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Witness: Douglas L. Bossert
Sponsoring Party: City of Kansas City, Missouri
Case No.: Case No. ER-2012-0174

CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

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DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

DOUGLAS L. BOSSERT

Kansas City, Missouri
August 2012

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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)

AFFIDAVIT OF DOUGLAS L. BOSSERT

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Jackson)

I, Douglas L. Bossert, of lawful age, and being duly sworn, do hereby depose and state:

1. My name is Douglas L. Bossert. I am presently Housing Section Manager for the Neighborhoods and Housing Services Department (formerly known as Housing and Community Development 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.

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

Maggie J. Mujaheed
Notary Public for Jackson County, MO

My Commission expires:

June 24, 2013

MAGGIE J. MUJAHID
Notary Public
Commissioned for Jackson County
My Commission Expires: June 24, 2013
Commission Number: 09828361



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Q. WHAT IS THE CITY’S ROLE WITH RESPECT TO THE LOW INCOME WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIWAP)?

A. The City operates the program pursuant to technical assessment criteria established by the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) as administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR). DNR also acts as the distributor of the available weatherization program grants. In addition to the DNR funds, the City also administers low income weatherization efforts funded by local utility companies in a manner consistent with program guidelines through their respective sustainability and residential energy efficiency programs. The City is a long time approved recipient of weatherization grants and federal funding for the program. The City’s program is also supported by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and by City funded home repair programs. The City’s participation with utilities in Platte, Clay and Jackson Counties in Missouri in providing weatherization assistance, and the personal involvement by City staff in the program from its beginnings are subjects of Robert T. Jackson’s testimony filed in previous cases before the Commission including GR-2006-0422, ER-2006-0314 and ER-2005-0436. Before his retirement in 2010, Mr. Jackson administered the City’s low income weatherization program.

Q. HAS THERE BEEN A STEADY DEMAND FOR LOW INCOME WEATHERIZATION THROUGH YOUR DEPARTMENT.

A. Yes, there has. Over the past three years the Program has completed over 2,000 weatherization jobs for low income recipients. During that period, the City extensively

1 relied upon available funding from The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of
2 2009 (ARRA). The City averaged 80 home weatherization completions a month during a
3 period starting in August 2010 to June 2012. There is still a waiting list of several
4 hundred low income households which need weatherization services.

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6 Q. IS FUNDING FROM THE ARRA STILL AVAILABLE?

7 A. Yes but not at the levels of previous years. To sustain the program and meet the demand
8 for weatherization for eligible applicants, continued funding from DNR and the
9 participating utility companies will be needed. Given the broad concerns about rising
10 energy costs, which impact low income households dramatically, it is important that
11 utility companies continue to fund weatherization programs at even greater levels within
12 their service delivery areas.

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14 Q. IS KCPL CURRENTLY UNDER AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR
15 THE CITY'S LOW INCOME WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM.

16 A. Yes. Pursuant to its contract with the City, KCPL has allocated **\$██████████** for
17 purposes of low income weatherization through the City sponsored program for calendar
18 year 2012.

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20 Q. DO YOU HAVE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE AMOUNT KCPL
21 SHOULD ALLOCATE FOR THE CITY LIWAP.

22 A. As I mentioned above, ARRA funding is on the decline. That source of funding will not
23 continue indefinitely. To meet demand, the City will rely more heavily on the utility

1 partners. There is no question that low income weatherization is a very viable program
2 and support by affected utilities is justified. At this time I recommend that KCPL's
3 allocation for the City LIWAP be increased to **\$██████████**. This is lower than what
4 was allocated in 2008 and 2009 but is a reasonable amount to account for the City's
5 anticipated greater reliance on KCPL for future weatherization projects under the
6 program. I also want to take this opportunity to suggest an improvement in identifying
7 eligible applicants for home weatherization.

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9 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE IMPROVEMENT YOU ARE RECOMMENDING.

10 A. First, I want to underscore that I appreciate KCPL's support (and KCPL GMO's support)
11 for the City's weatherization program, and all other such programs, that are serving
12 Jackson, Clay and Platte Counties in Missouri. I am aware that some utility companies
13 offer a web based client approval system which allows weatherization providers to
14 quickly check to see if weatherization clients are eligible for their respective programs
15 based on their account number. If KCPL (and affiliated companies) were to establish
16 such a system it would improve the weatherization process.

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18 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

19 A. Yes, it does.