## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the of Matter the Application of Kansas	)	
City Power & Light Company for Authority	)	
to Sell Approximately Three Miles of a 69	)	Case No. EO-2012-0354
kV Transmission Line to the City of	)	
Independence, Missouri	)	

#### Statement of Support for Application to Sell Asset

The City of Independence, Missouri, submits the attached letter of support from Mayor Don B. Reimal. The City respectfully requests the Commission approve the application of KCPL to sell approximately three miles of a 69 kV transmission line to the City of Independence, Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012, a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail upon counsel of record:

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# City of Independence

Office of the Mayor, Don B. Reimal

June 4, 2012

Kevin Gunn, Chairman Terry M. Jarrett, Commissioner Robert S. Kenney, Commissioner Missouri Public Service Commission 200 Madison Street P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Re: Case No. EO-2012-0354

In the of Matter the Application of Kansas City Power & Light Company for Authority to Sell Approximately Three Miles of a 69 kV Transmission Line to the City of Independence, Missouri

#### Dear Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Independence to express our support for KCPL's application in the above-referenced case. As the purchaser of the asset in the sale that is the subject of this case, we wish to express to you the importance of the success of this sale to the City of Independence. We have noted and are very pleased that Commission staff has recommended the asset transfer (with certain conditions). We want to be on the record in support of the Application and provide information as to how this sale will benefit the City of Independence municipal electric utility and the customers it serves.

The City owns and operates a municipal electric utility that was established in 1901 to provide the residents and businesses of Independence, Missouri with safe, reliable and affordable electric service. The City serves more than 56,000 customers. The City maintains and operates 12 generating units, 13 major substations, and more than 650 miles of power lines. As the City has grown over the years, some of its utility territory has expanded into areas that were once KCPL's.

Included in the 13 major substations are Substation E and Substation F. The 69 kV transmission line owned by KCPL connects Substation E and Substation F and to our knowledge serves no other purpose. Substation F's only current connection to the city's transmission system is through the KCPL 69kV line to Substation E. The sale of this line by KCPL to the City would give ownership, control, and responsibility for the transmission line to the City of Independence, which is the current user of the transmission line pursuant to an agreement with KCPL and the Southwest

Power Pool ("SPP"). Acquiring ownership of this transmission line will allow us to serve the residents and businesses covered by Substation F through our own transmission system. Additionally, it will avoid the expense of buying transmission service for that line from SPP.

As stated by KCPL in its application and request for expedited treatment, our current transmission service agreement with SPP expires at the end of July 2012. We have appreciated everyone's expedited treatment of this matter so that we may avoid unnecessary costs and the efforts of entering into another agreement with SPP for the line for the time period after July 31, 2012.

For these reasons, the City of Independence respectfully requests that the Commission approve the sale of the approximately three miles of a 69kV transmission line from KCPL to the City of Independence.

Sincerely,

Don B. Reimal

Mayor

City of Independence