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

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

File No. HR-2014-0066 Tracking Nos.: YH-2014-0240, YH-2014-0242

## ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF, SCHEDULING PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE, DIRECTING NOTICE, AND SETTING DEADLINE FOR INTERVENORS

Issue Date: December 3, 2013 Effective Date: December 3, 2013

On November 27, 2013, Veolia Energy Kansas City Inc. ("Veolia") submitted to the Missouri Public Service Commission revised tariffs to implement an increase of approximately \$1 million dollars, or 14.4 percent. Veolia's last rate increase occurred on November 1, 2011. The proposed tariff sheets have an effective date of December 31, 2013.

Section 393.290, RSMo specifies that all provisions of Chapter 393, including the fixing of just and reasonable rates and adequacy of service, shall apply to heating companies. Section 393.150, RSMo, authorizes the Commission to suspend the effective date of proposed tariff sheets for 120 days, plus an additional 6 months to allow for a hearing. Accordingly, in order to determine if Veolia's proposed tariff sheets are just, reasonable and in the public interest, the Commission will suspend the tariff sheets for 120 days beyond the effective date. Further, because a hearing cannot be concluded within 120 days, the Commission will suspend the tariffs for an additional six months.

The Commission will schedule an early prehearing conference and require the parties to agree on a proposed procedural schedule and hearing dates. Staff will have primary responsibility for preparing the proposed procedural schedule.

The Commission will direct its Data Center to serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of the counties in Veolia's service area. Additionally, the Commission will direct the Public Information Office to make notice of this order available to the media serving Veolia's service area and to the members of the General Assembly representing those areas. Finally, the Commission will set a date by which applications to intervene shall be filed.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed, revised tariff sheets, filed under Tracking Nos. YH-2014-0240 and YH-2014-0242, by Veolia Energy Kansas City Inc., are suspended for 120 days plus six months till October 30, 2014.

2. An early pre-hearing conference shall be held on January 6, 2014 at 10:00 A.M., in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The pre-hearing conference will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in any hearing, please call the Missouri Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

3. The parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule by January 13, 2014. The Staff of the Commission shall be responsible for filing this schedule.

4. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county within Veolia Energy Kansas City Inc.'s service area.

5. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing Veolia Energy Kansas City Inc.'s service area and to the news media serving therein.

6. All hearings will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in any hearing, please call the Missouri Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

Any applications to intervene shall be filed no later than December 24,
with

Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

or in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System.

9. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

## BY THE COMMISSION



Morris I Woodruf

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Kim S. Burton, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 3rd day of December, 2013.