

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Donald S. McCandless, Jr.,	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<u>Case No. EC-99-338</u>
	)	
Kansas City Power & Light Company,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE  
AND REQUIRING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Donald S. McCandless, Jr., Petitioner, filed his formal complaint on February 10, 1999, seeking correction of a bill for electrical services for the period July 15, 1998, through September 13, 1998, tendered to him by Respondent Kansas City Power and Light Company (KCPL). Mr. McCandless avers that the bill at issue overstates his electrical usage during the period in question. On February 11, 1999, this Commission issued its Notice of Complaint. On March 11, 1999, KCPL filed its Answer, asserting that the bill in question is correct.

This matter is now at issue and a prehearing conference and procedural schedule are appropriate to ensure its prompt resolution. At the prehearing conference, the parties or their representatives should be prepared to discuss the nature of any discovery each will conduct and the interval necessary for its completion; the number of witnesses each expects to call at hearing; the number and nature of

any exhibits each expects to offer at hearing; and the anticipated length of the hearing. The parties or their representatives should also be prepared to discuss the current status of settlement negotiations. It is expected that the prehearing conference will provide an opportunity for the parties to further pursue settlement discussions.

The parties shall jointly file a proposed procedural schedule. The proposed procedural schedule shall establish dates for the close of discovery and the filing of a hearing memorandum. The hearing memorandum, in turn, shall succinctly set out the issues which the Commission must determine, the witnesses to be called on each day of hearing and the order thereof, and the page limitations of the post-hearing briefs as agreed by the parties. The proposed procedural schedule shall also establish dates for the hearing of this matter.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That a prehearing conference shall be held on April 16, 1999, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference shall be held at the Commission's offices on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Anyone wishing to attend who has special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days before the prehearing conference at: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

2. That the parties shall jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule no later than April 23, 1999.

3. That this order shall become effective on March 30, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

( S E A L )

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief  
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation  
of authority pursuant to 4 CSR  
240-2.120(1) (November 30, 1995) and  
Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 18th day of March, 1999.