

# Public Hearing

Please take notice that the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) has scheduled a public hearing to be held by video conference via Zoom to provide Southern Pioneer customers an opportunity to learn more about the proposed changes, ask questions, and make comments about the proposal to Commissioners. **THE PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 19, 2024, AT 6 P.M. CDT.**



REGISTER ONLINE BY MARCH 18



To participate via Zoom to ask questions and make comments, registration is required by 5 p.m. CDT the day prior to the hearing. Customers may register for the meeting at [HTTPS://WWW.KCC.KS.GOV/YOUR-OPINION-MATTERS](https://www.kcc.ks.gov/your-opinion-matters).

The hearing will also be broadcast on the KCC YouTube channel. Registration is not required to view only.

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The KCC will accept comments regarding the proposed rate changes through **MAY 15, 2024, AT 5 P.M. CDT.** There are three convenient ways to submit a comment:



- 1 Go to the Commission's website ([www.kcc.ks.gov](http://www.kcc.ks.gov)) and click on the "Your Opinion Matters" link to enter your comment.
- 2 Send a written letter to the Kansas Corporation Commission, Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, KS 66604. Be sure to reference Docket No. 24-SPEE-415-TAR.
- 3 Call the Commission's Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at 800-662-0027.

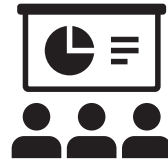
## EVIDENTIARY HEARING

An evidentiary hearing is scheduled for **JUNE 4-5, 2024, BEGINNING AT 10 A.M. CDT** via Zoom. At this hearing the Commission Staff, Citizens Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB), company representatives, and any interveners will present their cases to the Commission. The hearing will be broadcast on the Kansas Corporation Commission YouTube channel.



## REGULATORY RESPONSIBILITY

The KCC regulates public utilities, which are not locally regulated pursuant to K.S.A. 66-104d. The KCC's oversight primarily pertains to rates and terms of service. To ensure customers of regulated utilities are provided sufficient and efficient service at just and reasonable rates, regulated utilities may not change their rates without KCC approval.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A complete copy of Southern Pioneer's filing (the application, supporting testimony and proposed rates) is available on the KCC website at [www.kcc.ks.gov](http://www.kcc.ks.gov), by searching Docket Filings for Docket No. 24-SPEE-415-TAR. You may contact Southern Pioneer's customer service at 800-670-4381 with questions or visit Southern Pioneer's website at [www.southernpioneer.net](http://www.southernpioneer.net).



If you have questions or complaints regarding this filing, you may also contact the KCC Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at 800-662-0027 or at [public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov](mailto:public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov).



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NOTICE OF  
Proposed  
Rate Filing and  
Public Hearing



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ELECTRIC COMPANY  
A Not-For-Profit Utility



NOTICE OF PROPOSED

# Rate Filing and Public Hearing

After reviewing the current rate schedules for service to residential, commercial and industrial customers, Southern Pioneer Electric Company (Southern Pioneer) has filed an application with the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC), requesting approval of certain changes to its rate schedules. The requested changes impacting **LARGE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS** are discussed in this notice.

The proposed redesigns are revenue-neutral and are only a redesign of the existing rate structure for each affected rate schedule. These proposed changes will modernize rate design in response to rapidly changing market conditions and customers' choices regarding alternative technologies. Having the appropriate rate design in place that aligns



fixed costs with fixed charges will ensure the equitable allocation of costs to all customers and avoid cross-subsidization among customers. **IF APPROVED, THE RATE DESIGN CHANGES WILL BE EFFECTIVE ON (OR AROUND) AUG. 1, 2024, AND WILL BE REFLECTED ON CUSTOMERS' BILLS BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER 2024.**

## PROPOSED CHANGES

### GENERAL SERVICE LARGE

Southern Pioneer proposes the following revisions to the General Service Large rate schedule:

- ▶ Change the kW demand requirement for classification under the General Service Large rate schedule.
- ▶ Reduce the current 9 kW free billing demand allowance down to a 7 kW allowance.
- ▶ Eliminate the 100% ratchet demand component from the minimum bill clause and align the minimum charge with the Industrial Service tariff, which provides that the minimum bill shall be the demand charge plus customer charge.
- ▶ Change the definition of demand to the maximum use during the month but not less than 50% of the highest demand in the previous 11 months (50% demand ratchet).

### INDUSTRIAL SERVICE

Eliminate the current monthly 10 kW free billing demand allowance under the Industrial Service rate schedule and reduce the current billing demand ratchet from 75% to 50% plus minimum demand charge and customer charge.

### MUNICIPAL LIGHTING SERVICE (M-1)

Adopt a monthly Customer Charge increase to \$16.67 in the M-1 rate, with a corresponding decrease to the monthly kWh delivery charge.

### SUB-TRANSMISSION AND TRANSMISSION

Convert the current monthly Delivery Energy Charge to \$1.23 per NCP (Non-coincident peak) kW.

### WATER PUMPING

Increase the monthly customer charge by \$2.64 per month (\$22.98) and introduce a monthly Demand Charge of \$3.00 per NCP (Non-coincident peak) kW, with a corresponding decrease to the monthly kWh delivery charge.

GENERAL SERVICE LARGE (23-GSL)		PRESENT	PROPOSED
Customer Charge		\$41.46/mo.	\$41.46/mo.
Demand Charge	Summer (July-Oct.)	\$12.69/kW > 9	\$13.29/kW > 7
	Winter (Nov.-June)	\$10.69/kW > 9	\$11.29/kW > 7
Delivery Charge		\$0.08944/kWh	\$0.08964/kWh
Property Tax Surcharge*		\$0.00020/kWh	\$-/kWh
INDUSTRIAL SERVICE (23-IS)		PRESENT	PROPOSED
Customer Charge		\$102.15/mo.	\$102.15/mo.
Demand Charge	Summer (July-Oct.)	\$14.18/kW > 10	\$15.78/kW > 0
	Winter (Nov.-June)	\$11.18/kW > 10	\$12.78/kW > 0
Delivery Charge		\$0.08224/kWh	\$0.08244/kWh
Property Tax Surcharge*		\$0.00020/kWh	\$-/kWh
REAL-TIME PRICING (13-RTP)		PRESENT	PROPOSED
Customer Charge		\$251.55/mo.	\$251.55/mo.
Delivery Charge		\$0.10297/kWh	\$0.10297/kWh
GENERAL SERVICE SPACE HEATING (RIDER NO. 1)		PRESENT	PROPOSED
Customer Charge		\$41.46/mo.	\$41.46/mo.
Demand Charge	Summer (July-Oct.)	\$12.69/kW > 9	\$13.29/kW > 7
	Winter (Nov.-June)	\$10.69/kW > 9	\$11.29/kW > 7
Energy Charge	GSL	\$0.08944/kWh	\$0.08964/kWh
	Heating	\$0.08283/kWh	\$0.01796/kWh
Property Tax Surcharge*		\$0.00020/kWh	\$-/kWh
TRANSMISSION LEVEL SERVICE (23-STR) SERVICE AT 34.5 kV VOLTAGE		PRESENT	PROPOSED
Customer Charge		\$116.52/mo.	\$116.52/mo.
Local Access Charge		\$4.00/kW	\$4.76/kW
Delivery Energy Charge		\$0.00206/kWh	\$0.00/kWh
Demand Charge			\$1.23/kW
Property Tax Surcharge*		\$0.00028/kWh	\$-/kWh

SERVICE AT 115 kV VOLTAGE		PRESENT	PROPOSED
Customer Charge		\$116.52/mo.	\$116.52/mo.
Delivery Energy Charge		\$0.00206/kWh	\$0.00/kWh
Demand Charge			\$1.23/kW
Property Tax Surcharge*		\$0.00028/kWh	\$-/kWh
MUNICIPAL LIGHTING SERVICE (23-M-1)		PRESENT	PROPOSED
Customer Charge		\$14.67/mo.	\$16.67/mo.
Delivery Charge	Summer (July-Oct.)	\$0.13934/kWh	\$0.13219/kWh
	Winter (Nov.-June)	\$0.12834/kWh	\$0.12119/kWh
Property Tax Surcharge*		\$0.00020/kWh	\$-/kWh
WATER PUMPING SERVICE (23-WP)		PRESENT	PROPOSED
Customer Charge		\$20.34/mo.	\$22.98/mo.
Demand Charge			\$3.00/kW
Delivery Charge	Summer (July-Oct.)	\$0.13047/kWh	\$0.11756/kWh
	Winter (Nov.-June)	\$0.11947/kWh	\$0.10656/kWh
Property Tax Surcharge*		\$0.00020/kWh	\$-/kWh
IRRIGATION SERVICE (23-IP-1)		PRESENT	PROPOSED
Demand Charge (per horsepower contracted per month)		\$3.17/HP	\$3.17/HP
Delivery Charge	Summer (July-Oct.)	\$0.10702/kWh	\$0.10722/kWh
	Winter (Nov.-June)	\$0.09602/kWh	\$0.09622/kWh
Property Tax Surcharge*		\$0.00020/kWh	\$-/kWh
TEMPORARY SERVICE (23-CS)		PRESENT	PROPOSED
Delivery Charge (plus equipment service charge)		\$0.26192/kWh	\$0.26212/kWh
Property Tax Surcharge*		\$0.00020/kWh	\$-/kWh
LOCAL ACCESS CHARGE (23-LAC)		PRESENT	PROPOSED
Demand Charge		\$4.00/kW	\$4.76/kW
Property Tax Surcharge*		\$0.9248/kWh	\$-/kWh

\*AS REQUIRED BY STATUTE, THE PROPERTY TAX SURCHARGE\* HAS BEEN REBASED AND SPREAD INTO THE VARIOUS OTHER BASE CHARGES OF THE IMPACTED TARIFFS.