

**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 Sunflower)
Electric Power Corporation for an Order)
Approving (i) Continued Use of the Target)
Financial Metric Ratio Levels Used in, and (ii)) Docket No. 17-SEPE-415-TAR
Amendments to, its Commission-Approved)
Formula-Based Rate for Recovery of)
Transmission Costs.)

SUSPENSION ORDER

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

I. BACKGROUND

1. On March 16, 2017, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation (Sunflower) filed with the Commission an Application requesting approval of (1) continued use of the current levels of Debt Service Coverage (DSC) and Times Interest Earned Ratio (TIER) target metrics used in Sunflower's formula-based rate of recovery of transmission costs, and (2) amendments to its TFR to allow adjustments for Southwest Power Pool's (SPP) competitively bid transmission projects compelled by FERC Order 1000.¹

2. Also filed that date was Direct Testimony of James Brungardt in support of Sunflower's application.²

¹ See Application for Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, p. 1 (Mar. 16, 2017).

² Direct Testimony of James Brungardt on Behalf of Sunflower Electric Power Corporation (Mar. 16, 2017)

II. SUSPENSION ORDER

3. A full investigation of the Application, which may result in a hearing, is deemed necessary and proper. Absent suspension, the Commission and its Staff are without sufficient time to fully review, consider, and analyze whether approval of the Application is in the public interest or will result in just and reasonable rates.

4. The Commission finds and concludes suspension of the effectiveness of the Application and deferral of its effective date are required to allow sufficient time for a full investigation of this matter. The effectiveness of the Application is hereby suspended for a period of 240 days from the date it was filed, March 16, 2017, until Monday, November 13, 2017, pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c). The 240-day suspension period calculates to Saturday, November 11, 2017. Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-1-217(a), K.S.A. 66-117(c), (g), and K.S.A. 77-503(c), the computation of time requires the suspension period expire the following Monday, November 13, 2017. A Commission may issue a decision before such date.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The Application in the above-captioned docket is suspended and the effective date deferred until November 13, 2017.

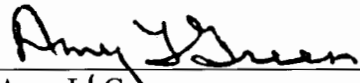
B. Parties have 15 days, plus three days if service is by mail, from the date of service of this Order to petition the Commission for reconsideration or request a hearing, as provided in K.S.A. 77-542.

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders, as necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Apple, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: APR 04 2017



Amy L. Green
Secretary to the Commission

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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 APR 04 2017.

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