

**KCP&L GREATER MISSOURI  
OPERATIONS COMPANY (GMO)**

**2014 ANNUAL RENEWABLE ENERGY  
STANDARD COMPLIANCE PLAN**

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## **SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION**

KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (“GMO”), a Delaware Corporation, has filed its 2014 Annual Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan (“2014 Plan”) in compliance with the Missouri Public Service Commission’s (“Commission”) Electric Utility Renewable Energy Standard Requirements [4 CSR 240-20.100] that became effective September 30, 2010. Section (7) of the rule requires that each public utility file with the Commission a Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Compliance Plan by April 15 of each year.

Specifically, Section 7 (B) of the rule requires that the plan shall cover the current year and the immediately following two (2) calendar years. The RES compliance plan shall include, at a minimum:

- A. A specific description of the electric utility’s planned actions to comply with the RES;
- B. A list of executed contracts to purchase Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) (whether or not bundled with energy), including type of renewable energy resource, expected amount of energy to be delivered, and contract duration and terms;
- C. The projected total retail electric sales for each year;
- D. Any differences, as a result of RES compliance, from the utility’s preferred resource plan as described in the most recent electric utility resource plan filed with the commission in accordance with 4 CSR 240-22, Electric Utility Resource Planning;

E. A detailed analysis providing information necessary to verify that the RES compliance plan is the least cost, prudent methodology to achieve compliance with the RES;

F. A detailed explanation of the calculation of the RES retail impact limit calculated in accordance with section (5) of this rule. This explanation should include the pertinent information for the planning interval which is included in the RES compliance plan; and

G. Verification that the utility has met the requirements for not causing undue adverse air, water, or land use impacts pursuant to subsection 393.1030.4. RSMo and the regulations of the Department of Natural Resources.

The 2014 Plan presents GMO's planned renewable compliance efforts and purchases that are currently underway and that will continue through 2014-2016 to achieve the requirements of 4 CSR 240-20.100.

## **SECTION 2: RES COMPLIANCE PLAN**

***Rule (7) (B) 1: The plan shall cover the current year and the immediately following two (2) calendar years. The RES compliance plan shall include, at a minimum -***

### **2.1 RULE (7) (B) 1 A:**

***A specific description of the electric utility's planned actions to comply with the RES;***

#### **2.1.1 NON-SOLAR COMPLIANCE**

GMO obtains renewable energy generated at the Gray County wind facility located in Kansas under a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) and will continue to do so during the 2014-2016 RES Compliance Plan period. GMO purchases generation under this PPA based on 60 MW of capacity. Additionally, GMO entered into a PPA with Ensign Wind, LLC, whose parent company is NextEra, to purchase energy from a 98.9 MW wind project also located in Gray County, Kansas. This facility went into service November 22, 2012.

In addition, the most recent resource addition was from GMO's issuance of a Request for Proposals ("RFP") in July, 2013 to obtain and evaluate wind project offers from wind developers. Accordingly, GMO obtained the Mill Creek wind resource through a PPA with Element Power for a 200 MW facility located in Holt County Missouri. The PPA was executed on November 13, 2013 and has an expected Commercial Operating Date ("COD") of on or before December 31, 2015.

GMO also completed a project in late 2011 to convert methane gas into electricity at the St. Joseph, MO Sanitary Landfill. The output from this 1.6 MW facility qualifies for RES compliance.

The estimated 2014 combined generation from the Gray County and Ensign wind and landfill gas facilities is approximately 361,000 MWh. This generation may be impacted by available transmission and interconnection capacity.

GMO expects to have banked RECs available to meet its RES requirements based on RECs unexpired at the end of 2013, in addition to the RECs created from wind and landfill gas facilities' actual generation. Accordingly, the RECs generated from these renewable resources in addition to the banked RECs will fulfill GMO's Missouri RES non-solar requirements for the 2014 to 2016 RES Compliance Plan period shown in Table 2 below.

### **2.1.2 SOLAR COMPLIANCE**

GMO continues to monitor the feasibility and economics of constructing and operating utility scale solar generation. GMO uses multiple sources to identify general cost trends as well as specific project costs, including data from the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) and the SNL Energy website. While solar technology costs have decreased significantly over the past several years, the cost of complying by purchasing Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs) remains a fraction of what it would cost to build and operate a utility scale solar generation facility. Additionally, GMO expects to obtain SRECs transferred from qualified customer-generator's operational solar electric systems as a condition of receiving the solar rebate, a change instituted with Missouri House Bill 142 becoming law on August 28, 2013. SRECs produced from these solar electric systems will be transferred to GMO for a period of 10 years. Generation from these customer-owned facilities would be eligible for application of the 1.25 factor as these facilities are located in Missouri. The balance of GMO's solar RES needs would come from procurement of SRECs through third party brokers.

### **2.1.3 STANDARD OFFER CONTRACT**

GMO does not have a Standard Offer Contract tariff in place at this time.

## 2.2 RULE (7) (B) 1 B:

***A list of executed contracts to purchase RECs (whether or not bundled with energy), including type of renewable energy resource, expected amount of energy to be delivered, and contract duration and terms;***

Table 1 below provides the details of GMO's executed contracts to purchase wind energy.

**Table 1: GMO List of Executed Contracts for Renewable Wind Energy**

Project Name	Contracting Parent Company	Contract Type	Project Size (MW)	COD Date	Term (Yrs.)	Expected Annual Energy (MWh)
Gray County	NextEra	Energy & RECs	60	3/13/2001	15	17,000
Ensign	NextEra	Energy & RECs	98.9	11/22/2012	20	328,000
Mill Creek	Element Power	Energy & RECs	200	12/31/2015	20	791,000

This expected annual energy reflects available transmission and interconnection capacity.

To comply with the Missouri 2014-2016 solar RES requirements, GMO expects to purchase as needed SRECs from qualified facilities likely located outside of Missouri. The purchases are expected to be for SRECs only with no delivered energy. Additionally, GMO expects to utilize SRECs transferred from qualified customer-generator's operational solar electric systems as a condition of receiving the solar rebate. The SRECs will be registered in WREGIS (Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System) and will have been transferred to NARR (North American Renewables Registry). Please see Section 2.5.1 for information concerning 2014 SREC purchases.

## 2.3 RULE (7) (B) 1 C:

***The projected total retail electric sales for each year;***



GMO's projected Missouri retail electric sales and associated RES requirements are provided in Table 2 below.

**Table 2: GMO Projected Retail Sales and RES Requirements**

Year	Projected Retail Electric Sales (MWh)	Non-Solar Req. (MWh)	Solar Req. (MWh)
2014	8,636,846	423,205	8,637
2015	8,690,352	425,827	8,690
2016	8,678,056	425,225	8,678

**2.4 RULE (7) (B) 1 D:**

***Any differences, as a result of RES compliance, from the utility's preferred resource plan as described in the most recent electric utility resource plan filed with the commission in accordance with 4 CSR 240-22, Electric Utility Resource Planning;***

The RES Compliance Plan described in this report parallels GMO's preferred resource plan filed on March 20, 2014 as no additional renewable resources are required for compliance during the 2014-2016 RES Compliance Plan period. Note that the 2014 IRP Annual Update provides for solar additions in years beyond the 2014-2016 RES Compliance Plan period to meet RES obligations as needed.

**2.5 RULE (7) (B) 1 E**

***A detailed analysis providing information necessary to verify that the RES compliance plan is the least cost, prudent methodology to achieve compliance with the RES;***

The 60 MW Gray County wind PPA being utilized for non-solar compliance was in effect for several years prior to the passage of the RES rules and was justified at the time it was consummated. Since this facility is already in place, the wind

energy provided by this facility represents the least cost approach for achieving non-solar compliance for the 2014-2016 RES Compliance Plan period.

Additionally, GMO submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) to meet wind requirements in August 2011. A single RFP was issued to cover both KCP&L and GMO non-solar requirements. A complete evaluation of the proposals received was conducted and resulted in consummation of a PPA with NextEra Energy for the Ensign wind farm mentioned above. In addition, GMO issued an RFP in July, 2013 to obtain and evaluate wind project offers from wind developers, which resulted in consummation of a PPA with Element Power for the Mill Creek wind facility mentioned above. These PPAs were entered into to take advantage of low-cost energy prices and will be used to meet GMO non-solar RES requirements.

### **2.5.1 THIRD PARTY SOLAR SREC PROCUREMENT**

For solar compliance, the purchase of SRECs through an industry broker is currently the least expensive alternative. For 2014, GMO has purchased 8,700 SRECs needed for compliance at a cost that is significantly less than the projected cost to add new solar capacity. The SRECs were purchased from Costco Wholesale Corporation. The cost of the SRECs purchased for 2014 compliance was approximately \$19,800, or about \$2.28 per SREC. Note that 1 SREC represents 1 MWh of solar generation. The cost for compliance under a solar PPA option would be approximately \$130 - \$140 per MWh. Additionally, the need for third party SRECs is expected to be eliminated with the inclusion of SRECs transferred from qualified customer-generator's operational solar electric systems as a condition of receiving the solar rebate.

### **2.6 RULE (7) (B) 1 F**

***A detailed explanation of the calculation of the RES retail impact limit calculated in accordance with section (5) of this rule. This explanation***

***should include the pertinent information for the planning interval which is included in the RES compliance plan;***

See Section 3 of this RES Compliance Plan for a description of the retail rate impact calculation.

## **2.7 RULE (7) (B) 1 G**

***Verification that the utility has met the requirements for not causing undue adverse air, water, or land use impacts pursuant to subsection 393.1030.4. RSMo, and the regulations of the Department of Natural Resources.***

The purchases of SRECs that will be used for GMO's RES solar compliance will be registered in WREGIS (Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System) and have been transferred to NARR (North American Renewables Registry), and are also National Green-e Certified.

Wind generation specifically conforms to the eligible renewable energy resources listed in section (2) of Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) rule 10.CSR 140-8.010. The Gray County and Ensign wind facilities are located in Kansas and are not owned by GMO, and the owner-operator would be responsible for ensuring that it has not caused any undue adverse air, water, or land use impacts. The Mill Creek wind facility that is expected to be completed in late 2015 will be located in Missouri, will not be owned by GMO, and the owner-operator would be responsible for ensuring that it has not caused any undue adverse air, water, or land use impacts.

All generating facilities utilized by GMO to meet the requirements of the Missouri RES have, to its knowledge, received all necessary environmental and operational permits and are in compliance with any necessary federal, state and/or local requirements related to air, water and land use.

## SECTION 3: RATE ANALYSIS

***PURPOSE: This report demonstrates compliance with 4 CSR 240-20.100(5) and determines the average rate impact within a ten-year period and incorporating the effects of future GHG legislation and costs.***

### 3.1 RETAIL RATE IMPACT

***Rule (5)(A): The retail rate impact, as calculated in subsection (5)(B), may not exceed one percent (1%) for prudent costs of renewable energy resources directly attributable to RES compliance. The retail rate impact shall be calculated on an incremental basis for each planning year that includes the addition of renewable generation directly attributable to RES compliance through procurement or development of renewable energy resources, averaged over the succeeding ten (10)-year period, and shall exclude renewable energy resources owned or under contract prior to the effective date of this rule.***

The retail rate impact was calculated by comparing a non-renewable generation and purchased power portfolio to a RES-compliant portfolio with sufficient renewable resources to achieve the renewable standards. GMO has performed this rate impact calculation in accordance with the Stipulation and Agreement filed October 3, 2013, Case Number ET-2014-0059. The calculations were completed consistent with GMO's understanding of Staff's interpretation of the RES rules. For each year of the 2014-2016 RES Compliance Plan period, the annual retail rate impact is limited to a maximum of 1% of the 10-year average non-RES compliant revenue requirement.

The annual retail rate impacts for GMO for the 2014-2016 RES Compliance Plan period are show in Table 3 below. GMO has presumed that the solar requirements will be met SRECs transferred from qualified customer-generator's operational solar electric systems as a condition of receiving the solar rebate.

**Table 3: GMO Annual Retail Rate Impacts**

GMO Annual Retail Rate Impact	
Year	Rate Impact
2014	0.238%
2015	0.011%
2016	0.002%

### **3.2 TOTAL REVENUE REQUIREMENTS**

***Rule (5)(B): The RES retail rate impact shall be determined by subtracting the total retail revenue requirement incorporating an incremental non-renewable generation and purchased power portfolio from the total retail revenue requirement including an incremental RES compliant generation and purchased power portfolio. The non-renewable generation and purchased power portfolio shall be determined by adding to the utility’s existing generation and purchased power resource portfolio additional non-renewable resources sufficient to meet the utility’s needs on a least-cost basis for the next ten (10) years. The RES-compliant portfolio shall be determined by adding to the utility’s existing generation and purchased power resource portfolio an amount of renewable resources sufficient to achieve the standard set forth in section (2) of this rule and an amount of least-cost non-renewable resources, the combination of which is sufficient to meet the utility’s needs for the next ten (10) years.***

The following table shows the projected RES expenditures and retail rate impact based on an average of the next ten years of non-renewable portfolio revenue requirements.

**Table 4: GMO Annual RES Expenditures and Rate Impact**

<b>GMO Annual RES Expenditures and Rate Impact</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Projected Revenue Requirement 10-Yr Avg (\$M)</b>	<b>Projected RES Exp. 10-Yr. Avg. (\$M)</b>	<b>Rate Impact</b>
2014	\$ 1,044.9	\$ 2.47	0.238%
2015	\$ 1,103.5	\$ 0.12	0.011%
2016	\$ 1,164.6	\$ 0.02	0.002%

### **3.3 RESOURCE PLAN SOURCES**

***Rule (5)(B): These renewable energy resource additions will utilize the most recent electric utility resource planning analysis.***

The GMO RES Compliance Plan includes wind resource additions based upon the assumptions used in the 2014 GMO IRP Annual Update Case EO-2014-0257 filed on March 20, 2014. There are no solar resource additions in the compliance plan, since the purchased SRECs and projected SRECs from the solar rebate customers will meet the GMO solar requirement.

### **3.4 ANALYSIS DATA SOURCE**

***Rule (5)(B): These comparisons will be conducted utilizing projections of the incremental revenue requirement for new renewable energy resources, less the avoided cost of fuel not purchased for nonrenewable energy resources due to the addition of renewable energy resources. In addition, the projected impact on revenue requirements by non-renewable energy resources shall be increased by the expected value of greenhouse gas emissions compliance costs, assuming that such costs are made at the expected value of the cost per ton of greenhouse gas emissions allowances, cost per ton of a greenhouse gas emissions tax (e.g., a carbon tax), or the cost per ton of greenhouse gas emissions reductions for any***

***greenhouse gas emission reduction technology that is applicable to the utility's generation portfolio, whichever is lower. Calculations of the expected value of costs associated with greenhouse gas emissions shall be derived by applying the probability of the occurrence of future greenhouse gas regulations to expected level(s) of costs per ton associated with those regulations over the next ten (10) years. Any variables utilized in the modeling shall be consistent with values established in prior rate proceedings, electric utility resource planning filings, or RES compliance plans, unless specific justification is provided for deviations.***

During the 2014-2016 RES Compliance Plan period, no additional renewable resource are required for compliance. The 10-year average non-RES compliant revenue requirement is based on the 2014 GMO IRP Annual Update that includes the expected value of greenhouse gas compliance costs. The variables used are those from the 2014 IRP.

### 3.5 RATE IMPACT COMPARISON

***Rule (5)(B): The comparison of the rate impact of renewable and non-renewable energy resources shall be conducted only when the electric utility proposes to add incremental renewable energy resource generation directly attributable to RES compliance through the procurement or development of renewable energy resources.***

While GMO is not proposing to add any incremental renewable energy resources directly attributable to RES compliance during the 2014-2016 RES Compliance Plan period, the retail rate impact was calculated for each year and is provided in Table 4 above.

### 3.6 REBATES

***Rule (5)(C) Rebates made during any calendar year in accordance with section (4) of this rule shall be included in the cost of generation from renewable energy resources.***

Solar rebates have been included in the analysis and are provided in the following table, along with Solar Renewable Energy Credit (S-RECs) costs and administrative costs. The following table provides the projected amounts of renewable expenditures associated with the solar resources and rebates needed to comply with the requirements of Missouri’s Renewable Standard during the 2014-2016 Plan period. The solar rebates are in accordance with the Stipulation and Agreement filed October 3, 2013, Case Number ET-2014-0059.

**Table 5: GMO Compliance Expenditures**

GMO COMPLIANCE EXPENDITURES							
Year	S-RECs	S-REC Price	S-REC Cost	Solar Rebates	NAR Administration & Other	Utility-Owned Revenue Requirement	Total
2014	8,700	\$ 2.28	\$19,836	\$ 22,038,610	\$ 836,530	\$ 453,412	\$23,348,388
2015	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ 278,116	\$ 411,283	\$ 689,399
2016	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ 49,833	\$ 329,914	\$ 379,747



### **3.7 ADJUSTMENTS**

***Rule (5)(D) For purposes of the determination in accordance with subsection (B) of this section, if the revenue requirement including the RES-compliant resource mix, averaged over the succeeding ten (10)-year period, exceeds the revenue requirement that includes the non-renewable resource mix by more than one percent (1%), the utility shall adjust downward the proportion of renewable resources so that the average annual revenue requirement differential does not exceed one percent (1%). In making this adjustment, the solar requirement shall be in accordance with subsection (2)(F) of this rule. Prudently incurred costs to comply with the RES standard, and passing this rate impact test, may be recovered in accordance with section (6) of this rule or through a rate proceeding outside or in a general rate case.***

For the 2014-2016 RES Compliance Plan period, no additional renewable resources are required to meet the RES requirements, therefore no adjustments are necessary.

### **3.8 FEDERAL PROGRAM COSTS**

***Rule (5) (E) Costs or benefits attributed to compliance with a federal renewable energy standard or portfolio requirement shall be considered as part of compliance with the Missouri RES if they would otherwise qualify under the Missouri RES without regard to the federal requirements.***

GMO does not have a federal renewable obligation at this time.