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Cecil I. Wright
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Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
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RE: Case No. EM-97-305

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission in the above-referenced matter are the original and 14 copies of the Motion to Expedite of Kansas City Power & Light Company.

Please bring this filing to the attention of the Commission.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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cc: Office of the Public Counsel

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

In the Matter of the Application of Kansas)
City Power & Light Company for authority)
to sell to the City of Kansas City, Missouri,)
certain streetlighting facilities subject to the)
jurisdiction of the Commission.)

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MOTION TO EXPEDITE

COMES NOW Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL), and for its request for expedited treatment of the above-captioned case, states as follows:

1. On or about February 6, 1997, KCPL filed an Application with the Commission seeking authority to sell to the City of Kansas City, Missouri its existing streetlighting system located within the City. A late-filed exhibit -- KCPL's Board of Directors resolution authorizing the sale -- was filed on or about February 14, 1997. KCPL amended its Application to include a copy of the streetlight sale agreement in the filing on or about February 26, 1997.
2. On March 4, 1997, the Commission issued an Order and Notice, in part, allowing interested parties the opportunity to intervene by April 3, 1997.
3. A general vote will be held in the City of Kansas City, Missouri, on April 1, 1997, which will include the City's ordinance to finance the purchase of the streetlighting system from KCPL. It is, and has been, the City's and KCPL's intent that the Commission authorize and approve the sale of KCPL's streetlighting system to the City *prior* to the general vote.

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4. To that end, KCPL met with several Staff members in January 1997, who indicated a willingness to treat KCPL's Application in an expeditious manner. In addition, counsel for KCPL contacted Staff counsel on March 6, 1997 to discuss expedited treatment, and Staff counsel reiterated his agreement to assist KCPL in meeting its April 1, 1997 deadline. KCPL and Staff believe that in all likelihood, no other parties will seek intervention in this case. The Application at issue strictly pertains to KCPL and the City. No other customer classes will be affected by the sale.

5. Therefore, KCPL requests that the Commission modify its March 4, 1997 Order and Notice to provide for a shorter intervention period and to afford KCPL expedited treatment of its Application.

WHEREFORE, KCPL respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order authorizing and approving the sale of KCPL's streetlighting system to the City in an expedited manner, including modifying its March 4, 1997 Order and Notice to provide for a shorter intervention period.

Respectfully submitted,

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