# THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Susan K. Duffy, Chair

Dwight D. Keen Andrew J. French

In the Matter of the Investigation into the )
Principles and Priorities to be Established for )
Evaluating the Reasonableness of the Location of a Proposed Transmission Line in Future Line )
Siting Proceedings.

Docket No. 24-GIME-102-GIE

# **ORDER ASSESSING COSTS**

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and determination. Having examined its files and records and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes the following:

- 1. The Commission is authorized to assess the expenses of a proceeding, opened upon its own motion, on complaint, or upon an application to it, if the expenses attributable to the investigation exceed the sum of \$100.1 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.
- 2. 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 assessed to Electric public utilities, electric cooperative public utilities exempt from Commission jurisdiction, and the three largest municipally-owned or operated electric utilities by

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> K.S.A. 66-1502 and 66-1513.

customer count.

3. This order constitutes notice of the assessment of costs and the assessment will

begin three days after the date this order is mailed. Electric public utilities, electric cooperative

public utilities exempt from Commission jurisdiction, and the three (3) largest municipally-owned

or operated electric utilities by customer count 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 THAT:

A. Electric public utilities, electric cooperative public utilities exempt from

Commission jurisdiction, and the three (3) largest municipally-owned or operated electric

utilities by customer count are assessed the costs of this investigation.

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).<sup>2</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.

Duffy, Chair; Keen, Commissioner; French, Commissioner

Dated: 08/15/2023

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<sup>2</sup> K.S.A. 66-1502; K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-513(b).

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