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1 **Q: Please state your name and business address.**

2 A: My name is Jessica L. Tucker. My business address is 1200 Main Street, 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” or the Company) as
6 Senior Manager of Power System Operations.

7 **Q: On whose behalf are you testifying?**

8 A: I am testifying on behalf of KCP&L

9 **Q: What are your primary responsibilities?**

10 A: My primary responsibilities are to oversee Power Control Center operations, including
11 Southwest Power Pool (“SPP”) Integrated Marketplace (“IM”) participation. Power
12 Control Center operations include both the power marketing and generation dispatching
13 functions. My group interacts on a daily basis with SPP regarding market participation
14 and operations.

15 **Q: Please describe your education, experience and employment history?**

16 A: I graduated Summa Cum Laude from Kansas State University in December 1999 with a
17 Bachelor’s of Science degree in Agriculture. I began my career in the energy industry in
18 January 2001 with Aquila as an Associate Hourly Trader. In this role, my efforts were
19 focused on executing short term physical power transactions in the real time market

1 across various North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) regions. My
2 employment with KCP&L began in August of 2002 as an Hourly Trader on the real time
3 desk. From August 2002 to May 2006, my role focused on buying and selling power in
4 the real time market. In June 2006, I was promoted to Interchange Marketer, which
5 focused my trading activity on day ahead and monthly power transactions. I was also a
6 part of KCP&L’s RTO integration team that prepared the generation dispatching and
7 trading area for participation in the SPP Energy Imbalance Service (“EIS”) market, which
8 launched on February 1, 2007. In November 2010, I was promoted to Manager, System
9 Operations (Power). My primary responsibility was to oversee 24x7 Power Control
10 Center functions, which consisted of real time and day ahead power trading, power
11 scheduling, and generation dispatching operations. This not only included overseeing our
12 participation in the SPP market, but compliance with applicable NERC Reliability
13 Standards. I was also responsible for preparing the dispatching and trading group for
14 participation in the SPP IM, which launched on March 1, 2014. During preparations for
15 the launch of the SPP IM, I was a voting member of the SPP Consolidated Balancing
16 Authority Steering Committee (“CBASC”). After the launch of the IM, this group
17 transitioned to the Balancing Authority Operating Committee (“BAOC”). In April 2015,
18 I was promoted to Senior Manager, Power System Operations. Additionally, I am NERC
19 certified in the area of Reliability.

20 **Q. What does it mean to be NERC certified?**

21 A. NERC certification is a system operator certification program that promotes the
22 reliability of the North American bulk power system by ensuring that employers have a
23 workforce of system operators that meet minimum qualifications. NERC’s system

1 operator certification examination tests specific knowledge of job skills and the NERC
2 Reliability Standards, and prepares operating personnel to handle the bulk power system
3 in both normal and emergency conditions. In order to obtain certification, one must pass
4 an examination and subsequently maintain certification by completing NERC-approved
5 continuing education program courses and activities that meet NERC's requirements
6 every three years.

7 **Q: Have you previously testified in a proceeding at the Missouri Public Service**
8 **Commission (“MPSC” or “Commission”) or before any other utility regulatory**
9 **agency?**

10 A: No, I have not previously testified in a proceeding before the MPSC or any other utility
11 regulatory agency. However, I have made presentations relating to the SPP Integrated
12 Marketplace to the MPSC (2013), MPSC Staff (2013), and the Kansas Corporation
13 Commission and Staff (2013 and 2014).

14 **Q: What is the purpose of your testimony?**

15 A: I will address OPC witness Lena M. Mantle's claim at page 4 of her Rebuttal Testimony
16 that “most of the Southwest Power Pool (“SPP”) costs are not fuel costs, are not
17 purchased power costs and are not costs directly linked to the transmission of true
18 purchased power or off-system sales.” There are two issues that I will address in this
19 quote from Ms. Mantle's testimony. First, the Company agrees that SPP costs are not
20 fuel costs incurred by the Company's owned generation. Second, I will explain how the
21 Integrated Marketplace costs and revenues must be taken as a whole and not segregated
22 to eliminate portions of the costs and revenues necessary to serve our customers. In order
23 to refute Ms. Mantle's claim, I will explain how the SPP market works.

1 **Q: What is the key takeaway from your testimony?**

2 A: Purchased power cannot and does not consist solely of the cost of the energy itself. In
3 order for power to serve load, it must include the necessary power support services
4 including Operating Reserves and generation re-dispatch for transmission congestion
5 management. Operating Reserves such as Spinning Reserve and Regulation are carried
6 to ensure reliability. However, when called upon, they become deployed energy.
7 Therefore, one cannot reasonably separate the energy that is purchased from the ancillary
8 services that are being carried to support it. Moreover, given that Energy and Operating
9 Reserves are cleared (awarded) in the Integrated Marketplace on a co-optimized basis
10 with the objective of minimizing total production cost (which I will explain further
11 below), there is no way to uncouple the economics of these products as the OPC proposal
12 would do.

13 **Q: Does Ms. Mantle identify “most of the Southwest Power Pool (“SPP”) costs” which**
14 **she then claims are not fuel costs, purchased power costs, or costs directly linked to**
15 **the transmission?**

16 A: No. At page 4 of her Rebuttal Testimony she simply says “most” and then points back to
17 her Direct Testimony. Schedule LM-D-1 from Ms. Mantle’s Direct Testimony lists “SPP
18 Integrated Market Costs.” Based on the discussion at page 11 of her Direct Testimony, it
19 appears she means “most” to be all costs shown on Schedule LM-D-1 that are not Day
20 Ahead Asset Energy, Day Ahead Non-Asset Energy, Real Time Asset Energy and Real
21 Time Non-Asset Energy.

1 **Q: Does SPP’s Integrated Marketplace affect these various costs?**

2 A: Yes. Under SPP’s IM all of the costs shown on Ms. Mantle’s Schedule LM-D-1 as “SPP
3 Integrated Market Costs” are components of Integrated Marketplace Revenues or
4 Integrated Marketplace Costs. The costs and revenues listed on her Schedule LM-D-1
5 are all a part of making purchased power possible. For example, the majority of costs
6 listed under “SPP Integrated Market Costs” are directly attributable to Operating
7 Reserves that are necessary to support purchased power in the Integrated Marketplace.
8 Products such as Spinning Reserves and Regulation are utilized to ensure that demand
9 continues to be served in the event of a system contingency or increase in load
10 requirements. Put another way, these products ensure that power is available to be
11 purchased for load regardless of system operating conditions.

12 **Q: When did SPP implement its Integrated Marketplace (“IM”)?**

13 A: SPP implemented its IM on March 1, 2014.

14 **Q: How did the market for power in SPP change on March 1, 2014?**

15 A: SPP began operating an Integrated Marketplace for Day-Ahead and Real-Time Energy
16 and Operating Reserves. As part of the IM, SPP conducts a market-based procurement
17 for Energy and three types of ancillary services: Regulation (Regulation-Up and
18 Regulation-Down), Spinning Reserves, and Supplemental (Non-spinning) Reserves.
19 These types of ancillary services are known as Operating Reserves. Regulation-Up and
20 Regulation-Down serve to follow the moment-to-moment system balance changes, while
21 Spinning and Supplemental Reserves stand by ready to serve in the event of a system
22 contingency. SPP co-optimizes procurement of these Operating Reserves with Day-
23 Ahead and Real-Time Energy.

1 Prior to March 1, 2014, wholesale power transactions were conducted in a
2 “bilateral” market where energy and ancillary services were bundled. That is, buyers and
3 sellers negotiated each transaction or group of transactions. The negotiated transaction
4 included consideration for whatever ancillary services were required. While all of the
5 same services were performed before March 1, 2014, the new ancillary services market
6 now gives us the data to know the cost of each of those integrated components.

7 **Q: How does the IM determine those prices?**

8 A: Market Participants submit offers to SPP for Energy and the various Operating Reserve
9 products that they propose to deliver to SPP at their respective generator’s node. Using
10 those offers, SPP uses a co-optimized Security Constrained Economic Dispatch (SCED)
11 model to calculate the Locational Marginal Price (“LMP”) for each pricing node or
12 settlement location. An LMP is the cost to serve the next increment of load at the
13 specified bus or settlement location. LMPs include the cost of producing energy and
14 some of the cost of getting that power to load (congestion and losses). Using the
15 Operating Reserve product offers, SPP also calculates the Market Clearing Prices
16 (“MCP”) via the SCED model for the various Operating Reserve products. MCPs are the
17 cost to provide the next capacity increment of that Operating Reserve product at that
18 specific Reserve Zone. LMPs and MCPs are posted for each hour of the Day-Ahead
19 Market and for each 5-minute period of the Real-Time Balancing Market.

20 **Q: What are the components of an LMP?**

21 A: The LMP, or Locational Marginal Price, consists of three components: (1) Marginal
22 Energy Component (MEC), (2) Marginal Congestion Cost (MCC), and (3) Marginal Loss
23 Component (MLC). The MEC is simply the price of the next available megawatt to serve

1 demand and is only reflective of the energy cost itself. The MCC reflects the cost of
2 congestion on the transmission system, or put another way, the cost of any necessary re-
3 dispatch to allow energy to get to a particular location given the current system reliability
4 conditions. The MLC reflects the cost of marginal losses associated with megawatts
5 flowing on the transmission system. The sum of these three components is the LMP
6 which represents the price of energy at a given location. LMPs fluctuate based upon
7 operating conditions on an hourly or five-minute basis.

8 **Q: How does SPP use those LMPs and MCPs to dispatch the various resources or**
9 **generating units?**

10 A: SPP uses security-constrained algorithms to simultaneously co-optimize Energy and
11 Operating Reserves. That is, given reliability constraints, it optimizes for the lowest total
12 production cost of Energy plus Operating Reserves. As discussed in Section 3.1 of the
13 SPP Integrated Marketplace Protocols:

14 Energy and Operating Reserve Markets operations will “simultaneously” or
15 “jointly” optimize Resource Offers for Energy and Operating Reserve in the
16 Security Constrained Unit Commitment (SCUC) and Security Constrained
17 Economic Dispatch (SCED) algorithms. The objective function of joint
18 optimization will be the minimization of the total production costs in the DA
19 Market and the RTBM for energy and operating reserve products to meet the
20 requirements. Procurement of Operating Reserve (Regulation-Up Service,
21 Regulation-Down Service, Spinning Reserve, and Supplemental Reserve) will not
22 be decoupled from the procurement of Energy from Resources capable of
23 providing both Energy and Operating Reserve. Resources selected to provide
24 Operating Reserve will receive opportunity cost payments when appropriate
25 which are included in the Market Clearing Prices for each product. The
26 simultaneous optimization logic considers various permutations of unit
27 commitment, and the joint dispatch of Energy and Operating Reserve, arriving to
28 a solution that results in the least overall production cost subject to reliability
29 constraints.

1 **Q: Does that mean that the cost of energy to serve load is inextricably joined with the**
2 **cost of such Operating Reserve products as spinning reserve?**

3 A: Yes. Through the co-optimization process, the cost of energy, which explicitly includes
4 the cost of transmission congestion and losses, is inextricably joined with the cost of
5 providing Operating Reserve products.

6 **Q: Have these costs always been inextricably joined together?**

7 A: Yes. Prior to the IM, KCP&L was the Balancing Authority (“BA”) for its service
8 territory. As the BA, the Company was responsible for balancing generation with
9 load/obligations. To do that, the Company dispatched its units and purchased or sold
10 power so the amount of generation on its system matched the amount of load or
11 obligation on the system. Because generation and load are not constant, we maintained
12 Operating Reserves (Regulation, Spinning, and Supplemental) on our system as we were
13 required to do. Spinning Reserves are that extra generating capacity that is synchronized,
14 unloaded, and ready to serve load immediately in the event of a system contingency
15 while Regulation is that generation capacity that is responsive to AGC (Automatic
16 Generation Control) and follows the moment-to-moment changes in system balance. The
17 Company would maintain those reserves by operating one or more of its units below
18 maximum such that this extra generation capability was held back in reserve in the event
19 it was needed.

20 Prior to the IM, the cost of Spinning Reserves, for example, was not transparent
21 because it was an opportunity cost or a fuel cost. That is, when units were “in-the-
22 money,” the cost of spinning reserves was the lost margin from sales that could have been
23 made on the difference between the level at which we ran our units and their full

1 capability. However, when the units were “out-of-the-money,” the cost of Spinning
2 Reserves was a portion of the ordinary cost of fuel necessary to keep the unit operating.
3 Sometimes the cost of operating reserve services was the cost of purchased power. Prior
4 to the IM, KCP&L experienced those costs but they were not explicitly recognized.

5 **Q: How are energy costs and operating reserve services joined in the IM?**

6 A: In the IM, SPP is responsible for balancing generation and load/obligations for the entire
7 SPP footprint. To do that, SPP aggregates the load and Operating Reserve requirements
8 for all member load-serving entities. The SPP IM then co-optimizes the Energy offers
9 and Operating Reserve offers from all of the Market Participants for the lowest total cost
10 of serving SPP’s total load and obligation, given the security or reliability constraints.

11 **Q: You have discussed how prior to the IM Operating Reserve services such as**
12 **Spinning Reserves were ultimately a fuel cost, opportunity cost of lost margins, or**
13 **purchased power. Is that still the case for the IM?**

14 A: Yes. The difference is that SPP is now the entity making the decisions regarding where
15 to carry these Operating Reserve products, not KCP&L.

16 **Q: How can you say that Auction Revenue Rights and Transmission Congestion Rights**
17 **(which are also part of the IM) are essentially compensation for additional fuel or**
18 **production costs when the SPP market would not otherwise fully pay for a unit’s**
19 **fuel or production costs?**

20 A: Transmission congestion costs are the additional production costs resulting from the lack
21 of transmission capacity. Those additional production costs are incurred when low-cost
22 generation must be backed down and higher-cost generation must be ramped up to serve
23 load. Transmission congestion cost is the marginal cost of that re-dispatch of generation.

1 Those marginal costs reflect the incremental fuel and fuel related costs of the higher-cost
2 generation. Transmission congestion costs are an integral part of the price of electricity
3 in the IM and Auction Revenue Rights and Transmission Congestion Rights are the IM
4 mechanism to compensate Market Participants for those costs

5 **Q: What would happen if the Commission adopted Ms. Mantle's recommendation to**
6 **grant FAC recovery of some components of the IM, but deny FAC recovery to other**
7 **components?**

8 A: It would result in an irrational and unfair FAC that did not allow KCP&L to recover all of
9 its fuel and purchased power costs. It would also result in an FAC that did not fairly
10 allow our customers to enjoy the full benefit of the IM. The various components of the
11 IM are designed to work together with the focused intent of minimizing total production
12 cost. For example, the revenue from the Make Whole Payments is compensation for fuel
13 or production costs that are greater than the market price of power or Operating Reserves
14 when SPP needs units to run for reliability or other noneconomic reasons. Much like an
15 intricate complex machine, removing any one part will cause it to run inefficiently and
16 increase the risk of failure. Ms. Mantle's separation of the integrated components of
17 SPP's IM will ensure that the Company's customers do not receive the full benefit of the
18 IM. As Company witness Wm. Edward Blunk discussed in his Rebuttal Testimony,
19 although power price volatility has increased with SPP's establishment of the IM, total
20 costs are lower today than they would have been otherwise.

1 **Q: How do you recommend the Commission treat the IM revenues and costs shown on**
2 **Ms. Mantle's Schedule LM-D-1?**

3 A: SPP uses security constrained algorithms to jointly optimize offers for Energy and
4 Operating Reserves for minimum total production cost. That co-optimization process ties
5 these revenues and costs together into a complex whole. Therefore, I recommend that the
6 Commission maintain the integrity of the IM's benefits for the Company's customers by
7 keeping all of the Integrated Marketplace Revenues and Integrated Marketplace Costs in
8 the FAC.

9 **Q: Does that conclude your testimony?**

10 A: Yes.

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

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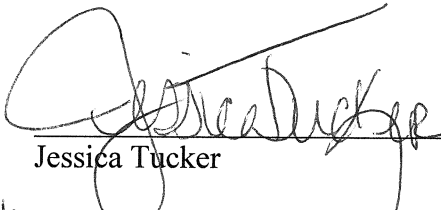
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) ss
COUNTY OF JACKSON)

Jessica Tucker, being first duly sworn on his oath, states:

1. My name is Jessica Tucker. I work in Kansas City, Missouri, and I am employed by Kansas City Power & Light Company as Senior Manager Power System Operations.

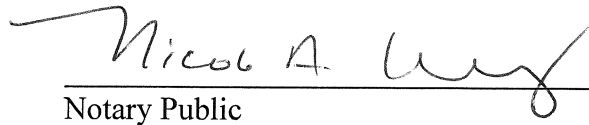
2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my Surrebuttal Testimony on behalf of Kansas City Power & Light Company consisting of twelve (12) pages, having been prepared in written form for introduction into evidence in the above-captioned docket.

3. I have knowledge of the matters set forth 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 best of my knowledge, information and belief.



Jessica Tucker

Subscribed and sworn before me this 27th day of January 2017.



Notary Public

My commission expires: Feb. 4 2019

