

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

Before Commissioners: Pat Apple, Chairman  
Shari Feist Albrecht  
Jay Scott Emler

In the Matter of a General Investigation for the )  
Purpose of Investigating Whether Annual or )  
Periodic Cost/Benefit Reporting by the SPP ) Docket No. 17-SPPE-117-GIE  
and Kansas Electric Utilities that Participate in )  
SPP is in the Public Interest. )

**ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE COMMENTS**

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). Having examined its files and records, and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. On January 19, 2017, the Commission issued in this docket its *Order Opening General Investigation* (Order), seeking comments from the parties as to whether annual or periodic reporting by the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), and Kansas utilities that participate in SPP, is in the public interest.<sup>1</sup> The Order asked for comments from the parties on sixteen (16) detailed questions, “along with any other questions or information the parties deem relevant to the issue of the costs and benefits of continued participation in SPP.”<sup>2</sup> The Order set a deadline for initial comments to be filed in the docket within 30 days of the date of the Order, which would have been Monday, February 20, 2017.<sup>3</sup> The Order also provided for two rounds of reply comments, to be due within additional 30 day intervals.<sup>4</sup>

2. On February 9, 2017, Midwest Energy, Inc., Kansas City Power & Light Company, Westar Energy, Inc., Kansas Municipal Energy Agency, Kansas Electric Power

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<sup>1</sup> Docket No. 17-SPPE-117-GIE, *Order Opening General Investigation*, Ordering Clause A (Jan. 19, 2017) (Order).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at ¶ 9.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at Ordering Clause B.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

Cooperative, Inc., Kansas Power Pool, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC, ITC Great Plains, LLC, The Empire District Electric Company and SPP (collectively, the Joint Movants) filed in this docket a Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments, requesting “an additional sixty (60) days from the comment deadline established in the January 19, 2017 Order.”<sup>5</sup> The Joint Movants remarked on the complexity of the questions posed in the Commission’s Order and the thought, discussion, research, time and possible collaboration that would be required of the parties in providing comments useful to the Commission’s investigation.<sup>6</sup> Moreover, the Joint Movants noted that many of the entities being asked to provide comments in this docket have also been engaged in the evidentiary hearing in Docket No. 16-KCPE-593-ACQ, which would have “unnecessarily compress[ed] the parties’ ability to prepare detailed comments for the Commission’s consideration.”<sup>7</sup>

3. The Commission agrees with the Joint Movants’ Motion and finds that extending the initial comment period by sixty (60) days will further the Commission’s interest in obtaining a thorough and thoughtful discussion in this investigation.

**THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

A. The Joint Movants’ Motion seeking an additional sixty (60) days to file initial comments in this docket is granted.

B. Parties may provide initial comments in response to paragraph 9 of the Commission’s Order by Friday, April 21, 2017. A first round of reply comments may be filed by Staff and the other parties by Monday, May 22, 2017. A second round of reply comments may be filed by all parties by Wednesday, June 21, 2017.

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<sup>5</sup> Joint Movants, Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments, ¶ 5 (Feb. 9, 2017).

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* at ¶ 6.

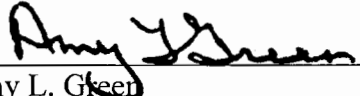
C. The parties have 15 days from the date of electronic service of this Order to petition for reconsideration.<sup>8</sup>

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

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Apple, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: FEB 28 2017

  
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Amy L. Green  
Secretary to the Commission

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<sup>8</sup> K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

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