THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Jay Scott Emler 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. 14-SPEE-507-RTS
the Debt Service Coverage Formula Based)	
Ratemaking Plan Approved in Docket No.)	
13-MKEE-452-MIS.)	

Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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. Southern Pioneer Electric Company (Southern Pioneer) is a non-profit, Kansas corporation, and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Pioneer Electric Cooperative, Inc. Southern Pioneer is regulated by the Commission, but Pioneer Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a member-owned electric cooperative, not subject to Commission regulation of its rates.¹
- 2. On May 1, 2014, Southern Pioneer filed its Application to reduce retail rates charged to its consumers. In Docket No. 13-MKEE-452-MIS (452 Docket), the Commission approved a five-year Debt Service Coverage Formula Based Ratemaking Pilot Program (DSC Plan).² As part of the DSC Plan, a Debt Service Coverage (DSC) ratio of 1.75 is used to calculate a DSC formula.³ If the test-year DSC differs from 1.75, the DSC will be adjusted to

Before Commissioners:

3 Id

¹ Application, May 1, 2014, ¶ 13.

² Id., \P 5.

reach a 1.75 DSC for the budget year.⁴ In order to achieve the agreed-upon 1.75 DSC, Southern Pioneer must reduce rates by \$497,909 or 0.8%.⁵

Schedule

3. In Attachment A to its Application, Southern Pioneer identified guidelines for the procedural schedule in this matter as the parties agreed to in the 452 Docket. The Commission has calculated the following schedule based upon those guidelines:

DATE	TIME	ACTION
Thursday, May 1, 2014		Application Filed
Tuesday, July 1, 2014		Staff & Intervenor Testimony
Wednesday, July 16, 2014		Southern Pioneer Rebuttal Testimony
Thursday, July 31, 2014		Commission order either approving the rate adjustment based upon the paper record or notifying the parties that an evidentiary hearing will be held
Friday, August 1, 2014	9:00 a.m.	Evidentiary Hearing, if necessary
Friday, August 29, 2014		Final Commission Order if the matter goes to evidentiary hearing

- 4. After review and consideration of the recommended schedule, the Commission adopts the preceding procedural schedule.
- 5. The Commission reserves the right to hold an evidentiary hearing in this matter, and therefore schedules the Evidentiary Hearing, with the Commission presiding, to begin on August 1, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., in the First Floor Hearing Room of the Commission's Offices, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027, telephone 785-271-3100. Any party who fails to attend or participate in the hearing or any other stage of this proceeding may be held in

⁴ *Id*.

⁵ *Id.*, ¶ 8.

default under the KAPA. K.S.A. 77-516(c)(8); K.S.A. 77-520. The need for an evidentiary hearing will be determined in the Commission's order due on or before July 31, 2014.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. The Commission adopts the procedural schedule set forth above at paragraph 3.
- B. The parties have 15 days from the date this Order was served, plus three days if served by mail, to petition for reconsideration.⁶
- 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; Apple, Commissioner.

Dated: MAY 0 6 2014

Kim Christiansen
Executive Director

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⁶ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

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The Docket Room hereby certified that on this ____day of ______, 20_____, it caused a true and correct copy of the attached ORDER to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the above persons.

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