

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

Before Commissioners: Susan Duffy, Chair
Dwight D. Keen
Andrew J. French

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
Sunflower Electric Power Corporation and)
Southern Pioneer Electric Company for the) Docket No. 21-SEPE-047-TAR
Approval of an Updated 34.5 kV Loss Factor)
in the Local Access Delivery Service Tariff.)

SUSPENSION ORDER: MARCH 25, 2021

NOW, 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:

1. On July 28, 2020, Southern Pioneer Electric Company (Southern Pioneer) and Sunflower Electric Power Corporation (Sunflower) (Southern Pioneer and Sunflower are hereinafter designated “Joint Applicants”) filed an application with the Commission for approval of an updated 34.5 kV loss factor in Southern Pioneer’s Local Access Delivery Charge (LADS).¹

2. Southern Pioneer’s 34.5 kV sub-transmission facilities provide service to Southern Pioneer customers as well as wholesale LADS customers.² Sunflower is the billing and administration agent for wholesale LADS paid over Southern Pioneer’s 34.5 kV sub-transmission system.³ The rates paid by wholesale LADS customers are partially comprised of a loss factor percentage charge, where the loss factor is representative of the amount of energy lost between

¹ Application of Joint Applicants (Jul. 28, 2020) (Application).

² *Id.* at ¶ 6.

³ *Id.* at ¶ 9.

entering and exiting the 34.5 kV facilities.⁴ In the instant docket, the Joint Applicants request to update the existing energy loss factor that is included in Southern Pioneer's LADS tariff.⁵

3. K.S.A. 66-117(c) states in part: "The commission shall not delay the effective date of the proposed change in rate, joint rate, toll, charge or classification or schedule of charges, or in any rule or regulation or practice pertaining to the service or rates of any such public utility or common carrier, more than 240 days beyond the date the public utility or common carrier filed its application requesting the proposed change. If the commission does not suspend the proposed schedule within 30 days of the date the same is filed by the public utility or common carrier, such proposed schedule shall be deemed approved by the commission and shall take effect on the proposed effective date."

4. A full investigation of the proposed loss factor update to Southern Pioneer's LADS tariff, which may result in further proceedings, is deemed necessary and proper. Absent suspension of the proposed tariff, Commission Staff is without sufficient time to fully review, consider, and analyze whether the requested tariff revisions should be approved.

5. The Commission finds and concludes that suspension of any potential effectiveness of the tariff revisions proposed by the Joint Applicants is required to allow sufficient time for full investigation of this matter. The effective date of the rates and/or terms proposed shall be suspended for a period not to exceed 240 days from the date the application was made, July 28, 2020, until March 25, 2021. A Commission decision may be issued before such date.

⁴ Application at ¶ 6.

⁵ *Id.* at ¶ 11.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Any decision regarding the Joint Applicants' proposed loss factor update in Southern Pioneer's LADS tariff shall be deferred until March 25, 2021. The Commission may issue a decision before such date.

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).⁶

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Duffy, Chair; Keen, Commissioner; French, Commissioner

Dated: 08/11/2020



Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

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⁶ 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 08/11/2020.

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