

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

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

In the Matter of the Annual Filing of)
Southern Pioneer Electric Company for)
Approval to Make Certain Changes to Its)
Charges for Electric Services, Pursuant to the) Docket No. 16-SPEE-497-RTS
Debt Service Coverage Formula Based)
Ratemaking Plan Approved in Docket No.)
13-MKEE-452-MIS.)

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:

1. On May 2, 2016, Southern Pioneer Electric Company (Southern Pioneer) filed its Application seeking Commission approval to adjust retail rates charged to its consumers. The Application was filed pursuant to Southern Pioneer's Debt Service Coverage (DSC) Formula-Based Ratemaking (FBR) Pilot Program, approved in Docket No. 13-MKEE-452-MIS.

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

3. The Commission finds and concludes that suspension of the effectiveness of the Application and deferral of its effective date is required to allow sufficient time for full investigation of this matter. The Application shall be suspended for a period of 240 days from the date it was filed, May 2, 2016, until Wednesday, December 28, 2016, pursuant to K.S.A. 66-

117(c).¹ A final order may be issued before such date in accordance with the DSC-FBR Protocols. This Suspension Order does not alter the previously-approved program deadlines.²

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c), the proposed annual rate adjustment in the above-captioned docket shall be suspended, and the effective date deferred, until December 28, 2016.


B. Parties have 15 days, plus three days if service is by mail, from the date of service of this Order in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration.³

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

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Emler, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: **MAY 12 2016**



Amy L. Green
Secretary to the Commission

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¹ The Commission recognizes that suspension may not be necessary under K.S.A. 66-117. The FBR, itself, is the effective “rate,” and Southern Pioneer does not propose to change its FBR. This docket is simply an annual adjustment 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 Southern Pioneer’s Application.

² Docket No. 13-MKEE-452-MIS, Order Approving Non-Unanimous Settlement Agreement, Attachment 1: Exhibit A, p. 1, September 26, 2013.

³ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

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 MAY 12 2016.

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