

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

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

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) Docket No. 21-SPEE-411-RTS
Consolidated Formula Based Ratemaking)
Plan Approved in Docket No. 19-SPEE-240-)
MIS and Implementation of Rate Adjustment)
Pursuant to Docket No. 20-SPEE-169-RTS.)

ORDER DESIGNATING PRESIDING OFFICER; SUSPENSION ORDER

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. The Commission finds the following:

1. On May 3, 2021, Southern Pioneer Electric Company (Southern Pioneer) filed an application with the Commission seeking rate adjustment pursuant to its Consolidated Formula Based Ratemaking Plan. Southern Pioneer’s application includes the annual adjustment to Southern Pioneer’s retail rates and its annual adjustment to both retail rates and wholesale Local Access Delivery Service (LADS) for services over Southern Pioneer’s 34.5kV sub-transmission system. The application also includes rate adjustments approved in Southern Pioneer’s last general rate case.

2. 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.”

3. A full investigation of the proposed changes contained in Southern Pioneer’s application is deemed necessary and proper. Absent suspension of the proposed changes found in Southern Pioneer’s Application, Commission Staff is without sufficient time to fully review, consider, and analyze whether the requested changes should be approved.

4. The Commission finds suspension of any potential effectiveness of the changes to service, as outlined in the Application submitted by Southern Pioneer, 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, May 3, 2021, until December 29, 2021. A Commission decision may be issued before such date.

5. Further, pursuant to K.S.A. 77-551(c), the Commission finds that a Presiding Officer should be designated in this proceeding to address any matters listed in K.S.A. 77-517(b).

6. The Presiding Officer in this prehearing matters shall be Phoenix Anshutz, Assistant General Counsel, Kansas Corporation Commission, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4021, telephone number (785) 271-3198, email address p.anshutz@kcc.ks.gov.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. Any decision regarding Southern Pioneer’s application will be deferred until no later than December 29, 2021. The Commission may issue a decision before such date.

B. Phoenix Anshutz is designated as the Presiding Officer for prehearing matters.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner.

Dated: 05/11/2021



Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

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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 05/11/2021.

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