

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

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

In the Matter of the Application of Southern)
Pioneer Electric Company for Approval to)
Make Certain Changes to its Charges for)
Electric Services, Pursuant to the Debt Service) Docket No. 18-SPEE-477-RTS
Coverage Formula Based Ratemaking Plan)
Approved in Docket No. 13-MKEE-452-MIS)
and 34.5kV Formula Based Ratemaking Plan)
Approved in Docket No. 16-MKEE-023-TAR.)

SUSPENSION ORDER

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 and conclusions:

1. On April 30, 2018, Southern Pioneer Electric Company (Southern Pioneer) filed its Application seeking Commission approval to make certain changes to its charges for electric services. Southern Pioneer filed its Application pursuant to the Debt Service Coverage Formula Based Ratemaking (DSC-FBR) Plan approved in Docket No. 13-MKEE-452-MIS¹ and 34.5kV Formula Based Ratemaking (34.5kV FBR) Plan approved in Docket No. 16-MKEE-023-TAR.²

¹ See Order Approving Non-Unanimous Settlement Agreement, Docket No. 13-MKEE-452-MIS, pp. 3-5 (Sep. 26, 2013).

² See Order Granting Petition for Clarification, Docket No. 16-MKEE-023-TAR, Exhibit A, pp. 1-2 (Apr. 26, 2016).

2. Pursuant to Commission Order, Southern Pioneer has consolidated the submission of its DSC-FBR Plan and 34.5kV FBR Plan into one consolidated proceeding.³

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

4. The Commission finds and concludes suspension of the effectiveness of the Application and deferral of its effective date are required to allow sufficient time for a full investigation of this matter. Therefore, the effectiveness of the Application is hereby suspended for a period of 240 days from the date it was filed, April 30, 2018, until Wednesday, December 26, 2018, pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c)⁴. A final order may be issued before such date in accordance with Southern Pioneer's DSC-FBR Plan and 34.5kV FBR Plan Protocols. This Suspension Order does not alter the previously approved DSC-FBR Plan and 34.5kV FBR Plan Protocol deadlines.⁵

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 26, 2018.

B. Parties have 15 days, plus three days if service is by mail, from the date of service of this Order to petition the Commission for reconsideration or request a hearing, as provided by K.S.A. 77-542.

³ See Order Granting Application; Approving Adjustments; and Adopting Staff's Report and Recommendation, Docket No. 16-SPEE-501-TAR, p. 3 (Aug. 2, 2016); See also Order Granting Application and Approving Adjustments, Docket No. 16-SPEE-497-RTS, p. 4 (Aug 2, 2016).

⁴ The Commission recognizes suspension may not be necessary under K.S.A. 66-117. The DSC-FBR Plan and 34.5kV FBR Plans themselves are the effective "rate," and this docket is an annual update in accordance with the DSC-FBR Plan and 34.5kV FBR Plan Protocols approved by the Commission. However, to the extent K.S.A. 66-117 may apply, the Commission hereby suspends the effectiveness of Southern Pioneer's Application.

⁵ See n. 1-2, *supra*.

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

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

Date: 05/10/2018



Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following parties by means of first class mail/hand delivered on 05/11/2018.

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