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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
Western Resources, Inc. and Kansas City)
Power & Light Company for Approval of the)
Merger of Kansas City Power & Light Company)
with Western Resources, Inc. and Other)
Related Relief.)

Case No. EM-97-515

ORDER SCHEDULING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On May 30, 1997, Western Resources, Inc. (Western Resources) and Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL) filed an application with the Commission requesting an order approving the merger of KCPL with Western Resources and for other related relief.

On August 28, 1997, at the instruction of the Commission, KCPL, Western Resources, the Staff of the Commission (Staff), and the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed a motion for the scheduling of a prehearing conference in this matter, to be held at 10:00 a.m., September 29, 1997, at the offices of the Commission. No objections or alternative suggestions were filed by any of the remainder of the parties.

The Commission finds the request to be reasonable and will schedule the prehearing conference in this matter for 10:00 a.m., September 29, 1997, in Room 520A of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. 11

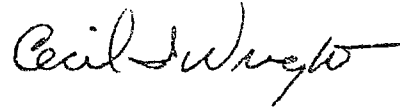
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That an early prehearing conference will be held in this case on September 29, 1997, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in Room 520A of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

2. Any person with special needs as addressed by the American with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline -- 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline -- 1-800-829-7541.

3. That this order shall become effective on September 11, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cecil I. Wright", written over the printed name.

**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

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Joseph A. Derque III, Administrative 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 11th day of September, 1997.