

**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 Annual Filing of)
Southern Pioneer Electric Company for)
Approval to Make Certain Changes to Its)
Charges for Electric Services, Pursuant to)
the Debt Service Coverage Formula Based) Docket No. 17-SPEE-476-TAR
Ratemaking Plan Approved in Docket No.)
13-MKEE-452-MIS and 34.5 kV Formula)
Based Ratemaking Plan Approved in Docket)
No.16-MKEE-023-TAR.)

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). Having reviewed its files and records, and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings and conclusions:

1. On April 26, 2017, Southern Pioneer Electric Company (Southern Pioneer) filed an Application to change its retail rates and wholesale Local Access Delivery Service (LADS) demand rate in its annual update of: (1) the Debt Service Coverage Formula Based Ratemaking Pilot Program (DSC-FBR) and (2) the 34.5 kV Formula Based Ratemaking Plan.¹

2. The Application noted that, “pursuant to Commission Orders approving Southern Pioneer’s previous annual updates to its DSC-FBR Plan and 34.5kV FBR Plan . . . this year Southern Pioneer is filing its annual updates to both plans under one docket, but following the Protocols of each plan.”²

¹ Application, p. 1 (Apr. 26, 2017).

² *Id.*, pp. 1-2. See Attachment A, Mid-Kansas: Southern Pioneer Division DSC-FBR Plan Protocols (Apr. 26, 2017); Attachment B, Southern Pioneer Electric Company 34.5kV Protocols (Apr. 26, 2017).

3. Under the proposed updates, retail rates to customers taking service over Southern Pioneer’s distribution service will decrease by \$745,507 (1.1%); but customers taking service over Southern Pioneer’s 34.5 kV sub-transmission facilities will see rate increases of \$662,305.³ Of the proposed \$662,305 increase, \$271,934 (approximately 41%) will be applied to Southern Pioneer’s wholesale LADS customers and \$390,371 (approximately 59%) will be applied to Southern Pioneer’s retail, 34.5 kV sub-transmission customers.⁴

4. On May 2, 2017, the Commission issued a *Suspension, Protective and Discovery Order*.

5. Pursuant to Southern Pioneer’s DCS-FBR Plan and 34.5kV FBR Protocols, the Commission adopts the following procedural schedule to govern the proceeding:

DATE	ACTION
June 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9, 2017	34.5kV FBR one-day Technical Conference, if necessary
June 15, 19 or 20, 2017	34.5kV FBR status telephone conference call
June 26, 2017	DSC-FBR Plan: Staff and Intervenors file testimony
June 26, 2017	34.5kV FBR: Staff files a Report and Recommendation, or, if necessary, Staff and/or Intervenors file testimony
July 10, 2017	Southern Pioneer Rebuttal Testimony Due
July 25, 2017	Commission Order Due (Either approving rate adjustment based on paper record or notifying the parties that an evidentiary hearing will be held)
August 2, 2017	Evidentiary Hearing, if necessary
August 24, 2017	Commission Order Due, if Evidentiary Hearing

6. Any party who fails to attend or participate in the hearing (if necessary) or any other stage of the proceeding may be held in default.⁵

7. The parties are still required to file pleadings with the Commission, and filings shall be made with the Commission’s Docket Room before 5:00 p.m. on the date scheduled for

³ *Id.*, ¶¶ 1, 12-13.

⁴ *Id.*, ¶ 13.

⁵ K.S.A. 77-516(c); K.S.A. 77-518(c); K.S.A. 77-520.

service. Any electronic service received after the deadline set forth in the procedural schedule, or any filing made after 5:00 p.m. on the date scheduled for service, shall be accompanied by a Motion to File Out of Time.

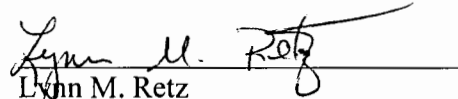
THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. The procedural schedule set forth in paragraph 5 is adopted.
- B. Parties have 15 days from the date of electronic service of this Order to petition for reconsideration.⁶
- C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it deems necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Apple, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: **MAY 18 2017**


Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission

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⁶ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(l).

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

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