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Municipal Water Service
Witness: Michael H. Klender
Sponsoring Party: City of Kansas City, Missouri
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CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

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DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

MICHAEL H. KLENDER

Kansas City, Missouri
August 2012

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Kansas City Power & Light Company's)
Request for Authority to Implement a General Rate) Case No. ER-2012-0174
Increase for Electric Service) Tracking No. YE-2012-0404

AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL H. KLENDER

STATE OF MISSOURI)
COUNTY OF Clay) ss.

I, Michael H. Klender, of lawful age, and being duly sworn, do hereby depose and state:

1. My name is Michael H. Klender. I am presently Plant Manager for the Kansas City Water Services Department with the City of Kansas City, Missouri, intervener in the referenced matter.

2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my direct testimony.

3. I hereby swear and affirm that my answers contained in the attached testimony to the questions therein propounded are true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Michael H. Klender
Michael H. Klender

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this 2nd day of August, 2012.

My Commission expires:

Oct 24, 2015

Amanda Dittmer
Notary Public for Clay County, MO

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My Commission Expires: Oct. 24, 2015
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1 **DIRECT TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL H. KLENDER**

2 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

3 A. My name is Michael H. Klender. My business address is in care of the Water Services
4 Department, 1 N.W. Briarcliff Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64116.

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6 Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?

7 A. I am employed by the City of Kansas City (the City) as Plant Manager of the Water
8 Services Department for the City.

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10 Q. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR DUTIES AS PLANT MANAGER.

11 A. I am responsible for managing a 240 million gallon a day water treatment plant as well as
12 several pumping and storage facilities and the 89 staff who maintain and operate the
13 equipment. I am responsible for planning and meeting Divisional budgets as well as
14 complying with all Federal and State regulations.

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16 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYMENT
17 HISTORY.

18 A. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Mechanics from the University of
19 Missouri --- Rolla (now known as the Missouri University of Science and Technology) in
20 1986. I am licensed as a professional engineer in the states of South Carolina and
21 Missouri. I hold an “A” and “DS III” certification in Missouri for water treatment and
22 distribution, and I completed the 40 hour course through OSHA to obtain HAZWOPER
23 certification (Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Standard). I spent

1 three years as a construction and testing consulting engineer for PSI, Inc. Then for over
2 six years I was employed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Control as a
3 staff engineer in its Drinking Water Program and then a staff engineer with the
4 Hazardous Waste Superfund program. I have been employed by the City for nearly
5 fifteen years. For one of those years I worked with City Codes Administration as Special
6 Inspector. I have been involved with the City's water supply for approximately thirteen
7 years in various capacities. I was the Assistant Plant Manager of Operations for ten
8 years. I served as Acting Plant Manager for two and a half years and have been Plant
9 Manager for one year.

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11 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

12 A. I describe the City water services facilities that are served with power from Kansas City
13 Power & Light Company (KCPL), and discuss KCPL's service history including recent
14 power outages and issues related to fluctuations in voltage and current. I also present
15 several recommendations for improving KCPL service quality to water services facilities.

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17 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE FACILITIES OVER WHICH KCPL DELIVERS ENERGY
18 TO WATER SERVICES DEPARTMENT FACILITIES.

19 A. KCPL supplies power to approximately twenty two (22) water supply facility sites. At
20 some water supply facility sites, KCPL delivers energy over four incoming feed lines.
21 The facilities where four incoming feed lines are used are Turkey Creek Pumping Station
22 and the Water Treatment Plant. There are some facilities where energy is delivered over
23 one feed line. Most of the feed lines are underground although some facilities are served

1 by overhead. Voltages delivered vary by facility. Some require as little as 110 volts.
2 The largest of the facilities, which is the East Bottoms Pumping Station, requires 13,200
3 volts.

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5 Q. COULD YOU IDENTIFY FOR THE COMMISSION THE WATER SERVICE
6 FACILITIES THAT CONSUME THE MOST POWER.

7 A. There are three such facilities and as would be expected, they are critical pieces of
8 equipment in supplying water to city residents. They are the Water Plant, the Turkey
9 Creek Pumping Station and the East Bottoms Pumping Station. Electricity powers high
10 service pumps at these facilities which pump raw water to treatment basins or pump
11 water through the miles of transmission and distribution lines. For example, the pumps
12 which move raw water to the treatment basins at the Water Plant are rated at 41,667 to
13 55,555 gallons per minute. The motors for these pumps are 700 to 1,000 horsepower
14 and are powered by 2,400 volts of electricity. There is also a set of pumps which pump
15 water from the clearwell to the transmission and distribution lines. These pumps are
16 rated between 2,083 to 52,083 gallons per minute and have 300 to 1,500 horsepower
17 motors. They are powered by 2,400 volts of electricity. Another example is the pumps
18 at the Turkey Creek Pumping Station. Those pumps are rated at 25,000 gallons per
19 minute. The motors for the pumps have 2,500 horsepower and require 4,160 volts of
20 electricity. These pumps are important to supply reliable water service for city residents.
21 If power is interrupted or if the voltage delivered is below the rating for the equipment,
22 water service and the equipment used to provide that service are compromised.

1 Q. HAS THE CITY EXPERIENCED POWER OUTAGES AT WATER SERVICES
2 FACILITIES.

3 A. Yes, there is a history of power outages at Water Services facilities. The most recent
4 outages experienced were on May 25, 2012 and July 23, 2012. The outage on May 25
5 affected three pumping facilities: East Bottoms, Turkey Creek and the Blue Ridge
6 Pumping Stations. The outage on July 23 affected the Blue Ridge Pumping Station.

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8 Q. HAS THE CITY EXPERIENCED VOLTAGE OR CURRENT FLUCTUATIONS AT
9 WATER SERVICES FACILITIES.

10 A. Yes.

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12 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW YOU MONITOR THE VOLTAGE DELIVERED TO THE
13 FACILITIES

14 A. Most facilities have monitoring devices which record at our SCADA (Supervisory
15 Control and Data Acquisition) system. We have position remote event recorders to log
16 the quality of power supplied to three locations.

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18 Q. FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS, TELL THE COMMISSION THE NUMBER OF
19 INSTANCES WHEN VOLTAGE FLUCTUATED AT YOUR FACILITIES AND
20 IDENTIFY THE FACILITIES AFFECTED.

21 A. Very briefly, there have been three incidents at the Blue Ridge Pumping Station, two at
22 Turkey Creek Pumping Station, one at the East Bottom Pumping Station, and three at the
23 Water Treatment Plant.

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Q. WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES TO YOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE EQUIPMENT USED WHEN POWER IS INTERRUPTED OR VOLTAGE IS BELOW REQUIREMENTS.

A. First and foremost, water service to City residents is adversely affected. Depending on the length of the interruption in electric service, water pumping operations could be stopped to the point that pressure is lost in lines and water service halted resulting in issuance of Boil Advisory to the affected areas. With respect to voltage or current fluctuations, there are motor control devices which are highly sensitive pieces of equipment and if the voltage or current to the motors is not at the appropriate level, the motors will drop offline. Starting electric motors from uncontrolled stops places excessive wear on the electrical equipment which in turn shortens its useful life, or the motor degrades and must be replaced. The City incurs unnecessary maintenance or replacement costs as a consequence of these voltage and current fluctuations.

Q. HAVE YOU OR MEMBERS OF YOUR DEPARTMENT RAISED THESE SERVICE CONCERNS WITH KCPL REPRESENTATIVES.

A. We are engaged in continuing dialogue with our KCPL representatives about these power supply issues. Our last meeting was July 27, 2012 during which we addressed the following issues of immediate importance: Power reliability; incoming power monitoring devices at four locations; the hiring of an energy consultant (P3) by KCPL, and correlation between the power disruptions experienced by the City and reporting by KCPL equipment.

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Q. HAVE YOU OR KCPL INITIATED ANY FORMAL STUDY(IES) TO RESOLVE THE CONCERNS YOU HAVE MENTIONED IN YOUR TESTIMONY.

A. KCP&L has hired a consultant, P3, to look at the electrical supply to various pumping facilities and what can be done to improve reliability, consistency, and improvements for KCPL or the City.

Q. WHILE THE ENGINEERING STUDY IS UNDERWAY, DO YOU HAVE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS ON IMPROVING KCPL’S QUALITY OF SERVICE TO THE WATER SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

A. I believe that KCPL should dedicate more feed lines to at least the largest of the water services facilities and KCPL should not use those lines for service to any other customers. More of KCPL’s overhead lines should be moved to underground. Additionally, KCPL should have contingent power supplies, such as optional feeder lines that could be switched over, available for water services when an outage on KCPL’s regular facilities occurs. At the same time, KCPL should install what devices are necessary to reduce or eliminate any fluctuations in the voltage or current supplied to the water services pumps and other sensitive equipment.

Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY AT THIS TIME?

A. Yes, it does.