

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

In the Matter of the Application of Kansas City Power & Light Company for Approval to Make Certain Changes in its Charges for Electric Service to Continue the Implementation of its Regulatory Plan)))))	<u>Case No. ER-2009-0089</u> Tariff No. JE-2009-0192
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In the Matter of the Application of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company for Approval to Make Certain Changes in its Charges for Electric Service))))	<u>Case No. ER-2009-0090</u> Tariff No. JE-2009-0193
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In the Matter of the Application of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company for Approval to Make Certain Changes in Its Charges for Steam Heating Service))))	<u>Case No. HR-2009-0092</u> Tariff No. YH-2009-0195
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ORDER EXPANDING ACCESS TO PUBLIC COMMENT HEARINGS

Issue Date: February 25, 2009

Effective Date: February 25, 2009

On January 6, 2009, the Commission set public comment hearing dates and locations for the above-captioned matters. On January 23, 2009, the Commission amended the public hearing schedule. On February 25, 2009, five days prior to the public hearing scheduled to be held in Lee's Summit for Case No. ER-2009-0090, Public Counsel filed a request that the Commission make this already scheduled hearing a combination hearing for both ER-2009-0090 and ER-2009-0089, in order to accommodate potential participants living in Blue Springs, Missouri. Public Counsel states that the Commission could accommodate both KCPL and KCPL-GMO customers by setting the joint hearing and issuing a notice in both cases and a press release. In this manner the expense of setting an additional hearing could be avoided.

Public Counsel further informs the Commission that the Commission's consumer services department has received information from customers living in the Northland, Missouri area. These individuals are all located within seventeen miles of the Kansas City site that was established for a public comment hearing in ER-2009-0089, set for March 12, 2009. Public Counsel states that it is hesitant to request setting an additional hearing for these individuals, but did wish to appraise the Commission that it believes that twenty-five minutes drive time for these individuals is near the limit of what would constitute reasonable accommodations.

The Commission finds Public Counsel's concerns regarding accommodating Kansas City Power and Light Company's and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company's customers reasonable. However, the Commission believes the distance for the Northland customers is reasonably proximate to the hearing location to accommodate their needs absent any other showing of hardship.

To increase access to the public comment hearings, the Commission shall open all of its scheduled hearings to take testimony on all three cases captioned in this order. Given the short notice the Commission has received to accommodate additional customers who may wish to provide testimony, the Commission finds good cause for waiving the ten-day notice requirements for hearings and shall immediately issue notice as described in the ordered paragraphs below.¹

The Commission wishes to emphasize that if any person is unable to appear in person at a scheduled public hearing, they may submit their written comments to Commission's web site, or send them by mail to the Missouri Public Service Commission,

¹ See Sections, 386.390.5 and 536.067(4), RSMo and Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.110.1.

Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, or by electronic mail to pscinfo@psc.mo.gov. Comments may also be submitted by phone by calling the Commission at 800-392-4211. Additionally, customers may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, MO 65102, telephone (866) 922-2959, email opcservice@ded.mo.gov.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. All scheduled local public hearings in the above captioned cases shall be open to any interested person to appear and offer comments in any of these cases.
2. The Commission's Public Information Office shall issue a press release to provide notice of the additional accommodations for public comment being provided in the above captioned cases. The press release shall be posted on the Commission's web site and shall be issued to all media serving the service areas of Kansas City Power and Light company and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company.
3. The Public Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall also send a copy of this order to members of the General Assembly that serve Kansas City Power & Light Company's and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company's service areas.
4. The Office of the Public Counsel and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall directly contact the customers referenced in Public Counsel's "Notice Regarding Requests for Additional Local Public Hearings", and shall notify those individuals of the accommodations made in this order.
5. The public comment hearings shall be held in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs

additional accommodation to participate in the hearings should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

6. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county in the service areas of Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company.

7. This order is effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 25th day of February, 2009.