

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

In the Matter of a General Investigation to)
Examine Issues Surrounding Rate Design) Docket No. 16-GIME-403-GIE
for Distributed Generation Customers.)

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE OF MIDWEST ENERGY, INC.;
REQUEST TO FILE ENTRY OUT OF TIME

COMES NOW Susan B. Cunningham, Dentons US LLP, and pursuant to the Commission's July 12, 2016 Order Opening General Investigation, hereby enters her appearance in the above-captioned matter on behalf of Midwest Energy, Inc. ("Midwest Energy"). Service of all pleadings, testimony, briefs, orders and other documents relating to this docket should be served on the undersigned counsel.

I. REQUEST TO FILE ENTRY OUT OF TIME

1. On July 12, 2016, the Commission issued its Order Opening General Investigation in the instant docket. Among other things, the Commission stated that, "All Kansas electric public utilities subject to the Kansas Corporation Commission's jurisdiction over retail rates are hereby made a party to this proceeding and must enter an entry of appearance no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this order." Order Opening General Investigation at ordering para. 3. Midwest Energy respectfully requests the Commission to exercise its discretion as permitted by K.A.R. 82-1-217(b) and allow Midwest Energy to enter its appearance subsequent to the August 11, 2016 deadline.

2. K.A.R. 82-1-217(b) provides that when an act is required to be done at or within a specified time, the Commission may exercise its discretion and extend the time for good cause. Since the formal inception of this docket on July 12, 2016, the entirety of the pleadings filed have been procedural in nature, with the exception of Staff's Report and Recommendation,

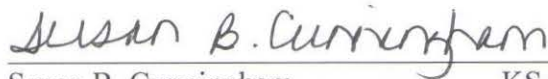
attached to its March 11, 2016 Motion to Open Docket. The first round of substantive comments are due to be filed March 17, 2017, pursuant to the Commission's February 16, 2017 Order Setting Procedural Schedule. Midwest Energy would like to avail itself of the opportunity to participate fully in the docket, including filing comments, attending the roundtable discussions and evidentiary hearing, and submitting briefs. Midwest Energy will accept the status of the docket as it currently stands and will not seek to make filings based on expired deadlines. As a result, the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding will not be impaired by allowing Midwest Energy to enter its appearance out of time

II. SERVICE

3. In addition to the undersigned counsel, copies of all pleadings, notices, orders and other documents should be mailed to the following individuals:

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WHEREFORE, for the above and foregoing reasons, Midwest Energy, Inc. respectfully submits its Entry of Appearance and Request to File Entry Out of Time.



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VERIFICATION
(K.S.A. 53-601)

STATE OF KANSAS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SHAWNEE)

I, Susan B. Cunningham, being of lawful age, hereby state that I have caused the foregoing Entry of Appearance of Midwest Energy, Inc. and Request to File Entry Out of Time to be prepared, that I have read and reviewed the Entry and Request to File Entry Out of Time, and that the contents thereof are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.



Susan B. Cunningham

Executed on the 7th day of March, 2017

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Entry of Appearance of Midwest Energy, Inc. and Request to File Entry Out of Time was electronically served on this 7th day of March, 2017, to the persons appearing on the Commission's service as last modified on November 15, 2016.



Susan B. Cunningham