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Page 3 1 PROCEEDINGS 2 (Whereupon, the pre-hearing conference started 3 at 10:01 A.M.) JUDGE BURTON: Let's go ahead and go on the 4 5 record in Case No. HR-2014-0066. My name is Kim Burton. I am the Regulatory Law Judge assigned to this matter. 6 7 I've scheduled a prehearing conference on this case to 8 kind of let the parties get together so we can establish a 9 procedural hearing for everything through the hearing. 10 And normally what I do is I just provide the calendar for the parties to get together after we go off 11 12 the record to sort of establish time frames, but to be 13 honest, looking at the calendar for May, June and July through, there's absolutely nothing on it except for, I 14 15 believe, a true-up that's in Room 310 on May 13. So I believe the parties should have sufficient 16 17 time to work with, and if you need additional time outside of that May through the ending period, please let me know, 18 let my assistant know, Leslie Myers, and we'll go ahead 19 20 and provide that information to you. 21 At this time I wanted to go ahead and kind of 22 discuss some procedural matters. We had the applications to intervene for the City of Kansas City and for Missouri 23 24 Gas Energy. I haven't received any objections to that -those applications. Do the parties have any objections? 25

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Page 4 Miss Vuylsteke? 1 2 MS. VUYLSTEKE: Veolia has no objection. 3 JUDGE BURTON: Okay. And Mr. Berlin? MR. BERLIN: No objections. 4 5 JUDGE BURTON: Okay. At that time I'll go ahead and, on the record, accept those applications to intervene 6 7 for both the City of Kansas City and for Missouri Gas 8 Energy. Now, I just want to verify that all the parties 9 have provided their contact information to the court reporter so she has access to that information. 10 11 Miss Vuylsteke and also Mr. Jacobs, why don't we go ahead 12 and get your full name and contact information for the 13 court reporter for the record, please. MS. VUYLSTEKE: Sure. I'm sorry, Todd, if you 14 want to go ahead first. 15 16 MR. JACOBS: No, please. 17 MS. VUYLSTEKE: Okay. Diana Vuylsteke and that's V, as in Victor, U-Y-L-S-T-E-K-E of the law firm 18 Bryan Cave LLP, 211 North Broadway, Suite 3600, St. Louis 19 Missouri 63102 appearing on behalf of Veolia. 20 21 JUDGE BURTON: Okay. MR. JACOBS: And Todd J. Jacobs, J-A-C-O-B-S, 22 23 Senior Director, Legal, Laclede Gas Company, Missouri Gas 24 Energy. My address is 3420 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri 64111. My direct line is (816)360-5976. 25

Page 5 JUDGE BURTON: Okay. And, Mr. Comley, for the 1 2 City of Kansas City, have you already provided your 3 address? MR. COMLEY: Yes, I have. But, for the record, 4 5 I'm here appearing for the City of Kansas City, Diana and 6 Todd. 7 MS. VUYLSTEKE: Okay. Well, I have to say I hope you got there safely. I wasn't even sure if the 8 9 Commission was going to be open today, but it's great that you could make it. 10 MR. COMLEY: Sounds like everybody got here by 11 12 dog sled or otherwise. JUDGE BURTON: Neither rain nor sleet nor snow 13 can stop the Public Service Commission. And we also have 14 15 Mr. Berlin here, who is representing the staff of the Public Service Commission, who I believe has already 16 17 presided -- or presented -- provided your contact 18 information. 19 MR. BERLIN: Correct, Judge. Appearing on behalf of the staff is Robert S. Berlin and Akayla Jones 20 21 at the Commission staff's Jefferson City address, as I 22 have provided to the court reporter. JUDGE BURTON: Okay. Thank you. Now, we do 23 24 have the -- for the record, the applications to intervene approved for both City of Kansas City and Missouri Gas 25

Page 6 Energy. Are there any other procedural matters that we 1 2 need to deal with on the record? 3 MS. VUYLSTEKE: I don't believe so, Your Honor. JUDGE BURTON: Mr. Berlin. 4 5 MR. BERLIN: I don't believe so either, Judge. MR. COMLEY: None. 6 7 MR. JACOBS: None from MGE. 8 JUDGE BURTON: Now, I wanted to clarify with 9 Miss Vuylsteke and also, I believe, with Mr. Melcher or Mr. Schwartz as far as how many local hearings do we think 10 11 we're going to be needing? I'm not clear as far as what 12 the residential capacity is, if we need to provide that 13 information outside of that May to the end-of-the-year time frame for potential local public hearings or if 14 15 they're even necessary. I believe there is some residential issues. 16 17 MS. VUYLSTEKE: Well, in this particular case, Your Honor, there is a proposal for a highrise residential 18 tariff and -- but I think that it would be, you know, a 19 20 very limited offering to a very limited group. So, you 21 know, it may be that we would need a local public hearing, but we might not and if we do, I think one would be more 22 than sufficient. But it could be that one is not needed 23 and maybe we should, you know, talk to the staff about 24 25 that, too. But I'm not sure that one is needed in the

1 first instance.

2	JUDGE BURTON: Okay. Well, then, I would ask
3	that the parties address that issue when we go off the
4	record and once I leave to kind of identify if that is
5	necessary so we're aware of scheduling. And is there
6	anything else that we need to address while we are on the
7	record?
8	Something I wanted to clarify with the parties
9	is I know in our order the Commission provided a time
10	frame for the parties, essentially, to submit their
11	proposed procedural schedule. While we're on the record,
12	how much time do the parties think that they're going to
13	need? Right now I believe it's, what, through the 13th of
14	January. Is that going to be sufficient time for you all,
15	you believe, to discuss or should I give you an extra
16	week?
17	MS. VUYLSTEKE: I think that would be
18	sufficient. I think until the 13th, hopefully we can get
19	it sooner, but I think there will be ongoing discussions
20	this week about getting something in place.
21	JUDGE BURTON: Mr. Berlin.
22	MR. BERLIN: Yes, I would agree. I would think
23	that we have enough time to get a procedural schedule
24	filed.
25	JUDGE BURTON: Okay. We'll go ahead and stay

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1	with that original time frame. And just so the parties
2	are aware, I am thinking that we'll probably have or I
3	would like to have the hearing at some point in July. My
4	thought is that that would provide sufficient time for us
5	to get a copy of the transcripts, for briefs to be
6	submitted and for the order to be written and the
7	Commission to have a month, let's say, to get this on a
8	couple of dockets for their review to make any
9	determinations as well as the time frame for any
10	additional tariffs that are needed to be revised to be
11	submitted. Okay?
12	All right. Well, thank you everyone, and I am
13	glad that everyone is safe and either comfortable here or
14	in your own locale. And with that, I'm going to go off
15	the record.
16	(Proceedings concluded at 10:08 A.M.)
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5	Professional Reporter and Certified Realtime Reporter
6	within and for the State of Missouri, do hereby certify
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