

**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 Annual Filing of Southern Pioneer Electric Company for Approval to Make Certain Changes to Its Charges for Electric Services, Pursuant to the Consolidated Formula Based Ratemaking Plan Approved in Docket No. 19-SPEE-240-MIS. Docket No. 25-SPEE-395-RTS

**ORDER GRANTING THE CITIZENS' UTILITY RATEPAYER
BOARD'S 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 finds and concludes:

1. On May 1, 2025, Southern Pioneer Electric Company ("South Pioneer"), filed with the Commission an application requesting approval to make certain changes to its charges for Electric Services, pursuant to the consolidated Formula Based Ratemaking Plan Approved in Docket No. 19-SPEE-240-MIS.¹

2. On May 12, 2025, the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board ("CURB") filed its Petition to Intervene, citing its statutory authority to represent residential and small commercial ratepayers.²

3. CURB contends South Pioneer's proposed application may substantially affect the rates paid and services received by residential and small commercial ratepayers.³ The residential

¹ Application of Southern Pioneer Electric Company. (May 1, 2025) ("Application").

² CURB Petition to Intervene ¶ 3, (May 12, 2025) ("Petition to Intervene").

³ Petition to Intervene, at p.2.

and small commercial ratepayers whose interests CURB represents will be bound by any Commission order or activity in this proceeding.⁴

4. The representation of CURB's interests in this proceeding by existing parties is inadequate; no other party to this proceeding is authorized to specifically represent residential and small commercial ratepayers, function as the statutory official intervenor in cases filed with the Commission, or seek judicial review of Commission orders and decisions on behalf of residential and small commercial ratepayers.⁵ CURB has a substantial and vital interest in the outcome of this proceeding which cannot be adequately represented by any other party.⁶ CURB's intervention is in the interests of justice and will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings.

5. The Commission has broad discretion to grant a petition for intervention if it is in the interest of justice, if the intervention allows for the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings to continue unimpaired, and if the party seeking intervention has factually demonstrated that its legal rights, duties and privileges, immunities or other legal interests may be substantially affected by the proceeding.⁷

6. The Commission finds CURB has demonstrated an interest in this proceeding and meets the above requirements to intervene in this proceeding. Therefore, pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521 the Commission grants CURB's Petition for Intervention.

7. CURB will be added to the official service list. Service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should be delivered to counsel of record and CURB's other designees, as follows:

⁴ *Id.*, ¶ 5.

⁵ *Id.*, ¶ 6.

⁶ *Id.*, ¶ 7

⁷ K.S.A. 77-521; K.A.R. 82-1-225.

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THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. CURB's Petition to Intervene is granted.
- 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).⁸

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 05/15/2025



Celeste Chaney-Tucker
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⁸ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(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 electronic service on 05/15/2025.

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