

Kansas Corporation Commission
Commission Meeting
August 27, 2020
10:00 a.m. 1st floor hearing room
KCC Offices, 1500 Arrowhead, Topeka, Kansas

MINUTES

The Commission convened the regularly scheduled open meeting of the Commission at 10:00 a.m. on August 27, 2020, in the 1st floor hearing room of the Kansas Corporation Commission, 1500 Arrowhead, Topeka, Kansas.

Present: Chair Duffy, Commissioner Keen and Commissioner French. The following were considered by the Commission:

1. **Consent Agenda:** Commissioner French moved for approval of the Items on the Consent Agenda dated August 27, 2020, containing pages one through three and are attached to these Minutes. Commissioner Keen seconded the motion.

The motion was approved.

2. **Noticed Items:**

- A. **Docket No. 21-EKME-088-GIE**

In the Matter of the Investigation into the Sustainability Transformation Plan of Evergy Metro, Inc., Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy South, Inc. (collectively, Evergy).

Commissioner French moved for approval of order # 20-1525 – Order Opening General Investigation. Commissioner Keen seconded the motion.

The order is approved.

- B. **Docket No. 20-GIMT-387-GIT**

In the Matter of a General Investigation into Interconnection, Porting, Evolving Technology, and the Impacts on Consumer Choices in Kansas.

Commissioner French moved for approval of order # 20-1526 – Order on RLECS’ Motion for Discovery Order, Protective Order, Procedural Schedule and Hearing. Commissioner Keen seconded the motion.

The order is approved.

C. **Docket No. 20-DPAX-322-PEN**

In the Matter of the Investigation of J & J Lawn Care, LLC of Wichita, Kansas, Regarding Violation(s) of the Kansas Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act (KUUDPA) (K.S.A. 66-1801, et seq., and K.A.R. 82-14-1 through 82-14-6), and the Commission's Authority to Impose Penalties and/or Sanctions (K.S.A. 66-1,151).

Commissioner Keen moved for approval of order #20-1533 – Order. Commissioner French seconded the motion.

The order is approved.

D. **Docket No. 21-CONS-3032-CPEN**

In the matter of the failure of Tailwater Inc. (Operator) to comply with K.S.A. 55-172 and K.A.R. 82-3-603 at the South Kempnich Lease in Anderson County, Kansas.

Commissioner Keen moved for approval of order #20-1527 – Penalty Order. Commissioner French seconded the motion.

The order is approved.

E. **Docket No. Docket No. 21-CONS-3053-CPEN**

In the matter of the failure of Viva International, Inc. (Operator) to comply with K.S.A. 55-172 and K.A.R. 82-3-603 at the Mitchell Lease in Linn County, Kansas.

Commissioner French moved for approval of order #20-1529 – Penalty Order. Commissioner Keen seconded the motion.

The order is approved.

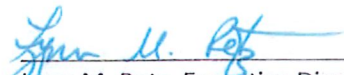
3. **Discussion Item – FERC Matter Regarding Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.**

Commissioner French moved the Commission to sign the Confidentiality Agreement with Southern Star for purposes of reviewing its financial information and engaging in settlement discussions prior to its expected 2021 rate case. Commissioner Keen seconded the motion.

The motion was passed.

There being no further matters before the Commission, Commissioner Keen moved for adjournment of the Commission meeting. Commissioner French seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The Commission adjourned the August 27, 2020, Commission Meeting at 10:23 a.m.

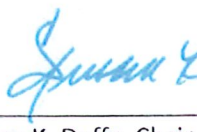
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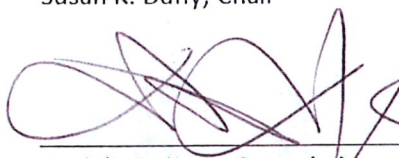
Lynn M. Retz, Executive Director



Andrew J. French, Commissioner



Susan K. Duffy, Chair



Dwight D. Keen, Commissioner

Motion for KCC to sign Confidentiality Agreement with Southern Star

Date: August 27, 2020
Docket No: Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.; Settlement Discussions regarding Rate Case expected April 2021

Background:

On August 18, 2020, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star) held its annual customer meeting providing an update on its operations and providing information on its upcoming rate case expected to be filed in April of 2021.

As part of its rate case discussion, Southern Star indicated that it would open up its financial information to any interested party in an effort to begin settlement discussions before the rate case is filed. However, Southern Star is requiring parties to sign a confidentiality agreement as well as have any party representatives sign non-disclosure agreements in order to get access to the information.

KCC technical Staff would like to have access to the information and is requesting that the Commission sign the Confidentiality Agreement provided by the company. Staff will coordinate with Southern Star on signing NDAs.

Motion:

I move the Commission sign the Confidentiality Agreement with Southern Star for purposes of reviewing its financial information and engaging in settlement discussions prior to its expected 2021 rate case.



ITEMS OF Consent Agenda

Approval Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: There will be no separate discussion of Consent Agenda items as they are considered to be routine by the Kansas Corporation Commission. Unless removed from the website's Consent Agenda, the orders appearing on the Consent Agenda will become the Order of the full Commission at the Commission's regularly scheduled Business Meeting. If Commission staff or a Commissioner requests an item be removed from the Consent Agenda, the affected item may be considered separately or placed on the earliest possible Business Meeting agenda for discussion.

Consent Agenda

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	DOCKET NUMBER	REMOVED
1	In the matter of the application of Lebsack Oil Production Inc., for a permit to authorize the disposal of saltwater into the North River #7-SWD well in Section 27, Township 20 South, Range 10 West, Rice County, Kansas. <i>Order Denying Motion to Waive Notice</i>	20-CONS-3341-CUIC	
2	In the Matter of a General Investigation to Address Issues Concerning the Kansas Lifeline Service Program. <i>Order Waiving KLSP Recertification and Reverification Rules and Revising the Income Documentation Requirement Until November 30, 2020</i>	16-GIMT-575-GIT	
3	In the Matter of the Joint Application of Sunflower and Southern Pioneer for the Approval of an Updated 34.5 kV Loss Factor in the Local Access Delivery Service Tariff. <i>Order Granting Petition to Intervene of Kansas Power Pool</i>	21-SEPE-047-TAR	
4	In the Matter of the Joint Application of Sunflower and Southern Pioneer for the Approval of an Updated 34.5 kV Loss Factor in the Local Access Delivery Service Tariff. <i>Protective and Discovery Order</i>	21-SEPE-047-TAR	

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5	In the Matter of the Application of GridLiance High Plains LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Authority to Transact the Business of an Electric Public Utility Defined as the Walnut River Crossing 69 kV Improvement Transmission Line Project in Cowley County, Kansas. <i>Order Granting TRO Application</i>	21-GLPE-048-COC	
6	In the Matter of the Investigation into the Sustainability Transformation Plan of Evergy Metro, Inc., Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy South, Inc. (collectively, Evergy). <i>Order Assessing Costs</i>	21-EKME-088-GIE	
7	In the Matter of the Application of United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink Filing Tariff Revisions to Add Language for Kar's Law Indemnification. <i>Order Assessing Costs</i>	21-UTDT-089-TAR	
8	Transportation orders to be approved by the Commission on the Consent Agenda. <i>Transportation Economic Orders</i>	21-TRAM-5014-TRA	

The above-captioned matter(s) were approved by the Commission, unless noted as removed.

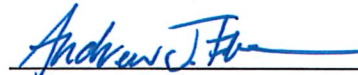
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Susan K. Duffy, Chair

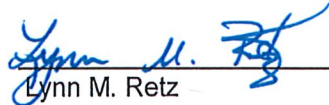


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Laura Kelly, Governor

Transportation Orders By Docket Number 21-TRAM-5014-TRA

Order Number	Description	Removed
20200820170419	<i>In the Matter of the Application of ANTONIO VENTURA of WICHITA KS for the Abandonment of Certificate of Public Service.</i> USDOT #3199438 ANTONIO VENTURA of WICHITA KS - Order Granting Request for Abandonment for Certificate of Public Service	
20200821084043	<i>In the Matter of the Application of BALD MAN EXPRESS LLC of LEAWOOD KS for Authority for a Certificate of Public Service.</i> USDOT #3462351 BALD MAN EXPRESS LLC of LEAWOOD KS - Order Granting Application for Certificate of Public Service	
20200821103040	<i>In the Matter of the Application of UNRUH SERVICES LLC of BURNS KS for Authority for a Certificate of Public Service.</i> USDOT #3356441 UNRUH SERVICES LLC of BURNS KS - Order Granting Application for Certificate of Public Service	

Total # of Orders: 3

End of Report