## THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

**Before Commissioners:** 

Pat Apple, Chairman Shari Feist Albrecht Jay Scott Emler

In the Matter of the Application of Ark Valley
Electric Cooperative Assn. Inc. for a Certificate
of Convenience and Authority to Transact the
Business of a(n) Electric Public Utility in the
State of Kansas. In Portion of Section 26 & 27,
Township 24 South, Range 5 West, in Reno
County Kansas.

## 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 as follows:

1. K.S.A. 66-1502 authorizes the Commission to assess the expenses of an investigation, opened on its own motion, against public utilities if the expenses reasonably attributable to such investigation exceed the sum of \$100. 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. 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 Ark Valley Electric Cooperative Assn. Inc. This order constitutes notice of the assessment of costs and the assessment will begin three days after the date this order is mailed. Ark Valley Electric Cooperative Assn. Inc. is 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.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Ark Valley Electric Cooperative Assn. Inc. is assessed the costs of this

investigation.

B. The parties have fifteen days, plus three days if service of this order is by mail,

from the date this order was served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of

any issue or issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

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.

Apple Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: MAR 1 6 2017

Amy L. Green

Secretary to the Commission

Order Mailed Date

MAR **16** 2017

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached (	Order has been served to the following parties by means of
first class mail/hand delivered on MAR 1 6 2017	·
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