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**Operations Company** 

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#### MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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#### **DIRECT TESTIMONY**

**OF** 

TIM M. RUSH

#### ON BEHALF OF

KCP&L GREATER MISSOURI OPERATIONS COMPANY

Kansas City, Missouri June 2010

## DIRECT TESTIMONY

### OF

## TIM M. RUSH

## Case No. EO-2010-

1	Q:	Please state your name and business address.		
2	A:	My name is Tim M. Rush. My business address is 1200 Main, Kansas City,		
3		Missouri 64105.		
4	Q:	By whom and in what capacity are you employed?		
5	A:	I am employed by Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCP&L") as Director,		
6		Regulatory Affairs.		
7	Q:	What are your responsibilities?		
8	A:	My general responsibilities include overseeing the preparation of the rate case,		
9		class cost of service and rate design of both KCP&L and KCP&L Greater		
10		Missouri Operations Company formerly Aquila, Inc. ("KCP&L-GMO" or "the		
11		Company"). I am also responsible for overseeing the regulatory reporting and		
12		general activities as they relate to the Missouri Public Service Commission		
13		("MPSC" or "Commission").		
14	Q:	Please describe your education, experience and employment history.		
15	A:	I received a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Northwest Missouri		
16		State University in Maryville, Missouri. I received a Bachelor of Science Degree		
17		in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from the		
18		University of Missouri in Columbia.		
19	Q:	Please provide your work experience.		

1	A:	I was hired by KCP&L in 2001, as Director, Regulatory Affairs. Prior to my
2		employment with KCP&L, I was employed by St. Joseph Light & Power
3		Company ("Light & Power") for over 24 years. At Light & Power, I was
4		Manager of Customer Operations from 1996 to 2001, where I had responsibility
5		for the regulatory area, as well as marketing, energy consultant and customer
6		services areas. Customer services included the call center and collections areas.
7		Prior to that, I held various positions in the Rates and Market Research
8		Department from 1977 until 1996. I was the manager of that department for
9		fifteen years.
10	Q:	Have you previously testified in a proceeding before the MPSC or before any
11		other utility regulatory agency?
12	A:	I have testified on numerous occasions before the MPSC on a variety of issues
13		affecting regulated public utilities. Additionally, I have testified at the Federal
14		Energy Regulatory Commission and the Kansas Corporation Commission.
15	Q:	What is the purpose of your testimony?
16	A:	KCP&L-GMO consists of two rate jurisdictions identified as All Territories
17		Served as L&P and MPS ("L&P" and "MPS," respectively). This FAC tariff
18		filing consists of a CAF for each of the rate jurisdictions. My testimony supports
19		the rate schedule filed by KCP&L-GMO to adjust rates for Fuel Adjustment
20		Clause ("FAC") includable costs experienced during the six-month period
21		December 2009 through May 2010. This six-month period is the sixth
22		accumulation period under KCP&L-GMO's FAC, which was originally approved
23		by the Commission in Case No. ER-2007-0004 and modified in Case No. ER-

2009-0090. The proposed change will result in a decrease to a typical residential customer's bill for an MPS customer of approximately \$0.55 per month and an increase to a typical residential customer's bill for an L&P customer of approximately \$.90 per month.

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Q: Please explain why KCP&L-GMO filed the FAC adjustment rate schedules at this time.

The Commission's rule governing fuel and purchased power cost recovery mechanisms for electric utilities – specifically 4 CSR 240-20.090(4) – requires KCP&L-GMO to make periodic filings to allow the Commission to review the actual net FAC includable costs the Company has incurred and to allow rates to be adjusted, either up or down, to reflect those actual costs. The Commission's rule requires at least one such review and adjustment each year. KCP&L-GMO's approved FAC calls for two annual filings – one filing covering the six-month accumulation period running from June through November and another filing covering the accumulation period running from December through May. Any increases or decreases in rates in these filings are then collected from or refunded to customers over a subsequent twelve-month recovery period. Since the conclusion of Case No. ER-2007-0004, the costs of fuel and purchased power necessary to meet the demand for electricity by the Company's customers has continued to increase. A number of factors caused these cost increases, including the following: (i) higher natural gas costs (although natural gas costs have fallen during the most recent accumulation period, they remain higher than those costs

1		as set in the FAC base within Case No. ER-2007-0004.); (ii) higher purchased		
2		power costs; and (iii) higher coal and freight costs.		
3		For the accumulation period December 2009 through May 2010, KCP&L-GMO's		
4		actual FAC includable costs exceeded the base costs included in base rates by		
5		approximately \$19 million. In accordance with the Commission's rule and		
6		KCP&L-GMO's approved FAC, KCP&L-GMO is filing the FAC tariff that		
7		provides for an increase in rates to recover 95% of those cost increases.		
8	Q:	How did you develop the various values used to derive the proposed Cost		
9		Adjustment Factor ("CAF") that are shown on Schedule TMR-1?		
10	A:	The proposed tariff rates are shown in Schedule TMR-1. The filing made in		
11		conjunction with this testimony contains all of the information as set in 4 CSR		
12		240-3.161(7)(A) which supports these proposed rates. In addition, I am		
13		submitting a copy of the workpapers that support the determination of the current		
14		CAF.		
15	Q:	Please describe the impact of the increase in costs and how it will affect		
16		typical customer.		
17	A:	As stated above, KCP&L-GMO consists of two rate jurisdictions. This FAC tariff		
18		filing consists of a CAF for each of the rate jurisdictions. The CAF for the		
19		current period is \$0.0027 per kWh for both secondary and primary voltage		
20		customers for MPS and \$0.0014 per kWh for both secondary and primary voltage		
21		customers for L&P. This is the difference between base FAC includable costs		
22		and the actual costs incurred by the Company during the December-May		

1		accumulation period over a recovery period running from September 2010		
2		through August 2011.		
3		The proposed CAF was calculated in the manner specified in the Company's		
4		FAC. Attached to my testimony, as Schedule TMR-1, is a copy of the tariff sheet		
5		with the current CAF, the prior period CAF and the total CAF that will be billed		
6		to customers over the recovery period.  The CAF calculated for the fourth		
7		accumulation period has been removed as its recovery period will cease on		
8		August 31, 2010. The CAF for the fifth accumulation period is added to the CAF		
9		for the current accumulation period to provide the annual CAF. Thus, given the		
10		proposed current CAF calculations, the annual CAF for MPS will be \$0.0065 per		
11		kWh for both secondary and primary voltages and \$0.0022 per kWh for both		
12		secondary and primary voltages for L&P. As stated earlier, this will result in a		
13		decrease to a typical residential customer's bill for an MPS customer of		
14		approximately \$0.55 per month and an increase to a typical residential customer's		
15		bill for an L&P customer of approximately \$.90 per month.		
16	Q:	If the rate schedules filed by KCP&L-GMO are approved or allowed to go		
17		into effect, what safeguards exist to ensure that the revenues the Company		
18		collects do not exceed the fuel and purchased power costs that KCP&L-		
19		GMO actually incurred during the Accumulation Period?		
20	A:	KCP&L-GMO's FAC and the Commission's rules provide two mechanisms to		
21		ensure that amounts collected from customers do not exceed KCP&L-GMO's		
22		actual, prudently-incurred fuel and purchased power costs. First, at the end of		
23		each recovery period the Company is required to true up the amounts collected		

from customers through the CAF with the excess fuel and purchased power costs that actually were incurred during the accumulation period to which the CAF applies. Second, KCP&L-GMO's fuel and purchased power costs are subject to periodic Prudence Reviews to ensure that only prudently-incurred fuel and purchased power costs are collected from customers through KCP&L-GMO's FAC. These two mechanisms serve as checks to ensure that the Company's customers pay only the prudently-incurred, actual costs of fuel and purchased power used to provide electric service. Q: Have each of these mechanisms been in effect throughout the FAC process since its inception in Case No. ER-2007-0004? Yes, KCP&L-GMO has been through two prudence reviews as well as two true-A: up filings. A prudence review of the first four accumulation periods has been completed and the MPSC Staff indicated in each of their reports that there were no areas of imprudence identified within the audits. In addition, the Company has made two true-up filings following the completion of the recovery periods for the for the first and second accumulation periods. These true-up filings were approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission. Additionally, a third trueup filing is being made concurrent with this filing covering the 3<sup>rd</sup> accumulation period of June 2008 through November 2008 and its corresponding recovery period of March 2009 through February 2010. The Company's calculation of the under-recovery has been included in the calculation of the current proposed tariff change.

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- 1 Q: What action is KCP&L-GMO requesting from the Commission with respect
- 2 to the rate schedules that the Company has filed?
- 3 A: KCP&L-GMO requests the Commission approve the rate schedules to be
- 4 effective as of September 1, 2010.
- 5 Q: Does this conclude your testimony?
- 6 A: Yes, it does.

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company for Authority to Implement Rate Adjustments Required by 4 CSR 240-20.090(4) and the Company's Approved Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Mechanism	) ) Case No. EO-2010 )		
AFFIDAVIT OF TIM	M. RUSH		
STATE OF MISSOURI ) ) ss COUNTY OF JACKSON )			
Tim M. Rush, being first duly sworn on his oat	h, states:		
1. My name is Tim M. Rush. I work in Ka	ansas City, Missouri, and I am employed		
by Kansas City Power & Light Company as Director, I	Regulatory Affairs.		
2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my Direct Testimony			
on behalf of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Con	npany For All Territories Served As L&P		
and MPS, consisting of Seven (7) pages, having	g been prepared in written form for		
introduction into evidence in the above-captioned dock	ret.		
3. I have knowledge of the matters set fort	h therein. I hereby swear and affirm that		
my answers contained in the attached testimony to the	questions therein propounded, including		
any attachments thereto, are true and accurate to the be	st of my knowledge, information and		
belief.  Tim M. R	m M June		
Subscribed and sworn before me this 30 day of June 2	och Wing		
My commission expires: Flb. 4 20 1	"NOTARY SEAL " Nicole A. Wehry, Notary Public Jackson County, State of Missouri My Commission Expires 2/4/2011 Commission Number 07391200		

#### STATE OF MISSOURI, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

P.S.C. MO. No. 1 2nd Revised Sheet No. 127.5

Canceling P.S.C. MO. No. 1 1st Revised Sheet No. 127.5

KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company For Territories Served as L&P and MPS

KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

## FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE (CONTINUED) ELECTRIC

(Applicable to Service Provided September 1, 2009 and Thereafter)

#### COST ADJUSTMENT FACTOR

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		MPS	L&P
Accumulation Period Ending		5/31/10	5/31/10
1 Total Energy Cost (TEC)		\$90,226,379	\$22,334,031
2 Base energy cost (B)	-	\$74,249,464	\$19,644,937
3 First Interim Total		\$15,976,915	\$2,689,094
4 Jurisdictional Factor (J)	*	99.448%	100%
5 Second Interim Total		\$15,888,721	\$2,689,094
6 Customer Responsibility	*	95%	95%
7 Third Interim Total		\$15,094,285	\$2,554,639
8 Adjustment for Under / Over recovery for	+		
prior periods and Modifications due to			
prudence reviews (C)		\$768,873	\$377,151
9 Interest (I)	+	\$421,355	\$41,847
10 Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment			
(FPA)		\$16,284,513	\$2,973,638
11 RNSI	÷	6,358,211,651	2,254,414,809
12 Fourth Interim Total		\$0.0026	\$0.0013
13 Current period CAF <sub>Prim</sub> (= Line 12 * XF <sub>Prim</sub> )		\$0.0027	\$0.0014
14 Previous period CAF <sub>Prim</sub>	+	\$0.0038	\$0.0008
15 Current annual CAF <sub>Prim</sub>		\$0.0065	\$0.0022
16 Current period CAF <sub>Sec</sub> (= Line 12 * XF <sub>Sec</sub> )		\$0.0027	\$0.0014
17 Previous period CAF <sub>Sec</sub>	+	\$0.0038	\$0.0008
18 Current annual CAF <sub>Sec</sub>		\$0.0065	\$0.0022

Expansion Factors (XF):

Network:	Primary	Secondary
MPS	1.0444	1.0679
L&P	1.0444	1.0700

Issued: June 30, 2010

Issued by: Tim M Rush, Director Regulatory Affairs

Effective: September 1, 2010