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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 CANCELING 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.

On April 16, 1999, this Commission convened a prehearing conference. In addition to KCPL and Complainant, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) were represented. Having been informed by the parties that settlement negotiations are ongoing, the Commission shall therefore relieve the parties of the requirement of filing a proposed procedural schedule by April 23, 1999. The parties shall apprise the

Staff of the progress of their negotiations, or lack thereof, and Staff shall advise the Commission by written status report, with a copy to all other parties. If progress toward a settlement is not made, the Commission will reinstate the requirement that the parties jointly develop and file a proposed procedural schedule.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the joint proposed procedural schedule, previously required to be filed no later than April 23, 1999, need not be filed unless otherwise directed by further order of this Commission.

2. That the parties shall advise the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission of the progress or lack thereof in reaching a settlement of this matter by negotiation.

3. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall report the status of the settlement negotiations in writing to this Commission, with copies to all other parties, on or before May 24, 1999.

4. That this order shall become effective on April 29, 1999.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

( S E A L )

*Dale Hardy Roberts*

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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 19th day of April, 1999.