# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Veolia Energy Kansas City, Inc. ) for Authority to File Tariffs to Increase Rates )

#### PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

**COMES NOW** the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") and, on behalf of Veolia Energy Kansas City, Inc. ("Veolia"), the City of Kansas City ("City"), and the Laclede Gas Company, Missouri Gas Energy division ("MGE"), (collectively the "Parties") and for its proposed procedural schedule states as follows:

1. In its December 3, 2013, Order Suspending Tariff, Scheduling *Pre-Hearing Conference, Directing Notice, And Setting Deadline For Intervenors* ("Order"), the Commission directed the Staff to file a proposed procedural schedule on behalf of the Parties.

2. On January 6, 2014, an early pre-hearing conference was held and the Parties discussed procedural matters. As a result of this discussion, the Parties have agreed to the following procedural schedule and related other matters:

Veolia Direct Case Filing	November 27, 2013
Early Pre-hearing Conference	January 6, 2014
Early Technical Conference	February 27, 2014
Staff Direct Testimony (Revenue Requirement)	May 1, 2014
Staff Direct Testimony (Rate Design)	May 15, 2014
Settlement Conference (not on record)	May 21, 2014

Rebuttal Testimony (Revenue Requirement and Rate Design)	June 4, 2014
Data Request Response Time (becomes 5 business days and 3 business days for objection)	June 5, 2014
Surrebuttal Testimony (Revenue Requirement and Rate Design)	July 3, 2014
Discovery Cut-off	July 10, 2014
Evidentiary Hearing (begins at 10:00am July 15 <sup>th</sup> )	July 15 – 18, 2014
Post Hearing Briefs	August 15, 2014
Commission Order	September 27, 2014
Operation of Law Date	October 27, 2014

#### Other Matters

3. The Parties agree there will be no filing of True-up testimony and no True-up hearing.

4. The Parties accept Veolia's test year for the twelve months ended June 30, 2013, updated through December 2013.

5. The Parties are of the opinion that local public hearings are not necessary at this time, however if a customer should request a local public hearing, the parties reserve the right to support or oppose that request.

WHEREFORE, on behalf of the Parties, the Staff prays the Commission will accept this proposed procedural schedule and the related matters described herein.

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Respectfully submitted,

### /s/ Robert S. Berlin

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

## /s/ Robert S. Berlin