38.00
in 12-monthly installments.

plus

Delivery Charge

For all bills dated
November 1 through June 30 inclusive, per kWh \$0.08453

For all bills dated
July 1 through October 31 inclusive, per kWh \$0.09553

MINIMUM ANNUAL BILL

\$38.00 per horsepower contracted per year, which is the Demand charge, plus line extension charge, if any. (Minimum charge does not include the delivery charge).

The Minimum Annual Bill for Irrigation Service shall not be less than \$38.00 per HP of connected load. The period covered by the Minimum Annual Bill shall begin at 12:01 a.m. January 1st and end at midnight on the following December 31st. Should the customer wish to disconnect or down rate the service, it is the customer's responsibility to notify the Company of its intent at least five (5) business days prior to January 1st of the upcoming calendar year to avoid the Minimum Annual Bill.

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By Randall D. Magnison Executive VP-Assistant CEO

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SOUTHERN PIONEER ELECTRIC CO. _____

Schedule: 16-IP-I

(Name of Issuing Utility)

Replacing Schedule 15-IP-I Sheet 2Which was filed July 30, 2015SERVICE AREA

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CONNECTED HORSEPOWER

The connected horsepower shall be that stated by the manufacturer on the nameplate of the motor, or the sum of such ratings if more than one motor is connected for use, or at the option of the Company, by proper test under conditions of maximum operating load.

ENERGY COST ADJUSTMENT

The delivery charges are subject to the Energy Cost Adjustment Clause.

EXTENSION POLICY

Where the cost of extending service to the irrigation customer exceeds \$50.00 per horsepower contracted, the customer will pay in addition to the Minimum Annual Bill set forth above an additional annual minimum charge equal to twenty-one percent (21%) per year of the added investment in such facilities.

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DELAYED PAYMENT

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PAYMENT

Minimum charges shall be payable

- 50% April 1
- 25% May 1
- 25% June 1

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