

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

Before Commissioners:                    Andrew J. French, Chairperson  
    Dwight D. Keen  
    Susan K. Duffy

In the Matter of the Joint Application of       )  
Sunflower Electric Power Corporation and       )  
Southern Pioneer Electric Company for       ) Docket No. 21-SEPE-047-TAR  
Approval of an Updated 34.5 kV Loss Factor       )  
in the Local Access Delivery Service Tariff.       )

**ORDER DESIGNATING EXHIBIT ESS-1 TO THE PREFILED REBUTTAL  
TESTIMONY OF MR. ERIK S. SONJU AS CONFIDENTIAL AND CLOSING DOCKET**

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 July 28, 2020, Southern Pioneer Electric Company (Southern Pioneer) and Sunflower Electric Power Corporation (Sunflower) (together Joint Applicants) filed a Joint Application seeking approval to update Southern Pioneer's 34.5kV loss factor in Southern Pioneer's Local Access Delivery Service (LADS) Tariff from the current 1.86% to a proposed 2.70%.<sup>1</sup>

2.       On February 2, 2021, Commission Staff, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (KEPCo),<sup>2</sup> the Kansas Power Pool (KPP),<sup>3</sup> Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA),<sup>4</sup> and Joint Applicants filed a Joint Motion for Approval of Unanimous Settlement Agreement.

3.       On April 8, 2021, the Commission approved the Unanimous Settlement Agreement.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Joint Applicant's Joint Application, July 28, 2020, ¶¶ 12, 14.

<sup>2</sup> KEPCo was granted intervention on Aug. 18, 2020.

<sup>3</sup> KPP was granted intervention on Aug. 27, 2020.

<sup>4</sup> KMEA was granted intervention on Aug. 18, 2020

4. On May 5, 2021, the Joint Applicants filed their Designation of Confidential Information, notifying the Commission that Exhibit ESS-1 to the Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony of Mr. Erik S. Sonju is confidential, and requesting it be designated as confidential.<sup>6</sup> Exhibit ESS-1 includes Schedules from a Comprehensive System Loss Study (Revised 1/13/21) –Southern Pioneer Electric Company 34.5kV System.<sup>7</sup> Joint Applicants advise that the information contained in Exhibit ESS-1 to Mr. Sonju’s Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony is similar to Exhibit ESS-2 to Mr. Sonju’s Prefiled Direct Testimony, which was properly designated as confidential pursuant to K.S.A. 60-1220a and K.A.R. 82-1-221a because it contains customer load data regarding characteristic and usage of the 34.5kV system generally, and at specific delivery points.<sup>8</sup> The Joint Applicants request the Commission take notice of their designation of Exhibit ESS-1 to Mr. Sonju’s Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony as confidential under K.S.A. 60-1220a and K.A.R. 82-1-221a.<sup>9</sup>

5. Joint Applicants’ Designation of Confidential Information is unopposed.

6. Since it appears undisputed that ESS-2 to Mr. Sonju’s Prefiled Direct Testimony was properly designated as confidential and ESS-1 to Mr. Sonju’s Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony contains similar information, and that ESS-1 was inadvertently not designated as confidential, the Commission takes notice that Exhibit ESS-1 to Mr. Sonju’s Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony is confidential pursuant to K.S.A. 60-1220a and K.A.R. 82-1-221a.

**THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

A. Exhibit ESS-1 to Mr. Sonju’s Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony is designated as confidential pursuant to K.S.A. 60-1220a and K.A.R. 82-1-221a.

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<sup>5</sup> Order on Unanimous Settlement Agreement, Apr. 8, 2021, Ordering Clause A.

<sup>6</sup> Joint Applicants’ Designation of Confidential Information, May 5, 2021, ¶ 7.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*, ¶ 5.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*, ¶¶ 3, 6.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*, p. 3.

B. This Docket is closed.

C. 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>10</sup>

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Dated: 07/22/2021



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Lynn M. Retz  
Executive Director

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<sup>10</sup> K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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