THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:	Shari Feist Albrecht, Chai	ľ
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In the Matter of the Joint Application of Sunflower Electric Corporation and Mid- Kansas Electric Company, Inc. for an Order)	Docket No. 19-SEPE-054-MER
Approving the Merger of Mid-Kansas Electric	j.	Docker (or 1) BB1 B oo (mB1
Company Inc., into Sunflower Power Corp.)	

ORDER GRANTING KANSAS ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, KANSAS POWER POOL, AND ITC GREAT PLAINS, LLC PETITIONS TO INTERVENE

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:

- 1. On August 3, 2018, Mid-Kansas Electric Company (MKEC) and Sunflower Electric Power Corporation (Sunflower) filed a Joint Application with the Commission for approval of the merger of MKEC into Sunflower Electric Cooperation.¹
- 2. On August 7, 2018, the Kansas Power Pool (KPP) filed its Petition to Intervene, citing its dependence upon MKEC's transmission system for delivery to a significant number of its customers. KPP explains that, ultimately, its members will or may be bound by any Commission Order or activity in the proceedings, and, as such, its members may be adversely affected.²
- 3. On August 16, 2018, ITC Great Plains, LLC (ITC Great Plains) filed its Petition to Intervene, explaining that many of its transmission facilities are located in Sunflower and MKEC's

² KPP's Petition to Intervene, [Aug. 7, 2018]

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¹ Application of MKEC and Sunflower Electric Power Cooperation, [Aug. 3, 2018].

service territories in Kansas, including facilities which are directly interconnected to facilities which will be owned by the newly combined Sunflower entity. As such, ITC Great Plains posits that it has a direct interest in the issues pertaining to this docket, and that such interests cannot be adequately represented by any other party.³

- 4. On August 20, 2018, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (KEPCo) filed its Petition to Intervene, explaining that it has entered into two agreements with Sunflower for power service and associated energy to serve about 16% of the total annual energy requirements of KEPCo's members.⁴ Additionally, KEPCo relies extensively on transmission services provided over MKEC and Sunflower facilities to serve the load of KEPCo members at approximately 82 of its 266 delivery points. Because of the preceding, KEPCo will or may be bound by any Commission Order or activity in this proceeding, and KEPCo and its members may be adversely affected.⁵
- 5. The Commission has broad discretion to grant a petition for intervention if it is in the interest of justice, if the intervention will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings, and if the party has stated facts demonstrating its legal rights, duties, and privileges, immunities, or other legal interests may be substantially affected by the proceeding.⁶
- 6. The Commission finds KPP, ITC Great Plains, and KEPCo have each demonstrated an interest in this proceeding. Therefore, pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521, the Commission grants the respective Petitions for Intervention of KPP, ITC Great Plains, and KEPCo.

³ ITC Great Plains Petition to Intervene [Aug. 16, 2018].

⁴ KEPCo's Petition to Intervene [Aug. 20, 2018].

⁵ Id

⁶ K.S.A. 77-521; K.A.R. 82-1-225.

7. KPP, ITC Great Plains, and KEPCo will each be added to the official service list. Service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should be delivered to counsel of record and other designees, as follows:

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THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521, the Petitions to Intervene of Kansas Power Pool, ITC Great Plains, and Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. are granted.
- B. 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).
- C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it deems necessary.

⁷ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht,	Chair:	Emler.	Commissioner	Keen,	Commissioner

Dated:	08/28/2018	
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Lynn M. Retz Secretary to the Commission

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