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 a General Investigation to Fully Investigate the Parameters and Intricacies of a Customer Opt-Out Program for Advanced Metering Infrastructure Digital Electric Meters.

Docket No. 19-GIME-012-GIE

ORDER GRANTING CURB'S PETITION TO INTERVENE

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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 July 24, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Opening General Investigation to fully investigate the parameters and intricacies of a customer opt-out program for Advanced Metering Infrastructure Digital Electric Meters.¹

2. On July 25, 2018, the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) filed its Petition to Intervene, citing its statutory authority to represent residential and small commercial ratepayers. CURB explains the rates paid by and the services received by residential and small commercial customers may be substantially affected by this proceeding.²

3. 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

¹ Order Opening General Investigation, (Jul. 24, 2018).

² CURB's Petition to Intervene, ¶ 5 (Jul. 25, 2018).

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.³

4. The Commission finds CURB has demonstrated an interest in this proceeding. Therefore, pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521, the Commission grants CURB's Petition for Intervention.

5. CURB will be added to the official service list. Service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should be delivered to counsel of record and CURB's other designees, as follows:

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THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. CURB's Petition to Intervene is granted pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521.

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).⁴

³ K.S.A. 77-521; K.A.R. 82-1-225.

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

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

Dated: 08/09/2018

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Lynn M. Retz Secretary to the Commission

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

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

electronic service on 08/09/2018

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