

**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 Application of Southern)
Pioneer Electric Company for Approval to) Docket No. 24-SPEE-415-TAR
Make Certain Revenue Neutral Changes to)
its Rate Design.)

**ORDER ON JOINT PETITION FOR WAIVER OF
FILING REQUIREMENTS**

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). The Commission concludes the following:

1. On November 30, 2023, Southern Pioneer Electric Company (Southern Pioneer) filed an application pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117, seeking approval to make certain revenue neutral changes to its rate design.

2. Also on November 30, 2023 Southern Pioneer, Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Staff) and the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) (collectively Joint Movants) filed a Joint Petition for Waiver of Filing Requirements, requesting the Commission waive certain filing requirements found in K.A.R. 82-1-214 and K.A.R. 82-1-231. Joint Movants explain that the Minimum Filing Requirements (MFRs) found in K.A.R. 82-1-231 are generally used for traditional investor-owned utility rate applications, whereas Southern Pioneer is organized as a not-for-profit.¹ Joint Movants request that Southern Pioneer not be required to file:

A. A schedule detailing plant investments by functional classification, unadjusted amounts, proposed adjustments to these amounts, and jurisdictional amounts.

¹ Joint Petition for Waiver of Filing Requirements, pg. 1 (November 30, 2023).

- B. A schedule detailing the components included in working capital, proposed adjustments and jurisdictional allocations.
- C. A schedule indicating the amounts of major components of the capital structure of the company, including long-term debt and patronage capital outstanding at the beginning and the end of the test year.
- D. Statement of Operations – Present Rates with Pro Forma Adjustments and Supporting Schedules²

Joint Movants request that Southern Pioneer be required to file instead the following as necessary for a thorough investigation:

- 1. Pre-filed Direct Testimony in Support of Exhibits and Workpapers
- 2. Schedule of Revenue Requirements
- 3. Class Cost of Service analysis
- 4. Statement of Operations – Proposed Rates with Pro Forma Adjustments and Supporting Schedules for Rate Classes
- 5. Comparison of Present and Proposed Rate Schedules
- 6. Comparison of Monthly Bills
- 7. Present Rate Schedules
- 8. Present Rate Schedules with Redlined Proposed Changes
- 9. Proposed Rate Schedules
- 10. Workpapers
- 11. Audited Financial Statements³

3. Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-1-231(i) the Commission may waive any of the requirements of the regulation for good cause shown. The Commission finds that the alternative filing requirements proposed by the Joint Movants will be a more appropriate method of investigation in this circumstance. Accordingly the Commission finds that good cause is shown and the Commission approves the use of the alternative filing requirements.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. The Joint Petition for Waiver of Filing Requirements is granted.
- B. Any party may file for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).⁴

² Joint Petition for Waiver of Filing Requirements, pg. 2 (November 30, 2023).

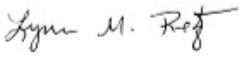
³ Id. Attachment A.

⁴ K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 12/28/2023



Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

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