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OF

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of KCP&L Greater Missouri)
Operations Company's Request for)
Authority to Implement General Rate)
Increase for Electric Service)

Case No. ER-2012-0175

AFFIDAVIT OF DANIEL I. BECK

STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF COLE)

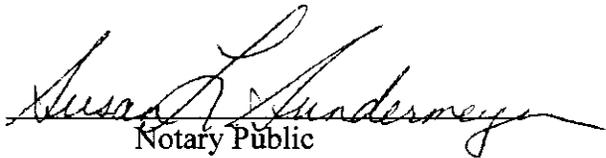
Daniel I. Beck, of lawful age, on his oath states: that he has participated in the preparation of the following Surrebuttal Testimony in question and answer form, consisting of 7 pages of Surrebuttal Testimony to be presented in the above case, that the answers in the following Surrebuttal Testimony were given by him; that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in such answers; and that such matters are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.



Daniel I. Beck

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of October, 2012.

SUSAN L. SUNDERMEYER
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Callaway County
My Commission Expires: October 03, 2014
Commission Number: 10942086


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1 A. GMO witness John R. Carlson states that projected increases in Southwest
2 Power Pool Inc. (“SPP”) transmission costs are the reason why the Company asked for a
3 transmission tracker (page 2, lines 10-12). GMO witness Darren R. Ives addressed the issue
4 of trackers on page 7, line 4 when he characterized Staff’s position as “No additional
5 Company proposed trackers“ and later described the fact that “Staff did not provide testimony
6 in its Report” regarding the “newly requested trackers” (page 22, lines 2-8). Witness Ives
7 specifically addressed the issue of a transmission tracker starting on page 24, line 15 through
8 page 26, line 3 where he referred to the direct testimony of Missouri Industrial Energy
9 Consumers (“MIEC”) and the Midwest Energy Consumer’s Groups (“MECG”) witness James
10 R. Dauphinais and to Staff’s lack of inclusion of the transmission tracker in its Report filed
11 with its direct case.

12 Q. Do you agree with the characterization that the transmission tracker is “newly
13 requested”?

14 A. Yes, but I believe that the statement is not accurate. While this is “newly
15 requested” and that it would be an “additional” tracker that is currently not in place, it is not
16 the first time that GMO has requested a transmission tracker. GMO also requested a
17 transmission tracker in its previous rate case, Case No. ER-2010-0356. Based on my
18 understanding of its request, the design of the transmission tracker requested by GMO in the
19 current case is identical to the design of the transmission tracker requested by GMO in the
20 previous case with one exception: GMO is now requesting carrying costs to be added to the
21 monthly balance of the tracker. Staff would also note that in the previous case GMO witness
22 Tim M. Rush sponsored the transmission tracker testimony. Pursuant to the *Non-Unanimous*

1 *Stipulation and Agreement as to Miscellaneous Issues* approved by the Commission in Case
2 No. ER-2010-0356, the Company's request for a tracker was not implemented.

3 Q. Did Staff take a position on the transmission tracker in Case No. ER-2010-
4 0356?

5 A. Yes. I was the Staff witness on the issue of the transmission tracker in Case
6 No. ER-2010-0356. I sponsored the portion of the Staff's Cost of Service Report regarding
7 the transmission tracker and I filed surrebuttal testimony on the issue. In that case, Staff
8 recommended that a transmission tracker include both transmission costs and transmission
9 revenues. Staff also recommended several reporting requirements in situations where the
10 Company has direct control over the transmission expenses.

11 Q. What was GMO's response to Staff's recommended transmission tracker and
12 reporting requirements in Case No. ER-2010-0356?

13 A. GMO opposed Staff's recommended transmission tracker and reporting
14 requirements. In witness Rush's rebuttal testimony in Case No. ER-2010-0356, GMO stated
15 that it did not support Staff's proposed transmission tracker (Rush Rebuttal, Case No. ER-
16 2010-0356; page 17, lines 17-20). GMO also rejected the Staff's proposed reporting
17 requirements and instead suggested that the issue of transmission reporting should be
18 addressed in a generic docket that is not specific to an individual company (Rush Rebuttal,
19 Case No. ER-2010-0356; page 21, lines 2-5).

20 Q. Have there been changes regarding transmission since you filed your
21 surrebuttal testimony in Case No. ER-2010-0356 on January 12, 2011?

22 A. Yes, there have been many changes since that time. Major changes include the
23 issuance by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") of Order 1000 and the

1 continued development of SPP's day-ahead market as part of its Integrated Marketplace will
2 begin operation on March 1, 2014. In addition, on April 4, 2012, approximately five weeks
3 after GMO filed the current rate case, Great Plains Energy ("GPE") announced that GPE and
4 American Electric Power had formed Transource Energy, L.L.C. ("Transource") with GPE
5 owning 13.5% of Transource. On August 31, 2012 Transource Missouri, L.L.C., a wholly-
6 owned subsidiary of Transource, filed for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity with the
7 Commission in Case No. EA-2012-0098. On that same day Kansas City Power & Light
8 Company ("KCPL") and GMO filed an Application that included a request to transfer certain
9 electric transmission property to Transource in Case No. EO-2012-0367. KCPL's and
10 GMO's Application is also requesting that the Commission determine that no approval is
11 required under Missouri law to novate the Notifications to Construct ("NTC") received from
12 SPP regarding the two regional, high-voltage transmission projects.

13 Q. In the transmission tracker section of the Staff's Cost of Service Report in Case
14 No. ER-2010-0356, you made the following statement "Staff does assert that the Company
15 has control over the transmission expenses it incurs related to transmission it, or its affiliates,
16 directly constructs." (Staff Cost of Service Report, Case No. ER-2010-0356; page 161, lines
17 21-22) Were you referring to Transource when you made that statement?

18 A. No. The Case No. ER-2010-0356 Staff Report was filed over a year before
19 Transource was announced. I was referring to affiliates like KCPL that existed at that time
20 and that are owned by GMO's parent company, GPE. I didn't anticipate the formation of (1)
21 a transmission company affiliate; (2) a transmission company affiliate that GPE only has
22 minority interest in, 13.5%; and (3) a request to transfer transmission assets from KCPL and
23 GMO to this new transmission company affiliate which is not even wholly owned by GPE.

1 Q. Should the Commission approve a transmission tracker prior to the pending
2 issues of transmission company affiliates being addressed by the Commission respecting this
3 issue?

4 A. No. This is a significant issue and there are now specific transmission projects,
5 the Iatan-Nashua 345 kV project and the Sibley-Nebraska City 345 kV project, that have been
6 approved by SPP. Transource Missouri has declared its intention to construct and operate
7 these transmission lines.

8 Q. Are there any other pending cases that are of potential significance to a
9 transmission tracker?

10 A. Yes. The cases in which KCPL and GMO are seeking Commission authority
11 to continue to participate in SPP, File Nos. EO-2012-0135 and EO-2012-0136, respectively,
12 are of potential significance. From the Staff's perspective, Transource and Transource
13 Missouri are issues in File Nos. EO-2012-0135 and EO-2012-0136.

14 Q. If the Commission approves a transmission tracker in this case, do you
15 recommend that both transmission costs and transmission revenues be included in the tracker
16 as you did in Case No. ER-2010-0356?

17 A. Yes. Although no one can predict with absolute certainty how the SPP day-
18 ahead market will affect GMO's transmission costs and revenues, I expect that this market
19 will have an effect on the electric sales and purchases throughout the SPP marketplace and
20 therefore it will have an effect on the market participants of SPP. If only the transmission
21 costs are tracked, the full effect of this change in the marketplace will not be captured. Even
22 if both GMO's transmission costs and revenues are tracked, some of the transmission costs
23 and revenues within GMO's existing service territory are likely to be outside of the tracker if

1 the Commission approves Transource Missouri since transmission costs and revenues would
2 go to the owner of the transmission assets.

3 Q. In Case No. ER-2010-0356, Staff proposed reporting requirements. If the
4 Commission grants a transmission tracker in the current case, does Staff propose that
5 reporting requirements be a condition of that approval?

6 A. Yes. Staff witness Mark L. Oligschlaeger is sponsoring a list of conditions
7 that include reporting requirements and also include conditions to address the affiliate issues.

8 Q. You stated that GMO's requested transmission tracker includes carrying costs.
9 Do you support the inclusion of carrying costs?

10 A. No.

11 Q. In the Staff Report in Case No. ER-2010-0356, you recommended a
12 transmission tracker based on the following criteria: (1) the historic growth in and the current
13 high level of GMO's transmission expenses; (2) the future uncertainty in the level of the
14 future transmission expenses; and (3) because those utilities had less control over the level of
15 transmission expenses assigned to it from SPP than over most of their expenses. Do these
16 criteria still apply?

17 A. Yes. The data provided in GMO witness Ives direct testimony, Schedule DRI-
18 1, shows transmission expenses on a historic and a projected basis. This data does not include
19 the corresponding transmission revenues that Staff maintains should also be included in a
20 tracker. It is Staff's understanding that these transmission revenues do not offset the
21 transmission expenses on a historic or a project basis so the first two criteria would be met in
22 the current case.

1 Q. So based on your criteria, should the Commission authorize a transmission
2 tracker for GMO as requested?

3 A. No. Although Staff is not recommending the Commission authorize any
4 transmission tracker for GMO at this time, even under the criteria I presented in Case No. ER-
5 2010-0356, Staff would recommend that any transmission tracker the Commission may
6 authorize include transmission revenues, does not include carrying costs, and adequately
7 address the issue of potential transmission transactions involving affiliates. Any transmission
8 tracker that the Commission approves in this case should address these issues, as well as those
9 items discussed by Mark Oligschlaeger in his surrebuttal testimony in this matter.

10 Q. Does this conclude your surrebuttal testimony?

11 A. Yes, it does.