

## Meeting with Chairman Kevin Gunn

Wednesday, February 15, 2012 @ Chairman Gunn's Office, MPSC, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri

Attendance 1:15 – 1:45 p.m. – MPSC: Chairman Kevin Gunn, MPSC Advisor Andrew Zellers, MPSC General Counsel Steve Reed; Office of Public Counsel (“OPC”) Lewis Mills; and, Kansas City Power & Light Company (“KCP&L” or “Company”) representatives Terry Bassham, President and COO, and Darrin Ives, Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs.

1:15 – 1:45 p.m.:

Terry Bassham began the discussion thanking Chairman Gunn and all participants for their time. He went on to say that he, and the Company, took the letter of inquiry from the Chairman very seriously. Mr. Bassham then shared for the group his background of over 25 years in the industry with virtually all of it in positions of responsibility over regulatory activities. He shared his views on the importance of credibility.

Mr. Bassham went on to state that after further evaluating our current position and in response to concerns of dockets in front of the Commission and parties that we had determined at this time not to pursue a merger of KCP&L and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company, even though a 60-day notice had been filed.

Chairman Gunn then spoke for a few minutes about his decision to make the inquiry. He wanted to be clear that the inquiry was not a personal accusation to any individual or Company. He indicated that he felt that there was a loophole in the system whereby Staff and parties could be overwhelmed if all utilities in the State filed rate cases concurrently and he needed to address the question in this case. He said the inquiry was necessarily public because of the *ex parte* rules that are currently in existence in the State. Finally, he wanted to be clear that the Staff could process all cases currently noticed under the 60-day process but understood our decision on the merger. Lastly, he wanted to be clear that he issued a letter closing the matter because it was important for all parties to have clarity and closure. He plans to put this inquiry behind him and hopes all parties can do the same. He thanked the Company for coming to Jefferson City to discuss. Chairman Gunn indicated that he appreciated the seriousness with which the Company took the inquiry and the need to visit him to discuss.