

**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)	<u>File No. HT-2012-0344</u>
Service Provided to Customers in its)	Tariff No. YH-2013-0318
Service Territory.)	

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,

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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 14th 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
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/s/John Rogers 2/14/2013
Energy Unit / Date

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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

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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.

P.S.C. MO. No. 1

15th Revised Sheet No. 6.10 Canceling 14th Revised Sheet No. 6.10

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.

