

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

In the Matter of the Application of Kansas City	)	
Power & Light Company for an Accounting	)	
Authority Order Allowing the Company to	)	Case No. EU-2004-0294
Record and Preserve Asset Retirement	)	
Obligation Costs Consistent With Statement of	)	
Financial Accounting Standard No. 143 and	)	
Motion for Expedited Treatment.	)	

**MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

COMES NOW Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCPL") by and through its counsel and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080(16), moves for expedited treatment of the application filed in the above-entitled matter. In support of its motion, KCPL states:

1. KCPL filed its application for an Accounting Authority Order ("AAO") herein on January 16, 2004. KCPL's application sets forth the reasons and rationale for issuing the AAO.

2. On January 22, 2004, the Commission issued an Order Directing Filing which indicated that KCPL had not complied with 4 CSR 240-2.080(16) with regard to the expedited treatment of KCPL's application and directing KCPL to file a motion complying with said regulation.

3. KCPL indicated in its application that it requested the Commission to act on its application by February 2, 2004.

4. The benefit and/or the harm which may accrue to KCPL as a result of the Commission's action by February 2, 2004, concerns the obligation KCPL has to submit its 2003 Form 10-K to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and release information concerning KCPL earnings for 2003, with true and accurate information. As a result of the

passage of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (“Sarbanes-Oxley”), there is increased scrutiny and heightened concern for the accuracy of corporate financial information. It is KCPL’s desire to submit a true and accurate Form 10-K to the SEC, as well as issue true and accurate information regarding KCPL’s earnings. KCPL’s ability to submit a true and accurate Form 10-K, as well as issue true and accurate information regarding KCPL’s 2003 earnings, depends in part on KCPL’s ability to receive the Commission’s approval for the accounting authority described in KCPL’s application.

5. Although Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 143 (“SFAS 143”) was adopted by the Financial Accounting Standards Board in June 2001, it was applicable to KCPL as of January 1, 2003. The combination of Sarbanes-Oxley and application of SFAS 143 to KCPL financial accounting records raised a concern during the preparation and finalization of reports regarding KCPL’s 2003 earnings, including Form 10-K. KCPL elected to seek Commission authority for its accounting treatment of the matters described in its application, to ensure that KCPL had complied with applicable accounting standards and law. KCPL regrets any inconvenience its request for expedited treatment has caused the Commission or its Staff; however, KCPL’s desire to submit a true and accurate Form 10-K to the SEC, as well as reporting information on KCPL’s 2003 earnings prompted KCPL to request the Commission’s approval of its application.

WHEREFORE, KCPL respectfully requests the Commission for expedited treatment of its application filed herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERIFICATION**

State of Missouri     )  
                                  )     Ss:  
County of Jackson    )

Michael A. Rump, being first duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states that he is one of the attorneys for Kansas City Power & Light Company, that he has read and is familiar with the foregoing application and that the statements therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

/s/ Michael A. Rump

Michael A. Rump

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of January 2004.

/s/ Carol Sivils

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:  
June 15, 2007

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the above and foregoing Kansas City Power & Light Company's motion for expedited treatment was hand delivered and/or deposited in the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the 22nd day of January 2004, to the parties of record in the above entitled matter.

/s/ Michael A. Rump

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