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Chairman Kevin Gunn
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Re: Possible Joint Investigation into ratemaking treatment for off-system sales by Kansas City Power & Light Company, Missouri Public Service Commission File No. E0-2012-0020

Dear Chairman Gunn:

Thank you for your letter of September 15th, regarding the possibility of a joint investigation by the Missouri Commission and the Kansas Corporation Commission into the ratemaking treatment for off-system sales by KCP&L. In KCP&L's recent rate case (Docket 10-KCPE-415-RTS), the Kansas Corporation Commission denied KCPL's request to change the allocator used to assign the costs and benefits of off-system sales between Kansas and Missouri. Because an issue concerning rate case expense is still under consideration, the order in that case has yet to become final. Therefore, at this time, given the decision of the Commission in the 415 docket and the status of that proceeding, I must respectfully decline your invitation to jointly investigate this issue further.

The regulation of a utility that serves customers in multiple states is challenging and I can offer no easy solutions. Nevertheless, I do very much appreciate being kept informed of such issues in Missouri and will take them into consideration if they affect future decision making.

Sincerely,


Mark Sievers, Chairman
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