

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Kansas City Power & Light)
Company's Request for Authority to Implement)
A General Rate Increase for Electric Service.) Case No. ER-2012-0174

and

In the Matter of KCP&L Greater Missouri)
Operations Company's Request for Authority)
To Implement A General Rate Increase for)
Electric Service.) Case No. ER-2012-0175

NOTICE REGARDING EXTRA-RECORD COMMUNICATION

Issue Date: January 5, 2012

On January 5, 2012, I received the attached correspondence from Roger Goldblatt
by US Mail.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin D. Gunn, Chairman

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 5th day of January, 2012.

Dear Kevin Gunn, I have followed the MOPSC since Kelvin Simmons was director. I want you to know my thoughts concerning energy & energy regulation in MO. Sincerely,
Roguel Platt
KCMO

The handwriting is on the wall.

I support Occupy Wall Street and I support Occupy KC. If wanting quality healthcare for all is socialism, then call me a socialist. If taxing our millionaires as much as our middle class is class warfare, sign me up. If payroll based Medicare and Social Security is an "entitlement", call me blind because I cannot see it. If caring for the least among us makes me a Democrat, I'm proud to be called one.

I do not like the way certain disdainful members of our country have deprecatingly labeled The Affordable Care Act --affordable and universal healthcare for all Americans-- Obamacare. Not only disrespectful, it is innaccurate, as every Democratic president since our own Harry Truman has tried to enact universal health benefits for the people. I think this disrespectful term might indicate a truth these individuals might be unwilling to admit, namely that Obama cares while they do not.

I am tired of, not innured to, the duplicity, double speak and greed of certain corporations, representatives of the corporate media, the 5-4 Supreme Court, certain politicians, the wealthy bankers and greedy Wall Street traders, our large health insurance companies, and our local utility monopolies.

I am tired of the character assassination of every otherwise popular and generally good and decent Democratic President since Jimmy Carter, including Barack Obama. I am tired of the subterfuge leading up to the Iraq War by my government and our brain dead media.

And I'm tired of the venom and bile of the delirious demagogues like Bill O'Reilly and Rush Limbaugh, who add nothing constructive to the national dialogue.

Two very relevant examples for me and possibly for you, of the cultural malaise and corporate greed which the Occupy Movement critiques, come to mind.

Kansas City has an electric utility monopoly, Kansas City Power and Light. If you want light in the basement, refrigerators to cool, and air conditioning in the summer, there is nowhere else to go for this in Kansas City but from KCPL. In other words, in a supply and demand paradigm, KCP&L is the only supplier, and they have you and me "over a barrel".

I do not support the fact that KCPL has raised their rates over 38% in the past 5 years --and not once in that time has the Missouri Public Service Commission outright vetoed any of these raises. Granted the Missouri Public Service Commission is mandated to mediate between the consumer and the utility providers in the state. Their role is not to represent the consumer at the exclusion of the utility.

Unfortunately, the consumer only has the massively underfunded and understaffed Office of the Public Counsel of Missouri to advocate for our rights in utility rate hike cases.

When the monopolistic utilities have huge amounts of money, public relations personnel, attorneys and lobbyists, the consumer is mostly powerless.

Health care is another big issue for me. One year ago I had a ppo with Blue Cross costing around \$600 a month with a \$1,500.00 deductible. Since the premium was going to be raised to around \$750 a month starting Jan. 1, 2011, I switched to a \$1,500.00 deductible HSA on Jan 1, 2011 for a \$587 a month premium. In Oct. of this year I raised that deductible to \$5,000.00 to make even more affordable premiums of \$405.34 a month. In less than a year I switched from an unaffordable preventative plan to a more affordable catastrophic medical plan.

I was recently informed my premium will go up to \$443.85, effective Jan. 1, 2012. The Blue Cross representative writing the letter made a proud point of stating that rates will only go up "single digit[s] on average", as if they were doing me some sort of favor. In fact the premium rate hike is about as close as you can get to being a double digit hike without being one.

I recently read how former long-time CEO of Blue Cross, Tom Bowser donated \$4million to KU. This is an honorable act and one we all can respect. Yet one can assume Mr. Bowser's salary and concomitant benefit package allowed him to amass a much larger fortune at Blue Cross during his career —perhaps \$40,000,000 ? —while at the same time consumer premiums were annually being raised.

What Blue Cross could have saved, by paying Mr. Bowser and his lietenants a very reasonable salary, would have allowed the insureds, the *raison d'etre* of the business, a more affordable premium.

Wouldn't it be nice for once to see that annual November letter from Blue Cross say:
"This year we are lowering our CEO's bloated salary and benefits package, and consequently we are lowering your premium! Because without you, we would not have our corporation or our livelihood."

The Occupy Movement says to all these narrow minded forces of unregulated greed, whether government or corporate: "We are not as stupid as you think we are. Not only do we see through you, but we are sick of this. Be part of the change now. If not with your cooperation now, later without."

National Health Insurance

Support "Obama~~care~~^{care}" as if your life depended on it. It could.