

KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION
Office of Public Affairs & Consumer Protection
FORMAL COMPLAINT

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT AGAINST

4 Rivers Electric Cooperative, Inc.
2731 Milo Terrace
Lebo, Kansas 66856
Respondent

By

Derrick Keim
[REDACTED]
Auburn, Kansas 66402 (Office)
7 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Complainant

For Commission use only

DOCKET NO.

26-4REE-066-COM

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Derrick Keim states that the above-named respondent is a public utility (electric cooperative) providing electrical service in Kansas and is subject to the jurisdiction of the State Corporation Commission.

The facts and circumstances surrounding my complaint are as follows:

I own approximately 203 acres of ground that generally lies south Harveyville, KS and south and west of the t-intersection of Soldier Creek Road and Walt Trail Road on which I desire to construct a home and ancillary buildings (the "Site"). In response to my inquiry about electrical service to the Site, Clete Hentersen of 4 Rivers Electric provided an estimated cost of \$58,320.00 for a 200-amp service (see attached email). The 4 Rivers estimate does not include related costs that I may incur such as tree removal which at this time is unknown. Evergy will not provide an estimate at this time since the property is not in their territory. 4 Rivers Electric has refused to release the Site from its service territory so Evergy can provide the Site electrical service at a more efficient cost to the Complainant. The Complainant is not aware of any statutory authority which grants 4 Rivers Electric the power to dictate his electrical provider when he may obtain it from another utility at a more efficient cost. 4 Rivers Electric's own rules and regulations state they are only applicable to its members, which the Complainant does not desire to pay to become.

Complainant requests the respondent 4 Rivers Electric Cooperative be required to respond to this Formal Complaint and further requests the Commission order 4 Rivers Electric to release the Site from its territory so Evergy can provide the Complainant electrical service.

Complainant further requests the Commission grant the Complainant such relief as it deems prudent to allow the Complainant to obtain electrical service to the Site in the most cost-efficient manner.

VERIFICATION: I do solemnly, sincerely, and truly declare and affirm that the statements made in this complaint form are true and accurate to my best knowledge, and I do this under the pains and penalties of perjury.

I understand that formal Complaints filed with the KCC become public record and may be posted to the KCC's website. Any information provided in the complaint or other documents related to the complaint, including, but not limited to, my name, address, city, state, zip code, telephone number, email address, and the facts of the case may be available online for public viewing.

Derrick Keim Signed this August 21, 2025
Derrick Keim, Complainant



Estimate

From Clete Hertensen [REDACTED]

Date Mon 7/28/2025 2:47 PM

To Derrick Keim [REDACTED]

Cc Austin Birk [REDACTED]

Derrick,

I have prepared a ball park estimate for approximately 6175' of overhead power line extension to serve the location that you have requested. The estimate is \$58,320.00. This is a ballpark estimate only.

When a final route has been determined and stakes driven along the entire route, we will be able to give you a firmer estimate .

This build will require either a private easement on the property along Soldier Creek Rd, that is not owned by yourself, or a county road right-of-way permit along the entire length of Soldier Creek Rd. It is preferable that we build on private easement however it shall be your responsibility to negotiate with your neighbor to acquire a private easement, we can and will help you if possible however, under no circumstances shall 4 Rivers Electric Cooperative, Inc. take the lead in private easement negotiations and in no way shall 4 Rivers Electric Cooperative, Inc. be responsible to purchase any private easement. If a private easement cannot be obtained the line extension may be constructed upon the county road right-of-way provided, we can obtain a right-of-way use permit from the Waubensee County. We will help you with filing the application once a final route has been determined.

Based upon aerial imagery there will be some tree clearing that will need to be done, it shall be your responsible to obtain permission from either a private landowner or the County official in charge prior to the removal of any trees or vegetation. Trees that overhang onto County right-of-way, having their main trunk on private property which you cannot gain landowner permission to cut will need to be side trimmed, The County will guide you as to what you are allowed to cut and trim on their right-of-way. 4 Rivers Electric Cooperative, Inc. shall not be responsible for trees and brush cleared by yourself or your contractors, nor shall we be responsible for any damages to any property by you or your contractors in the process of clearing trees and brush along the proposed route.

The service location shall consist of an overhead transformer and 1 single phase 200amp meter loop, the estimate assumes that the meter will be placed on the transformer pole. and you will bring your underground secondary to the meter.

Please let us know as soon as you know where exactly you would like the transformer/meter pole, and we will be better able to give you a more accurate estimate.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions

Thank You Sir.

Clete Hertensen
Ph. 620-364-2116 ext. 308