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RE: Case No. EC-99-553 - Kansas City Power & Light Company

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and the appropriate number of conformed copies of the **STAFF'S REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED FROM FILING FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.**

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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GS Technology Operating Company Inc.,)
d/b/a GST Steel Co.)
)
Complainant)
)
v.)
)
Kansas City Power & Light Co.)
)
Respondent.)

Case No. EC-99-553

**STAFF'S REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED FROM
FILING FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**


COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and requests to be excused from filing Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this case. In support of that request, Staff states:

1. This case involves a complaint filed by GS Technologies Operating Company, Inc., d/b/a GST Steel Co. (GST) against Kansas City Power & Light Company(KCPL).
2. In this case, and as Staff noted in opening remarks, it is GST's responsibility to prove its complaint case, and KCPL's to defend.
3. While Staff did file testimony, did file position statements, and does view this case as being significant, Staff has seen its role in this proceeding as generally limited to reviewing and monitoring due, in part, to the existence of the Hawthorn 5 boiler explosion case, and other proceedings requiring the attention of the Staff..
4. On the final day of the hearing, April 19, the Parties were instructed to file Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law with their Initial Briefs, which are due May 12, 2000.

5. Because Staff has only participated in this case on a limited basis, and due to Staff involvement in other significant Commission proceedings, Staff respectfully asks to be excused from the requirement to file Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

Respectfully submitted,

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