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)	Docket No. 16-SPEE-497-RTS
the Debt Service Coverage	Formula Based)	
Ratemaking Plan Approve	d in Docket No.)	
13-MKEE-452-MIS.)	

PROCEDURAL ORDER

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 May 2, 2016, Southern Pioneer Electric Company (So. Pioneer) filed its annual Debt Service Coverage Formula Based Ratemaking Plan (DSC Plan) in accordance with the Commission approved settlements in *Application of Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC for Approval of a Debt Service Coverage Formula Based Ratemaking Pilot Plan for the Geographic Territory Served by its Member-Owner Southern Pioneer Electric Company*, Docket No. 13-MKEE-452-MIS (Sep. 26, 2013) [hereinafter 13-452 Docket] and *Joint Application of Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC et al. for an Order Approving the Transfer of Certificates of Convenience with Respect to all of Mid-Kansas' Retail Electric Service and for Other Related Relief, Docket No. 13-MKEE-447-MIS (Oct. 15, 2013).*
- 2. Pursuant to the Commission's Order in the 13-452 Docket, the Commission orders that the following procedural schedule shall govern the proceeding:

DATE/TIME/PLACE	ACTION			
On or before June 29, 2016. 5:00 p.m.	Staff and Intervenor Testimony Due.			
On or before July 13, 2016. 5:00 p.m.	So. Pioneer Rebuttal Testimony Due.			
On or before July 29, 2016.	Commission Order on Approval or Notice of Evidentiary Hearing.			
August 19, 2016. 9:00 a.m. Kansas Corporation Commission, First Fl. Hearing Rm. 1500 SW Arrowhead Rd. Topeka, KS 66604.	Evidentiary Hearing.			
On or before August 29, 2016.	Commission Final Order.			

- 3. Pursuant to the above mentioned Commission Orders, the Commission has the authority to require an evidentiary hearing on the matter of setting just and reasonable rates concerning So. Pioneer's DSC Plan. The Commission will preside. Any party who fails to attend or participate in the hearing (if necessary) or any other stage of the proceedings may be held in default.¹
- 4. The Commission notes and accepts So. Pioneer's waiver of the 90 day deadline for approval sans hearing in the event So. Pioneer's companion docket *Annual Filing of Southern Pioneer Electric Company to its Charges for Electric Services, Pursuant to the 34.5 kV Formula Based Rate Plan Approved in Docket No. 16-MKEE-023-TAR*, Docket No. 16-SPEE-501-TAR (May 4, 2016) necessitates a hearing.

¹ K.S.A. 77-516(c); K.S.A. 77-520.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. The above procedural schedule is hereby adopted.
- B. The parties have 15 days from the date this Order was electronically served to petition for reconsideration.²
- 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.

Emler, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: MAY 1 0 2016

Amy L. Green

Secretary to the Commission

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² K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Electronic Service on MAY 1 0 2016

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