

**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 Investigation into the )  
Principles and Priorities to be Established for )  
Evaluating the Reasonableness of the Location ) Docket No. 24-GIME-102-GIE  
of a Proposed Transmission Line in Future )  
Line Siting Proceedings. )

**ORDER ACCEPTING STAFF’S PROPOSAL AS PART OF THE RECORD AND  
MODIFYING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

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 makes the following findings:

1. On August 3, 2023, the Commission opened a General Investigation into what principles and priorities should be established by the Commission for evaluating the reasonableness of the location of a proposed transmission line in future line siting proceedings.<sup>1</sup>

2. On July 30, 2024, the Commission issued an Order adopting Commission Staff’s (“Staff”) recommended scope for the Investigation and instructed Staff to coordinate with the intervenors to submit a proposed procedural schedule by August 7, 2024.<sup>2</sup>

3. The intervenors to this docket are the Citizens’ Utility Ratepayer Board (“CURB”), Eversource Energy Kansas Central, Inc., Eversource Energy Kansas South, and Eversource Energy Metro, Inc. (together, “Eversource”), The Empire District Electric Company (Liberty Utilities – Empire District) (“Liberty-Empire”), KPP Energy, a Municipal Energy Agency (“KPP”), Southwest Power Pool (“SPP”), Grain Belt

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<sup>1</sup> Order Opening General Investigation (Aug. 3, 2023).

<sup>2</sup> Order Adopting Staff’s Recommended Scope and Establishing Procedural Schedule (July 30, 2024).

Express LLC (“Grain Belt Express”), Nextera Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC (“NEET Southwest”), Sunflower Electric Power Corporation (“Sunflower”), Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (“KEPCo”), Midwest Energy, Inc. (“Midwest Energy”), the Kansas Farm Bureau (“KFB”), the Kansas Livestock Association (“KLA”), ITC Great Plains, LLC (“ITC”), Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (“KMEA”), Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (“KEC”), KAMO Electric Cooperative, d/b/a KAMO Power (“KAMO Power”), Eastern Kansas Oil & Gas Association (“EKOGA”), and Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association (“KIOGA”) (collectively, the “Intervenors”; together with Staff, the “Parties”).

4. On August 21, 2024, Staff filed a Motion for Procedural Schedule.<sup>3</sup> Subsequently, the Commission adopted Staff’s proposed procedural schedule.<sup>4</sup>

5. On November 1, 2024, the Parties met for the scheduled Technical Workshop. The Parties’ discussion centered on Staff’s Proposal Kansas for Line Siting Principles and Priorities (“Proposal”).<sup>5</sup> Staff filed the Proposal in this Docket on November 4, 2024, along with a request to modify the procedural schedule to give the Parties the opportunity to respond to the Proposal.<sup>6</sup> Additionally, Staff requested the Commission accept the Proposal as part of the record and a basis for the Parties’ comments.<sup>7</sup>

6. K.A.R. 82-1-217(b) grants the Commission discretion to allow additional time for good cause shown. The Commission finds that good cause exists for the extension of time and the modification of the procedural schedule. Accordingly, the modified procedural schedule is as follows:

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<sup>3</sup> Staff’s Motion for Procedural Schedule (Aug. 21, 2024).

<sup>4</sup> Order Setting Procedural Schedule (Aug. 27, 2024).

<sup>5</sup> Staff’s Notice of Filing Staff’s Proposal and Motion for Modification of the Procedural Schedule (Nov. 4, 2024).

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* (Staff’s motion also states that no parties are expected to oppose the proposed procedural schedule).

| Action                                  | Date                      | Time      |
|---|---------------------------|-----------|
| Post-Workshop Comments from Intervenors | Friday, November 8, 2024  | 5:00 p.m. |
| Post-Workshop Reply Comments            | Friday, November 22, 2024 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Final Report from Staff                 | Friday December 13, 2024  | 5:00 p.m. |
| Commission Order                        | Tuesday, January 28, 2025 |           |

7. Moreover, the Commission deems it imperative that Staff’s Proposal be part of the official record and accepts it into the record. The Parties shall base their post-workshop comments on the Proposal.

**THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- A. Staff’s Proposal Kansas Line Siting Principles and Priorities is accepted into the record.
- B. The modified procedural schedule as outlined in paragraph 6 is adopted.
- C. This order is procedural and constitutes non-final agency action.<sup>8</sup>

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 11/14/2024




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Lynn M. Retz  
Executive Director

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<sup>8</sup> K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

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