# STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY November 28, 2000

CASE NO: EF-2001-282

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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

In the Matter of the Application of )
Kansas City Power & Light Company, a )
Missouri Corporation, for Authority to )
Issue Debt Securities. )

### ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT AND DIRECTING FILING

On October 24, 2000, Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL) filed an incomplete application for authorization to issue up to \$400 million of debt securities. KCPL stated that it would file additional information to complete its application no later than November 8, 2000. KCPL requested that the Commission issue an order by December 1, 2000, but it did not file a formal motion for expedited treatment.

On November 3, 2000, KCPL filed an amended application and a formal motion for expedited treatment. The motion did not comply with the Commission's rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(17)(C) in that it did not address whether the motion was filed as soon as possible. The motion set out as a reason Commission action was needed by December 1, 2000, that KCPL had received advice regarding favorable market conditions in early December. KCPL also stated that granting the application in an expeditious manner would be in the public interest. The amended application included all the missing items with the exception of the resolution from KCPL's board of directors. The resolution was filed on November 8, 2000.

On November 13, 2000, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a response to the amended application and motion for expedited treatment. Staff objected to the Commission issuing an order with an effective date of December 1, 2000. Staff stated that it had questions regarding the effects of this financing on KCPL's investment grade and a pending KCPL restructuring case. Staff indicated that it could make a recommendation by November 30, 2000, if it received responses by November 16, 2000, to data requests it sent to KCPL. Staff recommends that the Commission deny KCPL's request for a Commission order to be issued by December 1, 2000, but suggested that the Commission state it will act as quickly as possible depending upon the filings in the case.

Staff also advised KCPL that if the Commission receives a written waiver of the effective date of the order, the Commission can issue an order which becomes effective immediately. The Commission did not receive any other responses to the application or motion.

The Commission has considered the motion filed by KCPL and the objections of Staff. The Commission finds that KCPL has not clearly identified good cause to expedite treatment of this case by December 1, 2000. However, the Commission will act quickly once a recommendation regarding the financing is received from Staff. Therefore, the Commission will direct Staff to file either its

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Commission also suggests that KCPL file a response to Staff's recommendation as soon as possible so that the Commission can act without waiting up to ten days for responses in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.080(21).

recommendation or an explanation as to why it cannot file a recommendation no later than November 30, 2000.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the motion for expedited treatment filed by Kansas City Power & Light Company on November 3, 2000, is denied.
- 2. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission is directed to file either a recommendation or an explanation as to why it cannot file a recommendation no later than November 30, 2000.
- 3. That in addition to its regular service, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall serve its recommendation or explanation on Kansas City Power & Light Company by facsimile or electronic mail on the day it is filed.
- 4. That this order shall become effective on November 30, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

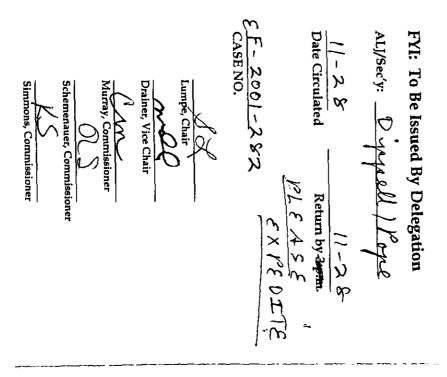
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Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 28th day of November, 2000.



#### **STATE OF MISSOURI**

#### OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,

Missouri, this 28th day of Nov. 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Lake HARD Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge