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

Before Commissioners:	Dwight D. Keen, Chair
	Shari Feist Albrecht

In the Matter of the Application of Prairie Land) Electric Cooperative, Inc. Seeking Commission Approval to Update its Local Access Delivery Service Tariff Pursuant to the 34.5kV Formula Based Rate Plan Approved in Docket No. 16-MKEE-023-TAR.

Docket No. 19-PLCE-436-TAR

SUSPENSION ORDER

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The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State

of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and records,

and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

I. Background

1. On April 24, 2019, Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Prairie Land") filed

with the Commission an Application requesting approval to update its Local Access Delivery

Service ("LADS") tariff.¹

II. Suspension Order

2. K.S.A. 66-117(c) states in part:

The commission shall not delay the effective date of the proposed change in rate, joint rate, toll, charge or classification or schedule of charges, or in any rule or regulation or practice pertaining to the service or rates of any such public utility or common carrier, more than 240 days beyond the date the public utility or common carrier filed its application requesting the proposed change. If the commission does not suspend the proposed schedule within 30 days of the date the same is filed by the public utility or common carrier, such proposed schedule shall be deemed approved by the commission and shall take effect on the proposed effective date.

Application for Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Apr. 24, 2019).

3. A full investigation of the Application, which may result in a hearing, is deemed necessary and proper. Absent suspension, the Commission and its Staff are without sufficient time to fully review, consider, and analyze whether approval of the Application will result in just and reasonable rates.

4. The Commission finds and concludes that suspension of the effectiveness of the Application and deferral of its effective date are required to allow sufficient time for full investigation of this matter. The effectiveness of the Application is hereby suspended for a period of 240 days from the date it was filed, April 24, 2019, until Friday, December 20, 2019, pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c).² A Commission decision may be issued before such date. This Suspension Order does not alter the previously-approved 34.5kV FBR Plan Protocol deadlines.³

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c), the Application in the above-captioned docket shall be suspended, and the effective date deferred, until December 20, 2019.

B. Electronic service shall be utilized for serving pleadings/motions and orders.

C. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).⁴

D. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders, as necessary.

² The Commission recognizes that suspension may not be necessary under K.S.A. 66-117. The FBR itself is the effective "rate," and this docket is an annual update in accordance with the FBR and Protocols approved by the Commission. However, to the extent K.S.A. 66-117 may apply, the Commission is suspending the effectiveness of Prairie Land's Application.

³ Docket No. 16-MKEE-023-TAR, Order Granting Petition for Clarification, Exhibit B, pp. 1-2 (Apr. 6, 2016).

⁴ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Keen, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner

Dated: _____05/07/2019

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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 05/07/2019

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