THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Susan K. Duffy, Chair Shari Feist Albrecht Dwight D. Keen

In the Matter of the Application Bluestem) Electric Cooperative, Inc. for a Certificate of) Convenience and Authority to Transact the) Business of a Public Utility in the State of) Kansas. A Portion of Section 21, Township 07) South, Range 09 East, in Pottawatomie County,) Kansas.

Docket No. 20-BECE-465-COC

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 Therefore, if the \$100 threshold is met in this matter, the Commission will assess these expenses against Bluestem Electric Cooperative, Inc.

2. Expenses attributable to this docket shall be assessed beginning three (3) days after the notice of assessment is given by service of this Order. Bluestem Electric Cooperative, Inc. is hereby notified that it has the right to request a hearing regarding this assessment in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act, K.S.A. 77-501 *et seq.*²

THEREFORE THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

A. Bluestem Electric Cooperative, Inc. is assessed the costs of this proceeding.

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).³

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; Albrecht, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

Dated: 05/21/2020

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Lynn M. Retz Executive Director

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¹ K.S.A. 66-1502 and 66-1513.

² K.S.A. 66-1502.

³ K.S.A. 66-1502; K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-513(b)

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

first class mail and electronic service on _____05/21/2020

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