

**Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC)
Hearings on Proposed Power Plant by KCP&L**

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**Personal Remarks by Charles E. Gillam,
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The Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition (SSC) is a rapidly growing organization of Churches within the Kansas City Area of various faiths and denominations concerned with the disregard for our "Earth and Creation", both locally and globally.

Our interest today is to stop KCP&L from constructing another environmentally harmful coal burning power plant, without seeming regard for the health and well being of the people of the area.

This Commission has all the pollution data associated with these plants. It has been given to you by other organizations such as the Sierra Club. Each year there are over 750 early deaths in Missouri caused by such plants. There are 1,237 heart attacks; 94 lung cancer deaths; 16,000 plus asthma attacks; all each year in our state, all attributed to these dirty power plants. You have letters from the American Heart Ass'n to stop the building of this plant. You have the reports from the American Lung Ass'n. You know the terrible results on permanent brain damage by Methylmercury Toxicity. This poison affects over one half a million babies a year in our country. Coal burning power plants are the major contributor.

You know that the actual costs, including health costs, of the proposed plant is many times more than the \$1.2 billion plant construction costs. And the irony is that not only are we as citizens and consumers, to pay the horrendous additional costs in our lives and health, we are to also pay for the plant construction via a large rate increase (20% or so).

What is the objective of KCP&L? KCP&L wants to reap significant profits from the sale on the grid of cheaply made electrical power. It is their bottom line that is the concern; and were it not for the health and other environmental costs, it would be a proper corporate objective.

Originally the plan was for two 800 megawatt plants, producing power strictly for sale on the grid. That didn't sell, so KCP&L dropped to one plant. Still problems, so the message was "reframed" and labeled "to be built for increases in demand", instead of for resale. Still problems with the sell, so KCP&L offers to clean up two existing plants (that should have been cleaned up years ago), and thus create an illusion that there is no effect on the environment by the new plant proposed. As a final inducement, change the corporate position on opposition to clean power like Wind Energy and offer to try it over time.

We, the citizens, want our health and a good life in an environment as clean as is possible and hopefully cleaner than what exists today. KCP&L wants profit for the bottom line.

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Can both be accomplished? YES! It can be done! HOW!

Proceed, except no new plant now. Instead clean up the old plants, which will significantly improve on present environmental conditions.

Pursue the Wind Energy option. Construct relatively inexpensive 50 megawatt Wind Farms when incremental production is needed.

Encourage energy efficiency initiatives in the KCP&L area of operation.

Offer a smaller rate increase to pay for these costs to give KCP&L additional profit.

This gives KCP&L an improved bottom-line and greatly cleans up our local environment. It would be an easy sell to the community and show an unusual concern for the community by KCP&L. Looking at this total concept, what are the results of such a compromise.

Here are seven of them.

1. We have a cleaner environment!
2. More profit for KCP&L!
3. New resource technology in wind energy development.
4. Consumer education on how to save energy.
5. A better place to live, so essential for our State's economic future.
6. Time for new power plant technologies such as coal gasification to mature (half the upper Midwest utilities are betting on this).
7. Avoiding a 50 year problem of another dirty power plant.

How can this be put into effect? PSC has the authority to make this happen.

I have met with you Jeff Davis, with you Lin Appling, and with your staffs and associates. I trust your sincerity and your honesty. In a very short time, probably a few months, the wisdom of postponing the new plant will be apparent to just about everyone and you will be admired for your foresight.

May God grant you the wisdom and the courage to act for the betterment of us all.

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