# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of KCP&L Greater Missouri ) Operations Company for Authority to File ) Tariffs Changing the Steam QCA for ) Service Provided to Customers in its ) Service Territory.

File No. HT-2012-0344 Tariff No. YH-2013-0318

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

**COMES NOW**, the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") and for its *Staff Recommendation* states as follows:

1. On January 14, 2013, KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company ("GMO") filed with the Commission one (1) tariff sheet for steam service bearing an issue date of January 14, 2013, and an effective date of March 1, 2013, to add the quarterly cost adjustment ("QCA") for the fourth quarter of 2012. The adjustment is required by GMO's QCA Rider, which the Commission approved in Case No. HR-2005-0450, and modified in Case Nos. HR-2009-0092 and HR-2010-0028, for steam service on and after July 1, 2009.

2. On January 15, 2013, the Commission ordered Staff to file its Staff Recommendation no later than February 14, 2013.

3. As indicated in the Staff Memorandum, attached as Appendix A, Staff has reviewed the Company's filing and has found GMO's calculations related to the fourth quarter 2012 QCA compliance tariff sheet to be correct, and that the calculations satisfy the standards set forth on Sheet Nos. 6.6 through 6.10 of GMO's tariff. The calculations are also consistent with previous GMO QCA filings.

4. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed tariff sheet to become effective March 1, 2013.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons indicated in this pleading and the attached Staff Memorandum, Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the tariff sheet as filed by GMO.

Respectfully submitted,

# /s/ Meghan Woolery

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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 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

/s/ Meghan Woolery

# **MEMORANDUM**

- TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File Case No. HT-2012-0344, Tariff Tracking No. YH-2013-0318 KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company
- FROM: Randy Gross, Utility Regulatory Engineer I Michelle Bocklage, Rate & Tariff Examiner II Matthew Barnes, Utility Regulatory Auditor IV

/s/John Rogers 2/14/2013	/s/Meghan McClowry 2/14/2013
Energy Unit / Date	Staff Counsel Division / Date

- SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for **Approval** of Tariff Sheet Filed To Add The Quarterly Cost Adjustment For The Fourth Quarter Of 2012 To The Quarterly Cost Adjustment Rider - Steam of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company
- DATE: February 14, 2013

On January 14, 2013, KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company ("GMO") filed with the Commission one (1) tariff sheet for steam service bearing an issue date of January 14, 2013, and an effective date of March 1, 2013, to add the quarterly cost adjustment ("QCA") for the fourth quarter of 2012. The adjustment is required by GMO's Quarterly Cost Adjustment Rider, which the Commission approved in Case No. HR-2005-0450, and modified in Case Nos. HR-2009-0092 and HR-2010-0028, for steam service on and after July 1, 2009.

GMO's filing included the proposed tariff sheet and work papers consisting of electronic worksheets showing its calculation of the QCA for the fourth quarter of 2012.

The procedure for the calculation of the QCA for steam service sales occurring on and after July 1, 2009, is set out in GMO's Tariff Sheet Nos. 6.6 through 6.10, which are entitled "Quarterly Cost Adjustment Rider – Steam."

Staff reviewed the data and mathematical calculations GMO provided in its workpapers and found GMO's calculations related to the fourth quarter 2012 QCA compliance tariff sheet to be correct, and that the calculations satisfy the standards set forth in GMO's Tariff Sheet Nos. 6.6 through 6.10. The calculations are also consistent with previous GMO QCA filings.

Staff therefore recommends that the Commission **approve** the following proposed tariff sheet, as filed on January 14, 2013, to become effective on March 1, 2013, as requested by GMO.

<u>P.S.C. MO. No. 1</u> 15<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 6.10 Canceling 14<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 6.10

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Staff has verified that GMO is not delinquent on any assessment and has filed its 2011 annual report. GMO is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring reports as required in 4 CSR 240-20.090(10) and its monthly reports as required by 4 CSR 240-3.161(5). Staff is not aware of any other matter pending before the Commission that affects or is affected by this tariff filing. Staff's recommendation for approval of the QCA change in this case is solely based on the accuracy of GMO's calculations and is not indicative of the prudence of the fuel costs included in the QCA.

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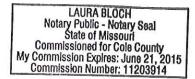
#### **AFFIDAVIT OF MATTHEW J. BARNES**

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STATE OF MISSOURI ) ) ss COUNTY OF COLE )

Matthew J. Barnes, of lawful age, on oath states: that he participated in the preparation of the foregoing Staff Recommendation in memorandum form, to be presented in the above case; that the information in the Staff Recommendation was provided to him; that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in such Staff Recommendation; and that such matters are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>114</u> day of February, 2013.



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### **AFFIDAVIT OF MICHELLE BOCKLAGE**

STATE OF MISSOURI ) ) ss COUNTY OF COLE )

Michelle Bocklage of lawful age, on oath states: that she participated in the preparation of the foregoing Staff Recommendation in memorandum form, to be presented in the above case; that the information in the Staff Recommendation was provided to her; that she has knowledge of the matters set forth in such Staff Recommendation; and that such matters are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>IT</u> day of February, 2013.

LAURA BLOCH Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: June 21, 2015 Commission Number: 11203914

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### **AFFIDAVIT OF RANDY S. GROSS**

STATE OF MISSOURI ) ss COUNTY OF COLE

Randy S. Gross, of lawful age, on oath states: that he participated in the preparation of the foregoing Staff Recommendation in memorandum form, to be presented in the above case; that the information in the Staff Recommendation was provided to him; that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in such Staff Recommendation; and that such matters are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Randy S. Gross

Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>up</u>day of February, 2013.

