

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 27th day of
January, 2016.

In the Matter of the Application of KCP&L Greater)	
Missouri Operations Company for Permission and)	
Approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and)	
Necessity Authorizing it to Construct, Install, Own,)	<u>File No. EA-2015-0256</u>
Operate, Maintain and Otherwise Control and Manage)	
Solar Generation Facilities in Western Missouri)	

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: January 27, 2016

Effective Date: January 27, 2016

On November 12, 2015, KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (GMO) filed an application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct and operate a small utility-scale solar electrical production facility at the existing Greenwood Energy Center located in unincorporated Jackson County, Missouri. The application asked the Commission to grant the requested certificate by January 31, 2016.

At the request of the Office of Public Counsel, the Commission held a procedural conference on January 14, at which the parties were directed to file a proposed procedural schedule for the Commission's consideration. On January 19, Staff, Public Counsel, and United for Missouri filed a proposed procedural schedule that would require a hearing on March 29, following three rounds of prefiled testimony. GMO did not join in that proposed schedule, and instead proposed a more abbreviated schedule, with a hearing to take place on February 10, without prefiled testimony. Brightergy and the Division of Energy support GMO's proposed schedule.

GMO indicates that Staff and Public Counsel are likely to raise concerns about the cost of the solar project and concedes the project is not the least cost option at this time and that it is not needed to comply with the current Missouri Renewable Energy Standard. Nevertheless, GMO wants to proceed with the project to provide the company experience in operating a solar production facility and to assist it in evaluating the potential of a future large-scale solar installation. GMO also indicates that if approval of the project is delayed so that it cannot be completed in time to coordinate with GMO's upcoming rate case, it may abandon the project. GMO asks that the parties be directed to stipulate to as many agreed upon facts as possible to make the "live" hearing simpler.

The Commission believes that proceeding in the customary manner proposed by Staff and Public Counsel would unduly delay the project and effectively deny GMO's application without allowing the Commission an opportunity to decide whether the proposed solar project would serve the public interest. Therefore, the Commission will generally adopt the procedural schedule proposed by GMO, although the hearing will be held on February 11 rather than the proposed date to avoid conflict with the Commission's weekly agenda meeting.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission adopts the following procedural schedule:

Parties file a stipulation of agreed upon facts	-	February 1, 2016
Parties file a list of contested issues	-	February 4, 2016
Parties file a list and order of witnesses, order of cross-examination, and statements of position	-	February 8, 2016

Evidentiary hearing

- February 11, 2016,
beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Parties File Briefs

- February 18, 2016

2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and
Coleman, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge