BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the General Investigation to)	
Examine the Effect of Kansas Senate Bill No.)	Docket No. 16-GIME-258-GIE
91 Regarding Renewable Energy Standards)	

<u>PETITION TO INTERVENE</u>

COMES NOW Sunflower Electric Power Corporation ("Sunflower") and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC ("Mid-Kansas"), and pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521 and K.A.R. 82-1-225 moves the Commission to issue an Order allowing Sunflower and Mid-Kansas to intervene in this proceeding. In support of their petition, Sunflower and Mid-Kansas state:

- 1. On January 5, 2016, the Commission opened the above-captioned docket. Attached to the Commission's January 5, 2016 Order was Commission Staff's ("Staff") November 19, 2015, Report and Recommendation. Staff's Report and Recommendation detailed Staff's concerns regarding Kansas Senate Bill No. 91 ("SB 91"), which was signed into law May 28, 2015, repealing and amending sections of the Renewable Energy Standards Act ("RESA"), which in turn affects the Commission's regulations authorized and required by RESA.
- 2. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521(a)(2)-(3), the Commission shall grant a petition for intervention if it states facts demonstrating that the petitioner's legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other legal interests may be substantially affected by the proceeding, and the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will not be impaired by allowing the intervention.
- 3. Sunflower is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Kansas, and Mid-Kansas is a limited liability company duly organized and

existing under the laws of the State of Kansas. Both Sunflower and Mid-Kansas hold a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to transact business as a Kansas generation and transmission utility and currently develop, own, and operate new or existing generation and transmission assets in Kansas. As such, each will be subject to any changes to the Commission's regulations authorized and required by RESA and amendments thereto.

- 4. Therefore, Sunflower's and Mid-Kansas' legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other legal interests may be substantially affected by this proceeding, and the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will not be impaired by allowing the intervention. For the above reasons, Sunflower and Mid-Kansas request that the Commission grant their request and allow Sunflower and Mid-Kansas to fully participate in this matter.
- 5. All communications and correspondence to Sunflower and Mid-Kansas, including service of all notices and orders of the Commission herein are requested to be sent to the following named individuals:

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WHEREFORE, Sunflower and Mid-Kansas request that the Commission issue an Order granting Sunflower's and Mid-Kansas' petition to intervene in this matter and for such other and further relief as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS)
COUNTY OF BARTON) ss:

Taylor P. Calcara, of lawful age, being first duly sworn on oath, states:

That he is an attorney for Sunflower Electric Power Corporation and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC; that he has read the above and foregoing Petition to Intervene and knows the contents thereof; and that the statements contained therein are true.

Taylor P. Calcara

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 3rd day of February, 2016.

NOTARY PUBLIC - State of Kansas MELISSA A. HUBBARD
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that on the 3rd day of February, 2016, I electronically filed via the Kansas Corporation Commission's Electronic Filing System a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Petition to Intervene with a copy e-mailed to:

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