

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

Before Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson
 Dwight D. Keen
 Annie Kuether

In the Matter of Southern Pioneer Electric)
Company for Approval of the Continuation of) Docket No. 26-SPEE-099-RTS
its Formula Based Ratemaking Plan.)

**ORDER GRANTING THE KANSAS MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY’S
PETITION TO INTERVENE**

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 finds and concludes:

1. On September 17, 2025, Southern Pioneer Electric Company (“Southern Pioneer”) filed with the Commission an application requesting approval of the continuation of its Formula-Based Rate Plan.¹
2. On September 26, 2025, the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (“KMEA”) filed a Petition to Intervene, citing its purpose and statutory authority to represent its 88 member cities across the State.²
3. The Commission has broad discretion to grant a petition for intervention if it is in the interest of justice, if the intervention allows for the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings to continue unimpaired, and if the party seeking intervention has factually demonstrated that its legal rights, duties and privileges, immunities or other legal interests may be substantially affected by the proceeding.³

¹ Application of Southern Pioneer Electric Company (Sept. 17, 2025).

² KMEA Petition to Intervene ¶ 1, (Sept. 26, 2025) (“Petition to Intervene”).

³ K.S.A. 77-521; K.A.R. 82-1-225.

4. Certain KMEA member cities take utility service under Southern Pioneer’s Local Access Delivery Service (“LADS”) tariff, which is subject to the previously approved 34.5kV formula-based rate plan (34.5kV FBR Plan).⁴ KMEA participated in Southern Pioneer’s previous annual 34.5kV FBR dockets and seeks to continue to protect the interests of its member cities.⁵ KMEA’s member cities will or may be bound by any Commission order or activity in this proceeding.⁶ KMEA has a substantial and vital interest in the outcome of this proceeding, which cannot be adequately represented by any other party.⁷

5. KMEA’s intervention is in the interests of justice and will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings.⁸

6. The Commission finds KMEA has demonstrated an interest in this proceeding and meets the above requirements to intervene in this proceeding. Therefore, pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521 the Commission grants KMEA’s Petition for Intervention.

7. KMEA will be added to the official service list. Service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should be delivered to counsel of record and KMEA’s other designees, as follows:

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⁴ *Id.*, ¶ 3.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*, ¶ 5.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ K.S.A. 77-521(b).

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THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. Kansas Municipal Energy Agency's Petition to Intervene is granted.
- B. This Order is procedural and constitutes non-final agency action.⁹

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 10/23/2025



Celeste Chaney-Tucker
Executive Director

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⁹ K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of electronic service on 10/23/2025.

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