

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

Before Commissioners:                    Andrew J. French, Chairperson  
   Dwight D. Keen  
   Annie Kuether

In the Matter of the Investigation into the                    )  
Principles and Priorities to be Established for                    )  
Evaluating the Reasonableness of the Location                    ) Docket No. 24-GIME-102-GIE  
of a Proposed Transmission Line in Future                    )  
Line Siting Proceedings.                    )

**ORDER GRANTING EASTERN KANSAS OIL & GAS ASSOCIATION AND KANSAS  
INDEPENDENT OIL AND GAS ASSOCIATION PETITION TO INTERVENE**

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 and conclusions:

1.        On August 3, 2023, the Commission opened a General Investigation into what principles and priorities should be established by the Commission for evaluating the reasonableness of the location of a proposed transmission line in future line siting proceedings.<sup>1</sup>

2.        On July 30, 2024, the Commission issued an Order adopting Commission Staff’s (“Staff”) recommended scope for the Investigation and instructed Staff to coordinate with the intervenors to submit a proposed procedural schedule.<sup>2</sup> The Commission established the procedural schedule on August 27, 2024, which included a technical workshop to be attended by the parties on November 1, 2024.<sup>3</sup>

3.        On October 29, 2024, Eastern Kansas Oil & Gas Association (“EKOGA”) and Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association (“KIOGA”) filed a Petition to Intervene,

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<sup>1</sup> Order Opening General Investigation (Aug. 3, 2023).

<sup>2</sup> Order Adopting Staff’s Recommended Scope and Establishing Procedural Schedule (July 30, 2024).

<sup>3</sup> Order Setting Procedural Schedule (Aug. 27, 2024).

explaining EKGOGA collects and disseminates information to its members regarding oil and gas development issues impacting operations in Eastern Kansas, and KIOGA’s mission is to assist operators in understanding the laws and regulations that affect oil and gas exploration activities in the State.<sup>4</sup> EKOOGA and KIOGA request to intervene to be heard at the technical conference on Friday, November 1, 2024, for the purpose of addressing an item on the agenda: “Oil and Gas Impacts and Mitigation.”<sup>5</sup>

4. The Commission has broad discretion to grant a petition for intervention if it is in the interest of justice, if the intervention will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings, and if the party has stated facts demonstrating its legal rights, duties and privileges, immunities or other legal interests may be substantially affected by the proceeding.<sup>6</sup> Further, at any time during a proceeding, the Commission may impose limitations on an intervenor’s participation.<sup>7</sup>

5. The Commission finds and concludes that EKOOGA and KIOGA meet the requirements of K.A.R. 82-1-225 and K.S.A. 77-521, and should be granted intervention in this Docket. EKOOGA and KIOGA will be added to the mailing list, and electronic service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should be delivered to counsel of record:

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<sup>4</sup> Petition to Intervene (Oct. 29, 2024).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* Since the Petition to Intervene could not be considered by the Commission before the Nov. 1, 2024 workshop, the Office of General Counsel emailed counsel for the parties on Oct. 29, 2024, inquiring if any party opposed EKOOGA and KIOGA’s attendance of the workshop, and no one indicated an objection.

<sup>6</sup> K.A.R. 82-1-225; K.S.A. 77-521.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

**THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

A. EKOGA and KIOGA's Petition to Intervene is granted.

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

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 11/05/2024



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