

**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 and    )  
Kansas Electric Utilities that Participate in SPP   )  
is in the Public Interest.                                )

Docket No. 17-SPPE-117-GIE

**ORDER ASSESSING COSTS**

The above-captioned 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.     K.S.A. 66-1502 authorizes the Commission to assess the expenses of an investigation, opened on its own motion, against public utilities if the expenses reasonably attributable to such investigation exceed the sum of \$100. The Commission will utilize members of its Staff in this investigation, and as deemed appropriate by the Commission, employ special assistants and consultants to investigate all matters connected with this proceeding. The Commission finds that the expenses reasonably attributable to this investigation will exceed \$100. The Commission concludes that the costs of this proceeding should be equally assessed to the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), all Kansas jurisdictional electric public utilities, and all other Kansas public utilities who may be participants at SPP. This order constitutes notice of the assessment of costs and the assessment will begin three days after the date this order is mailed. All jurisdictional electric companies are given notice that they may request a hearing as to the necessity of the investigation or the assessment of costs, in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act.

**THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

A. SPP, all Kansas jurisdictional electric public utilities, and all other Kansas public utilities who may be participants at SPP are equally assessed the costs of this investigation.

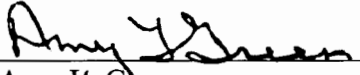
B. The parties have 15 days from the date of electronic service of this Order to petition for reconsideration.<sup>1</sup>

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and 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:           JAN 24 2017          

  
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Amy L. Green  
Secretary to the Commission

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

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