THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

	Mark Sievers, Chairman Thomas E. Wright Shari Feist Albrecht	
In the Matter of the General Investiga into Class Cost of Service and Rate D Methods Used to Establish Gas and E Utility Rates.	esign)	Docket No. 13-GIMX-606-GIV

PREHEARING OFFICER ORDER DENYING INTERVENTION TO KANSAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES, INC.

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. The Commission has designated Brian G. Fedotin, Advisory Counsel, to act as Prehearing Officer in this proceeding. Having examined the files, the Commission concludes as follows:

- 1. On April 10, 2013, the Commission opened this docket to investigate class cost of service (CCOS) and rate design.²
- 2. On May 6, 2013, Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (KEC) filed its Petition to Intervene, citing its "direct and unique interests which may be substantially affected by this proceeding which are not adequately represented by existing parties."³
- 3. The Commission has broad discretion to grant a petition for intervention if it is in the interest of justice and will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings.⁴ At

² Order, ¶ A.

¹ Order Opening Docket and Appointing Prehearing Officer, (Order) April 10, 2013, ¶7.

³ Petition to Intervene, May 6, 2013, ¶ 5. ⁴ K.S.A. 77-521(b); K.A.R. 82-1-225(b).

any time during a proceeding, the Commission may impose limitations on an intervenor's participation.⁵

4. In Docket No. 13-MKEE-447-MIS (447 Docket), the Commission clarified its standards for intervention:

Intervention in Commission proceedings is not automatic. In the future, the Commission will require petitions to include a more detailed demonstration of their interests and an explanation of why those interests are not properly represented by other parties. In keeping with the requirements of K.S.A. 77-521, prospective intervenors should provide docket-specific facts demonstrating their rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other legal interests affected by the proceeding and the relief they seek from the Commission.⁶ The Commission notes in proceedings with multiple parties asserting an attenuated or speculative nexus about the possible impact of a Commission decision on their interests can impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings and may not add materially to the record upon which the Commission must base its decisions.⁷

- 5. The Commission finds the simple recitation of boilerplate language in KEC's Petition to Intervene does not satisfy the standards for intervention announced in the 447 Docket. The Petition to Intervene does not demonstrate a particular interest that is not represented by the other parties affected by the proceeding or identify the specific relief sought by intervention. Accordingly, the Commission denies KEC's Petition to Intervene pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521(b).
- 6. If KEC elects to file a new Petition to Intervene, which includes a more detailed demonstration of their interests and explanation of why those interests are not properly represented by other parties and provides docket-specific facts demonstrating their rights, duties,

⁵ K.S.A. 77-521(c).

⁶ See K.S.A. 77-521(a)(2).

⁷ Order on Jurisdiction and Standing, ¶ 9, Docket No. 13-MKEE-447-MIS (Apr. 26, 2013).

privileges, immunities, or other legal interests affected by the proceeding and the relief they seek from the Commission, the Commission will revisit the issue.

WHEREFORE, THE PREHEARING OFFICER FINDS AND CONCLUDES:

A. Kansas Electric Cooperatives' Petition to Intervene is denied, but the Commission will reconsider the issue upon receipt of a petition that complies with standards outlined in Docket No. 13-MKEE-447-MIS.

B. Parties have 15 days from the date of electronic service of this Order to petition the Commission for reconsideration.⁸

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

Dated: $\frac{5/16/13}{}$

Brian G. Fedotin Prehearing Officer

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⁸ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Prehearing Officer Order Denying Intervention to Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. was served by electronic mail this 16th day of May, 2013, to the following parties who have waived receipt of follow-up hard copies:

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