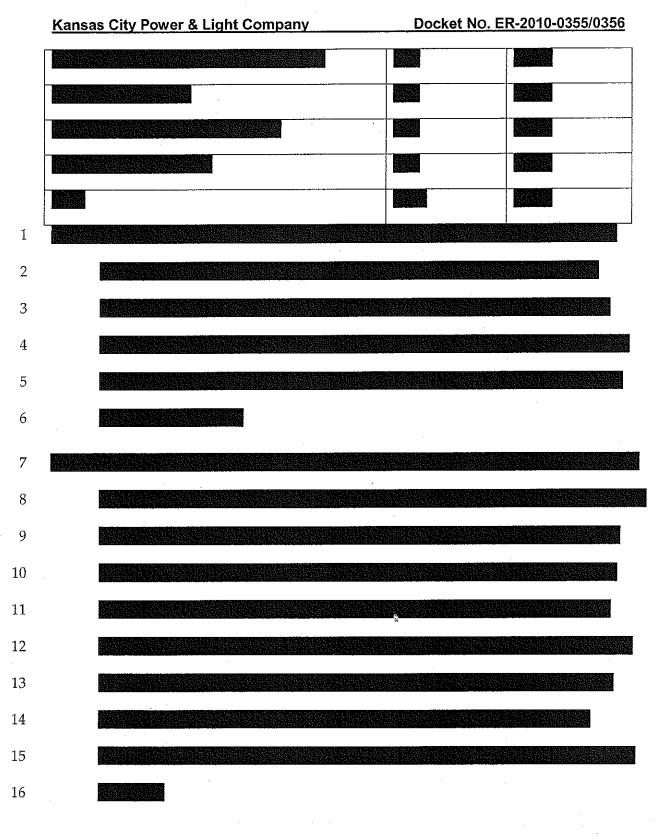
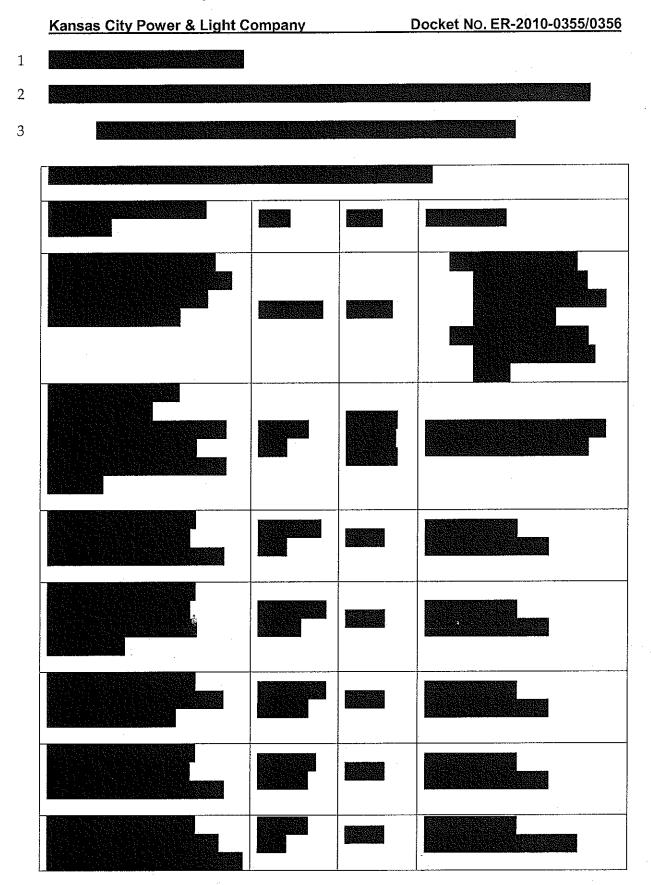


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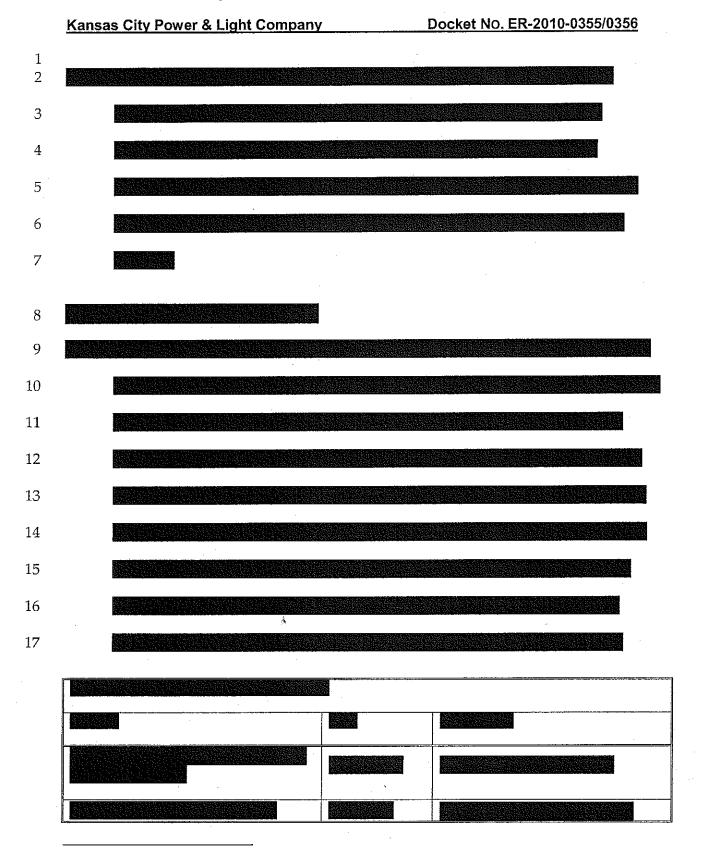
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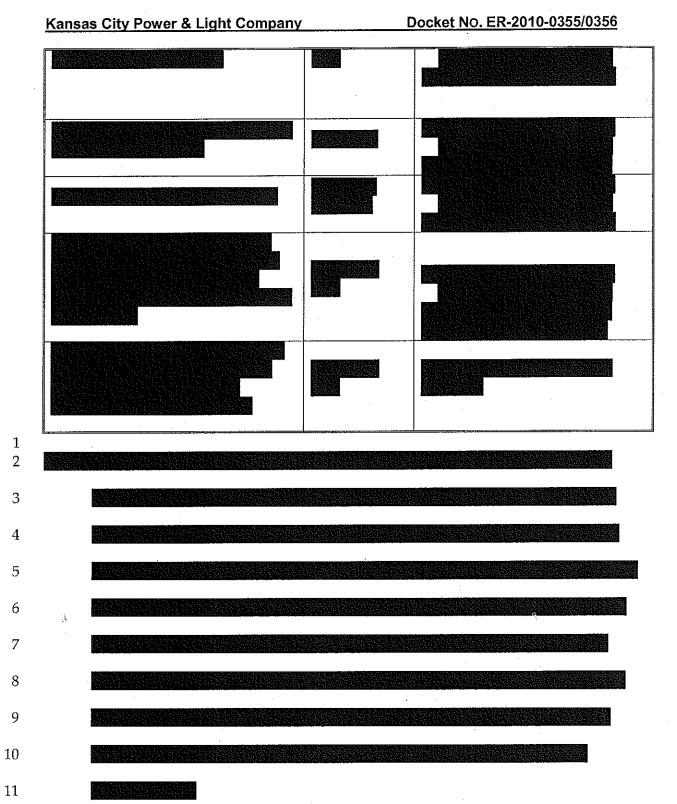
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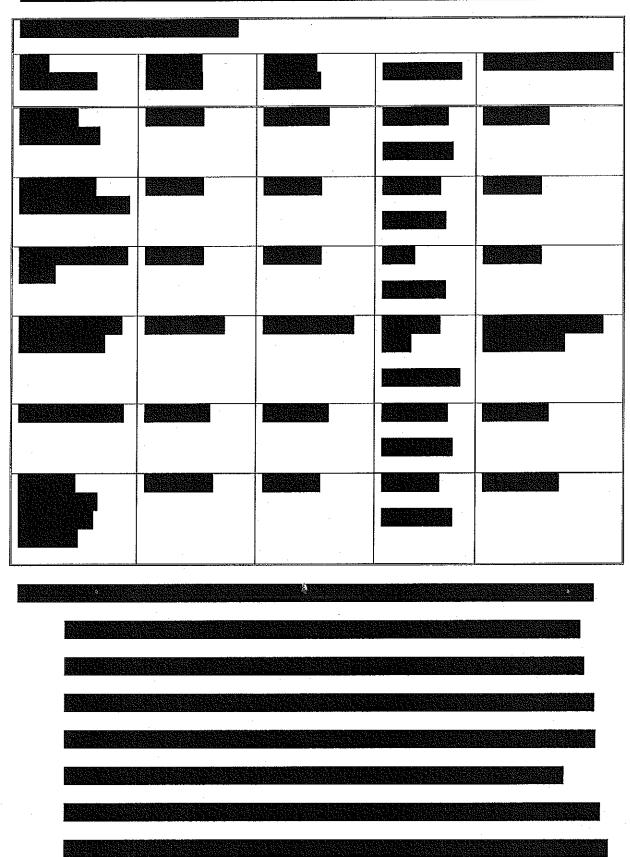
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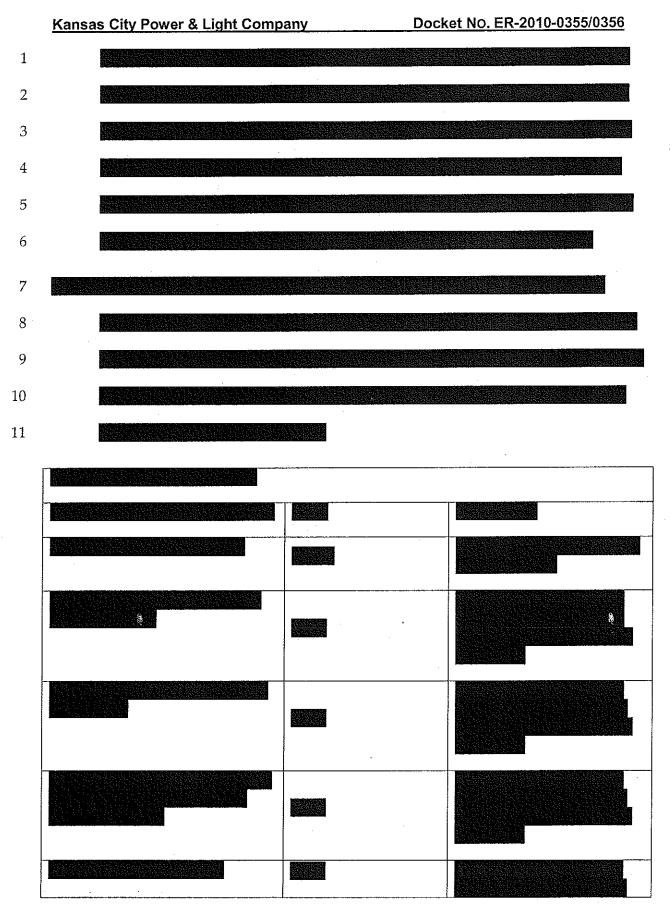
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1 2	**" Q.	Should KCP&L be responsible for a portion of this cost overrun due to the
3		poor quality of the contract and its mismanagement?
4	A.	Yes. Vantage believes that KCP&L and B&McD should have understood the market
5		prices of materials at the time of Kiewit's proposal submission. Such metrics were
6		available to the industry at the time. "**
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- Q. Please explain how you approach the task of calculating costs associated with
   imprudent actions?
- As summarized is Section D previously, Vantage developed a standard for prudence to be applied on this project that is consistent with our previous definitions and those used in previous cases in Missouri. Vantage did four separate calculations of imprudence disallowance.

### **Analysis of Similar Power Plants**

After months of analysis and normalizing costs, Vantage developed a group of sixteen power plants, including Iatan 2, that are similar technology, size and built in the same timeframe.

### Analysis of Trimble County 2 versus latan 2

The Trimble County 2 project is very similar in many respects to Iatan and provides a real example of two units built under similar circumstances with remarkable different results.

### **Analysis of Project Cost Estimates**

Vantage spent considerable effort analyzing and understanding the various project cost estimates. Starting with the 2004 Project Definition Report, the December 2006 PDR update, the May 2008 Reforecast and the March 2010 Reforecast, Vantage analyzed the reasons given for each forecast and assessed whether they were valid.

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# Analysis of Major Contracts and Subsequent Change Orders

Vantage consultants reviewed initial contracts, as well as all change orders during the life of the project. (Note our cutoff was late 2009) Contracts and change orders that were suspect were analyzed in detail. Based on decisions regarding costs that were unwarranted, Vantage consultants then calculated the amounts from each contract or change order that were not justified.

### **COMPARISONS WITH SIMILAR POWER PLANTS**

### Vantage Peer Group Analysis

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- 9 Q. What was the basis for this analysis?
- In this analysis, Vantage uses our own list of comparable and a modified 10 A. list from the testimony of Mr. Robert's of Schiff Hardin on the KCC Iatan 2 case. 11 12 In addition to our own research, Vantage worked with Department of Energy (DOE) representatives who attempt to maintain a data base of power plants 13 under construction. (See Schedule WPD-37). We believe comparing Iatan 2 with 14 a group of similar power plants provides perspective and gives the Commission 15 a good understanding of exactly how latan compares with its peers. We do 16 17 caution however, that it is difficult to get timely and accurate information and 18 therefore all numbers must be looked at with some reservation.
  - Q. Please summarize the conclusions Vantage reached through its analysis.

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1	A.	Vantage compared Iatan 2 to a peer group of sixteen power plants. 44 All
2		completed or scheduled for completion between 2008 and 2011. All are coal or
3		lignite and all but one are supercritical units. Every unit except for Iatan and
4		Weston Unit 4 was built using an EPC project approach. Weston Unit 4, was
5		built with a multi-prime approach, but used the Washington Group as
6		Construction Manager. Eight of the EPC units were started after Iatan.
7		While Iatan 2 is currently estimated to cost \$1,988 million or \$2,339/kW, the
8		peer group average is \$1,967/kW. This is a 16% difference in cost. Were Iatan 2
9		to be constructed for the average cost of the other units, it would cost \$316
10		million less than currently projected.

<sup>44 /</sup> See Schedule 37 for details on analysis, open shop adjustment and common adjustments.

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Selected Power Plants	Capacity (MW)	Constr. Duration	Analysis	Owner	Location	Constr Type	Regulatory Makeup	Labor Force (	Adjusted Cost Basis (\$ Mil)	Adjusted Calculation (\$/KW)	Unadjusted Cost Basis (\$Mil.)	Unadjsuted Calculation (\$/KW)	Source of Cost
atan 2	850	December 2005 to Late 2010	Based on the most recent cost reforecast of \$1.99B.	KCP&L	Weston, MO	Hybrid EPC/Multi- prime	Rate Based	Union	\$1,988	\$2,339	\$1,988	\$2,339	\$2,339 March 2010 Reforecast
Cliffside Unit 6	825	January 2008 to 2012	825 January 2008 to Costs correlate. Adjust for Open Duke Energy 2012 shop		Cleveland County, NC	EPC Shaw	Rate Based	Open	\$1,908	\$2,313	\$1,800	\$2,182	\$2,182 Duke Newsletter and Trade Publication; 6/09 Cover story in Southeast
Comanche 3 Power Station Expansion	750	Fall 2005 to Fall 2009	Costs correlate	Xcel Energy	Comanche Station, CO	BPC Shaw	Rate Based	Union	\$1,300	\$1,733	\$1,300	\$1,733	\$1,733 DOE Data and article from Power Technologies.com web
ilm Road Generating Station Unit 2	615		June 2005 to Vantage cost data based on the February 2010 \$1.158 construction cost estimate from the WPPI Energy press release dated March 2010.	WPPI Energy, Madison Gas and Electric, Wisconsin Electric Power	Oak Creek, WI	EPC Bechtel	Rate Based	Union	\$1,150	\$1,870	\$1,150	\$1,870	\$1,870 Variage cost data based on the \$1,158 construction cost estimate from the WPP! Energy press release dated March 2010.
elm Road Generating Station Unit 1	615		Vantage cost data based on the \$1.158 construction cost estimate from the WPPI Energy press release dated March 2010.	WPPI Energy, Madison Ges and Electric, Wisconsin Electric Power	Oak Creek, WI	EPC Bechtel	Rate Based	Union	\$1,150	\$1,870	\$1,150	\$1,870	\$1,870 Vantage cost data based on the \$1,15B construction cost estimate from the WPP! Energy press release dated March 2010.
K Spruce	750		Vantage cost data based on the \$18 construction cost estimate from the San Antonio Express news article dated Feb. 6, 2009, SNL states \$1,838 Bil, however5600 mil is being spent on other units accounting for the difference between Drabinski and Roberts cost.	CPS Energy	San Antonio, TX	EPC Calaveras Power Partners	Rate Based - Texas	Union	\$1,238	\$1,651	81,238	\$1,651	51,651 Vantage cost data based on the \$1B construction cost estimate from the San Antonio Express news article dated Feb. 6, 2009.
Longview Power	700	!	The \$2B cost estimated from the GenPower news letter date May 5, 2010.	Siemens Financial Services, GenPower Holdings	Morgantown. WV	EPC Siemens Aker	Merchant Asset	Union	\$2,000	\$2,857	\$2,000	\$2,657	\$2,857 The \$2B cost estimated from the GenPower news letter date May 5,
Nebraska City Unit 2	682	Mid 2005 to July 2009	Use Roberts number of \$710 Mil with Open shop adjustment	ower itrict	Nebraska City, NE	EPC Kiewit	EPC Kiewit Rate Based	Open	\$753	\$1,104	\$710	\$1,041	\$1,041 \$630M construction cost estimate from the Omaha Public Power District press release.

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Source of Cost	5) Vartage cost data based on the \$900M construction cost estimate from the Fluor press release dated June 2007. SH included both unit cost in their	5 Vaniage cost data based on the \$900M construction cost estimate from the Fluor press rolease dated June 2007. 5H included both unit cost in their estimate.	\$1,576 DOE	O Vartage cost data based on the 22-be construction cost estimate from the Farine State facery Campus press release dated July 23, 2010.	O Vantage cost data based on the \$2.08 construction cost estimate from the Prairie State Energy Campus press release dated July 23, 2010.	9 Based on the Standards and Poors Sandy Creek Energy Associates bonchmarrking and analysis report updated Sept. 28, 2009, Table 4.	\$1,528 2010 Rate Case, Interview with witness	\$1,474 DOE, Trade Publication
Unadjsuted Calculation (\$/KW)	\$1,475	\$1,475	\$1.57	\$2,500	\$2,500	696' I\$	81,52	\$1,47
Unadjusted Cost Basis (\$Mil.)	\$1,180	081,18	\$1,048	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,754	\$1,161	\$774
Adjusted Calculation (\$/KW)	\$1,564	\$1,564	\$1,670	\$2,750	\$2,750	\$2,497	\$1,753	\$1,563
Adjusted Cost Basis (5 Mit)	\$1,251	\$1,251	\$1,111	\$2,260	\$2,200	\$2,247	\$1,332	\$820
Labor Force	Open	oben	Open	Union	Union	Open	Open	Open
Regulatory Makeup	Merchant Asset	Merchant	Morchant Asset	Municipal	Municipal	Merchant Asset	Indiana and Illinois 25% merchant. Remaining 75% Eon	Rate Based
Constr	EPC Fluor	EPC Fluor	EPC Black & Veatch	EPC Bechtel	EPC Bechtei	EPC B&V	EPC Bechtel	Multi Prime - Constr. Mgr. Washingto n Group
Location	Franklin, TX	Franklin, Tx	Osceola, AR	Washington County, IL	Washington County, IL	Rieszl, Tx	Trimble County, KY	Wausau, Marathon County, W1
Owner	Illuminant		25 43	American Mun. Power, Southern Illinois Power Corp., Peabody Energy, Illinois Mun. Power, MylMEUC, Kentucky Muni. Power, Prairie Power, Prairie Power, Prairie Illinois Mun.	Same as above	L.S. Power Associates and dynergy	EON, IMEA, IMPA	Wisconsin Public Service Corp
Analysis	Use Roberts revise with split of common costs. Adjust for Opon Shop, \$3.25 Bil for three units minus \$890 Mil for Sandow 5 leaves \$1.180 Bil for each unit.	Use Roberts revise with split of common costs. Adjust for Open Shop	Adjsut for Open Shop	~	Vantage cost data based on the \$2.08 construction cost estimate from the Prairie State Energy Campus press relates data data (1, 2010. Roberts clims secent increase to \$4.4 Bil for both units. Use Roberts number.	900 August 2007 to Based on construction estimate, 2012 project will not be complete utill 2012. Adjeut for Open Shop	Vaninge cost data based on the \$1.2B construction cost estimate in current rate case	DOE, Trade Publication. Add to analysis per Roberts strong support
Constr. Duration	Summer 2007 to June 2010	Summer 2007 to December 2009			October 2007 to Mid 2010	4 ugust 2007 to 2012	July 2006 to Mid 2010	October 2004 to June 2008
Capacity (MW)	9008	800	999		8008	9006	760	525
Selected Power Plants	Oak Grove - Unit 2	Oak Grove Unit 1	Plum Point Energy	Prairic State Energy Campus Unit 1	Pratrie State Energy Campus Unit 2	Sandy Greek	Trimble County Unit 2	Weston Power Plant, Unit 4

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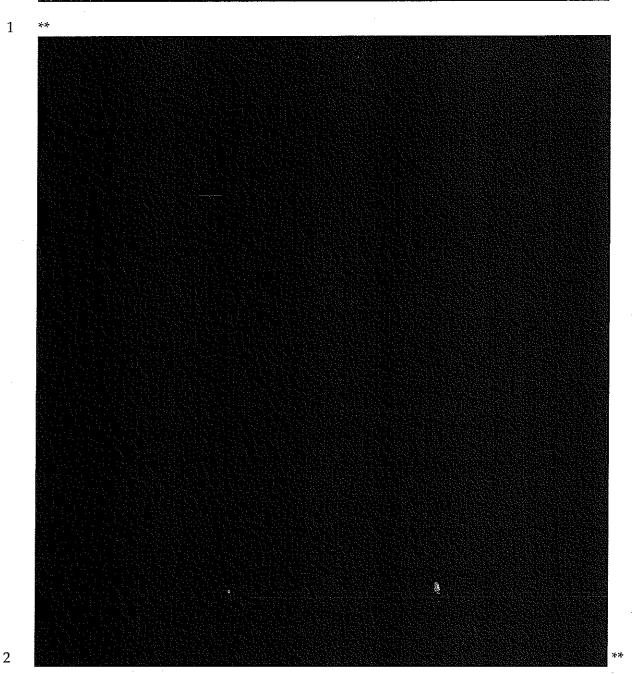
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### **COMPARISON TO TRIMBLE COUNTY 2**

2 Q. Why are you presenting a comparison of Iatan 2 with Trimble County 2?

We believe the comparison to the Trimble County Unit 2 (TC2) has value and A. presents some details to illustrate how two projects in the same region, with similar project time frames and schedules, could have such different results. A preliminary cost estimate for Trimble County 2 was prepared by B&McD in 2002. After a formal selection process, the Owners Engineer contract was awarded to Cummins and Barnard Engineering from Michigan, a detailed cost estimate and schedule was prepared in 2004, the same time as the Iatan 2 PDR. TC2 will be completed in mid-2010, just as Iatan 2 was scheduled for completion.<sup>45</sup> However, the final estimated cost of TC2, based on filings in the recently completed rate case and confirmation with company officials, indicates that this 760MW unit will cost \$1,528/kW, versus \$2,339/kW for the 850 MW Iatan 2. According to recent testimony in Kentucky Case No. 2009-00548, Trimble County 2 increased in cost by 9% over its six-year period, mostly due to labor increases. This compares with Iatan 2 which increased over 50% during the same period. Key details of the project, including the project schedule, follows.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup>/ On May 24, 2010 Mr. Paul Thompson of EOB was interviewed regarding the costs and status of TTC2. He indicated that they had recently achieved 200MW of load during test firing.



- Q. Can you provide some insight on how these two projects differed so much inprice?
- 5 A. The simple answer is that TC2 was built under an EPC contract with Bechtel
  6 Corporation as the engineer and constructor. Even though the TC2 project did
  7 not receive approval to proceed until November 2005, management of EON, the

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owner, decided in January 2005 to proceed with the selection of an EPC contractor. KCP&L management, on the other hand, took no action on a decision as to project management methodology until December 2005. By that time, KCP&L management concluded that there was inadequate time available to go through the lengthy EPC contract negotiation process and instead opted for the Multi-Prime approach which led to additional cost and schedule risks taken by KCP&L, the failure to meet industry standards as detailed throughout this testimony, and the resulting incurring of imprudent costs due to KCP&L's substandard performance.

### ANALYSIS OF BUDGETS AND COST REFORECASTS

- Before providing your own analysis on budgets and forecasts, can you provide your opinion on the testimony of KCP&L witness Mr. Meyer in this case regarding budgets?
- A. Certainly. One of the issues on which Mr. Meyer testifies is how KCP&L's cost estimation process conforms to industry standards. He refers to a cost estimate classification system supported by the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineers ("AACE"). The cost estimate classification system classifies a cost estimate as Class 1, Class 2, ... Class 5. A Class 1 cost estimate is based on fully developed engineering and cost data. At the other end of the spectrum is a Class 5 cost estimate that is based on preliminary and limited data. The higher the class number is the greater is the range of the reasonable cost estimate. For instance, Mr. Meyer refers to the Jan/Feb 2006 cost estimate as indicative and based on preliminary data and is therefore categorized as a Class 4 cost estimate.

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1		Similarly, he categorizes the April/May 2008 cost reforecast as Class 2 as it is
2		based on more detailed information. Mr. Meyer then shows the range of
3		KCP&L's cost estimates using the variations specified by AACE with the
4		implication that KCP&L's cost estimates are consistent with industry best
5		practices. However, Mr. Meyer seems to lose sight of the fact that it is not the
6		level or change in the cost estimate that implies imprudence but it is the cause of
7		the cost changes that determines whether there is any imprudence.
8	Q.	During the duration of your assignment for the Kansas Commission did you
9		ever hear any mention of the cost estimate classification system that Mr. Meyer
10		describes?
11	A.	No. The first time I heard mention of this cost estimate classification system for
12		the Iatan 2 construction was in Mr. Meyer's testimony in this case. In fact, on
13		page 6 of his testimony, Mr. Meyer states that the classification system was not
14		formally used during the construction and cost re-estimation phases.
15	Q.	Do you agree with Mr. Meyer's assessment of the 2004 PDR and January 2006
16	· def()	Scale-up as being without significant engineering completed?
17	A.	I have a fundamental difference of opinion on the validity and accuracy of the
18		initial estimates B&McD made. He claims there was no engineering complete at
19		that time and therefore cost estimates are crude and inaccurate. However, he is
20		referring to the engineering that integrates all of the major systems and support
21		infrastructure. In fact, the Boiler and AQCS systems, Turbine/Generator,
22		Cooling Towers, Stack and other systems are already engineered by the

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1		manufacturer and only need to be placed at the site and integrated with the
2		other systems. B&McD, owner engineer had this responsibility and the cost was
3		about 2% of the total project cost. The proof of this is demonstrated by the fact
4		that the Boiler/AQCS and Turbine/Generator were completed for amounts close
5		to the original estimates.
6	Q.	Why do you think Mr. Meyer refers to this cost estimate classification system?
7	A.	It appears to me that Mr. Meyer has introduced this classification system at this
8		time as an after-the-fact justification for the increasing cost estimates. As I stated
9		previously, the focus needs to be on the cause of the cost increases not the
10		amount of the increase.
11	Q.	Does Mr. Meyer provide testimony on other matters?
12	A.	Yes. He describes the changes in the cost estimates and opines that KCP&L was
13		prudent in incurring the increased costs. Elsewhere in my testimony, I review
14		the causes of the cost increases and conclude that some of these cost increases
15		could have been avoided with improved cost management and timely decisions.
16	Q.	Are there any other matters that Mr. Meyer discusses in his testimony?
17	A.	Yes, he reviews in considerable detail the negotiations with Kiewit for the
18		Balance of Plant contract. I offer my understanding of this contract and its
19		impact on construction cost elsewhere in my testimony.
20	Q. `	Please describe your efforts to reconcile the various budgets and cost reforecasts
21		prepared during the course of the Iatan project.

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A. Vantage believes it is important to understand how the cost estimates changed over time from the original PDR amount, for an 800 MW unit, of \$1.165 Billion to the current estimate for an 850 MW unit of \*\*\* Billion. This effort involved reviewing the detail for each of the reforecasts, with use of interim forecasts and budget revisions and backup information. The table below summarizes the specific estimates we evaluated. We should note, that while we often refer to certain reforecast dates and budget amounts, the data we review does not always match. Cost and schedule analysis is an on-going process and often the results will change within a given document from the time it is prepared to when it is issued. A good example was the updated PDR which was completed in late 2006 but not issued until mid-2007. This however, has no real bearing on our analysis or conclusions. The following table describes each of the cost estimates we analyzed. \*\*

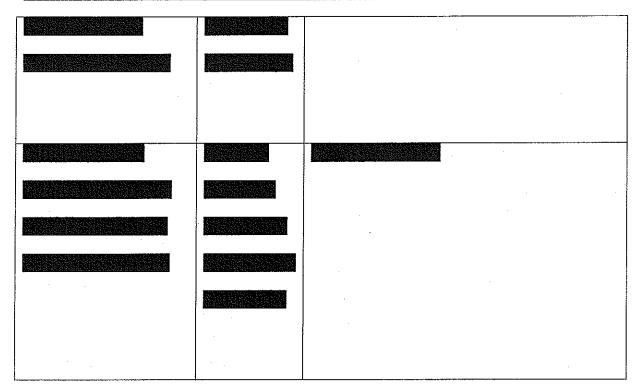
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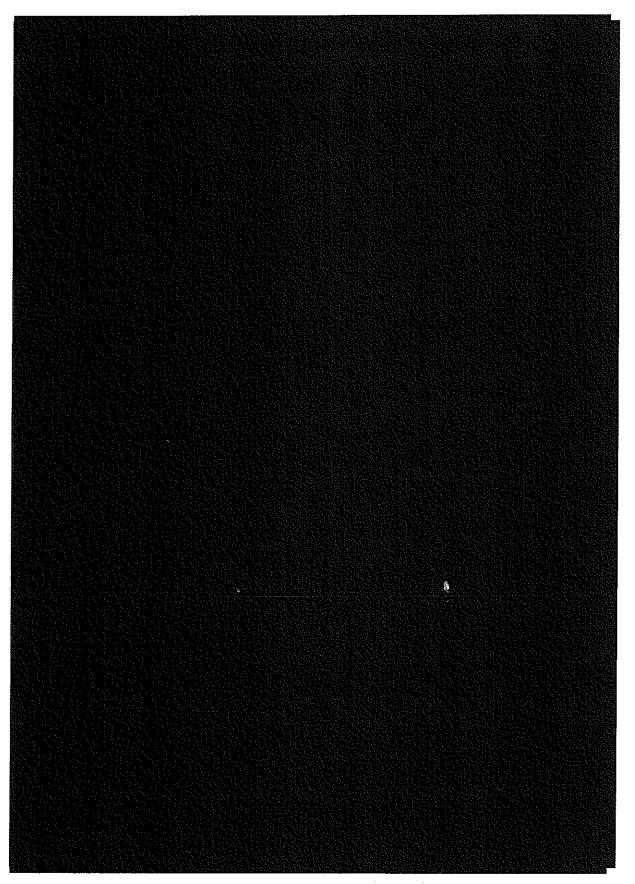
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Q. Please describe the cost spreadsheets you have provided below.

A. These spreadsheets provide a summary of costs by category for each budget estimate and reforecast. The first table provides details from the original PDR to the December 2006 Control Budget Estimate. These budgets were done on a functional basis. From that point on, the project changed its tracking, summarizing by procurement, construction and indirect costs. Therefore, we must transition our analysis from one tracking method to the other.\*\*"

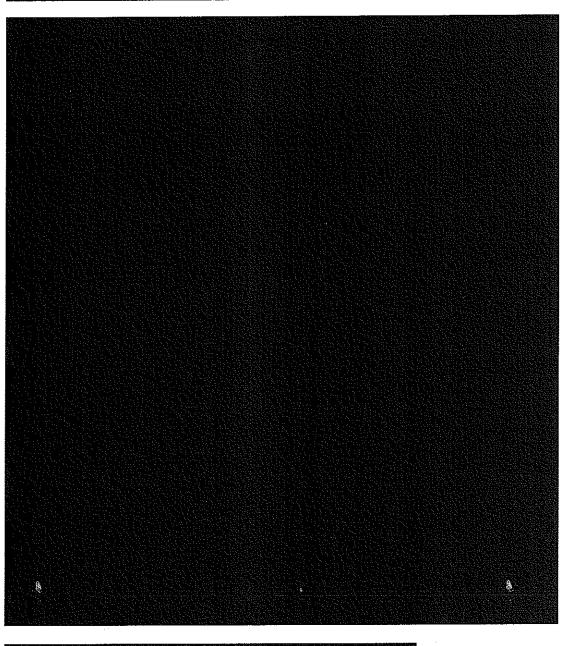
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A. Vantage started with the original PDR from 2004 and compared it to the January 2006 PDR. In this Scale-up, the price was adjusted by \*\*\* to account for the size increase from 800 MW to 850 MW and other cost increases were accounted for. This estimate totaled \*\*\*

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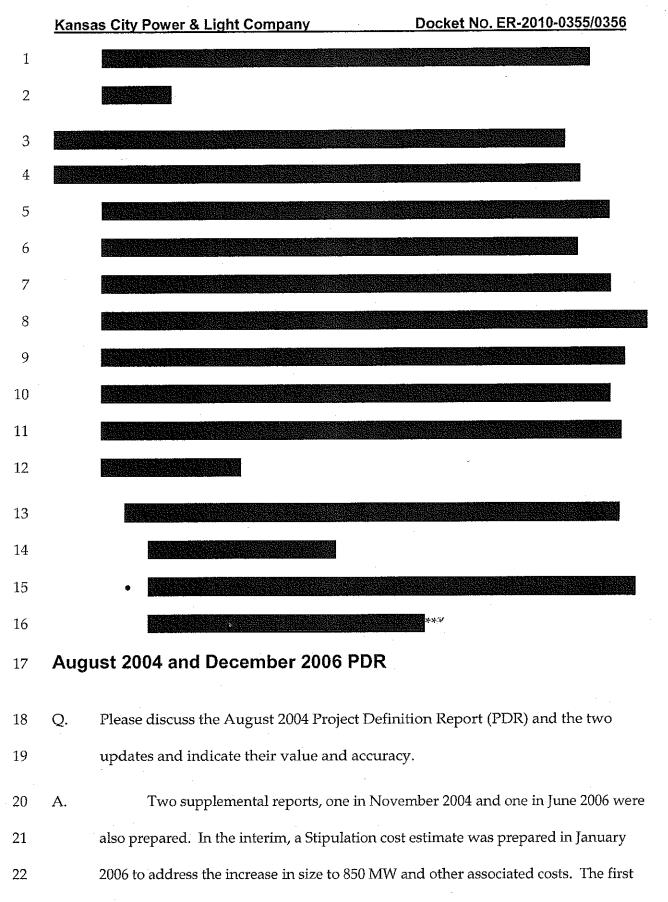
Vantage then performed a detailed analysis of the 2007 PDR. The difference 1 in the amount between the Stipulation estimate and the amount proposed in the 2 2007 PDR was then reduced to account for reasonable changes that appear to be 3 justified, based upon a detailed review of "\*\* 4 5 6 7 8 9 KCP&L witnesses46 have stated that the 2004 PDR was a just a rough estimate of 10 Q. 11 the project cost without support or engineering detail. Do contemporary 12 documents support this argument? 13 Absolutely not. KCP&L and B&McD performed extensive analysis on plant A. 14 costs and conducted comparisons with other projects under construction. In addition to the analysis of the 2004 PDR that we discuss below, there were other 15 documents47 that support KCP&L's belief that this was an accurate estimate. 16

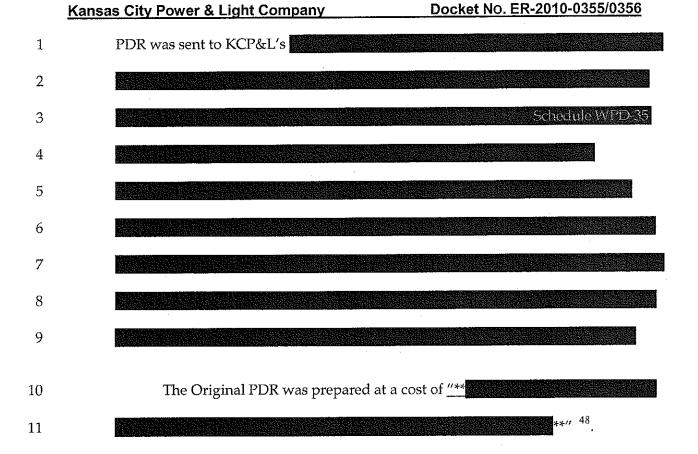
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> / KCP&L witnesses Meyer at page 7, line 5 – describes as "high level estimate"; Davis at page 38, lines 20-21 – a PDR is a "pre-cursor to even conceptual design work and is only highly representative of the broad outlines of the project"; Giles at page 15, lines 18-19 – describes the 2004 PDR number as a "very preliminary estimate"; Giles at page 16, line 13 says that the 2004 PDR was "never intended to be a budget for the Project".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> / See Schedule 39 for complete documents.

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1	<ul> <li>4/29/2004 e-mail exchange between B&amp;McD personnel, Steve Easley and other</li> </ul>
2	KCP&L personnel discussed the basis for cost Contingency analysis. Included a
3	graph showing project cost probability analysis.
4	• June 7, 2004 e-mail exchange between Easley, Grimwade and other re. Large
5	Coal Plan Logistics which discusses labor requirements and costs.
6	• 2/10/2005 e-mail exchange re. comparison of Iatan capital costs to OPPD
7	Nebraska City #2. E-mail indicates costs are estimated to be within 1%. (Please
8	note the final adjusted cost for Nebraska City 2 was \$1,104/kW versus Iatan 2
9	cost of \$2,339kW.)
10	• In an undated document titled Labor Rate Evaluation, (source: Q1R1_Labor Rate
11	Evaluation_HC-P.pdf) provides an estimate of the cost of union labor for Iatan
12	versus Nebraska city 2 non-union labor. "**
13	**"
14	Q. Please indicate what you concluded about the reasonableness of the cost
15	increases from the original PDR, to the Scale-Up, to the 2006 CBE, to the 2008
16	Reforecast and finally the 2010 Reforecast.
17	A. The section below provides a summary of our analysis.
18	Change from the August 2004 to January 2006 Scale-Up and Stipulation
19	The change from the initial PDR to the Scale-up makes sense. The stipulation
20	adds <u>"**</u>
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The depth and confidence that KCP&L placed in B&McD is communicated in the PDRs. Vantage provides key excerpts, and has highlighted key portions of the cover letter.<sup>49</sup> This Project Definition Report summarizes the project definition and presents the project feasibility inputs for use in KCP&L production cost modeling and other evaluations. The report basis is expansion of the existing 670 MW (net) Iatan generating station with an 800 MW (net) addition. The schedule basis of the report is start of construction in May 2006 with commercial operation by November 2009.

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<sup>48/</sup> KCC Data Request 472.

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This report evaluates key technology alternatives for the proposed
expansion and outlines the main aspects of the project including estimates of project
schedule, capital cost, plant performance, and operating and maintenance costs. The
attached report includes an overall definition of project scope and commercial
considerations upon which these feasibility aspects are based.

The purpose of this report is to provide adequate information to support the following KCP&L activities.

- Permitting.
- Evaluation of economics of major technology components.
- Integration of the project into the KCP&L Integrated Resource Plan.
- Internal Budget Appropriations.

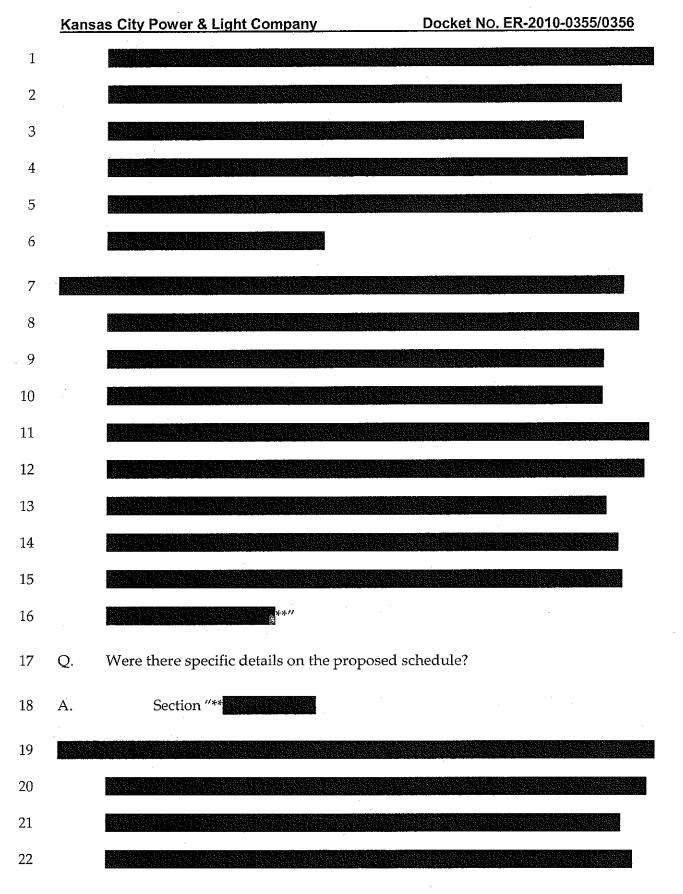
Burns & McDonnell recommends that KCP&L evaluate the economics of the proposed facility as quickly as possible. Should this project continue to be economically attractive to KCP&L to fulfill its generation needs, Burns & McDonnell recommends that KCP&L progress as quickly as possible to implement this project in an effort to mitigate the uncertainty in future construction and labor market conditions. An increased interest in international solid fuel generation caused by the high costs of alternative fuels and the increasing need for emissions controls retrofits on existing domestic facilities could have a significant impact on the availability of construction labor and materials. This increase in demand could result in significant increases in the construction costs and durations for the proposed expansion. As

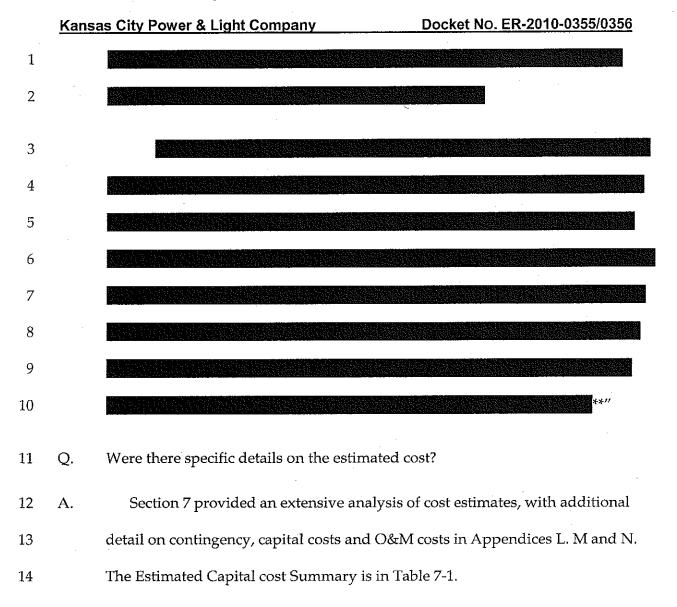
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1		delays in project execution increase, the	uncertainty of market conditions at the
2		time of execution increases.	
3		This report, with appendices, was ap	pproximately 170 pages in length.
4		Although the premise of the 2004 PDR v	vas a second unit at the existing latan
5		site, the supplemental PDR in Novembe	r 2006 considered alternate sites as well
6		before finally concluding that the latan s	site was the best overall location after all
7	Q.	Was the detail in the report superficial a	nd preliminary?
8	A.	No. The report stated that the purpos	e of this study is to define the preferred
9		design parameters of major components	of the project and provide adequate
10		information to support the following activ	rities.
11		Development of adequate detail to	support permitting requirements.
12		Evaluation of the economics of the	major technology components.
13		Integration of the project performa	nce and financial data into the KCP&L
14 `		Integrated Resource Plan.	
15		<ul> <li>Internal budget appropriations.</li> </ul>	
16		This report includes evaluation of the follo	owing major issues.
1 <b>7</b>		1) Supercritical/Subcritical Tecl	nnology.
18		2) Scrubber Technology.	
19		3) Number of Feedwater Heater	rs.

Boiler Feed Pump Drive Alternatives.

### Docket No. ER-2010-0355/0356 Kansas City Power & Light Company 5) Project Emissions Estimate. 1 2 Feasibility Grade Capital Cost Estimate. 6) 3 7) Preliminary Plant Performance Estimate. 4 8) Project Operating and Maintenance Cost Estimate. 5 9) Permitting, Engineering and Construction Schedule Timeline. 6 The report then provides the general design criteria, including 800 MW size, 7 supercritical, with fundamental design considerations, except for size, similar to the 8 final plant. A later update suggests that the capital cost increase for an upgrade 9 from 800 MW to 850 MW would cost 6.25% more.<sup>50</sup> The contracting approach was 10 assumed to be "a combination of EPC contracts and multiple contracts. A single EPC contract was assumed for the boiler and air pollution control equipment. 11 12 Multiple contracts for the balance of plant work were assumed in an effort to 13 minimize costs associated with subcontracting." 14 Q. What was the projected cost of this project and how confident was B&McD in this estimate? 15 In Section "\*\* 16 A, 17 18 19

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup>/ Per handwritten note by J. Fleer on original PDR cost estimate.





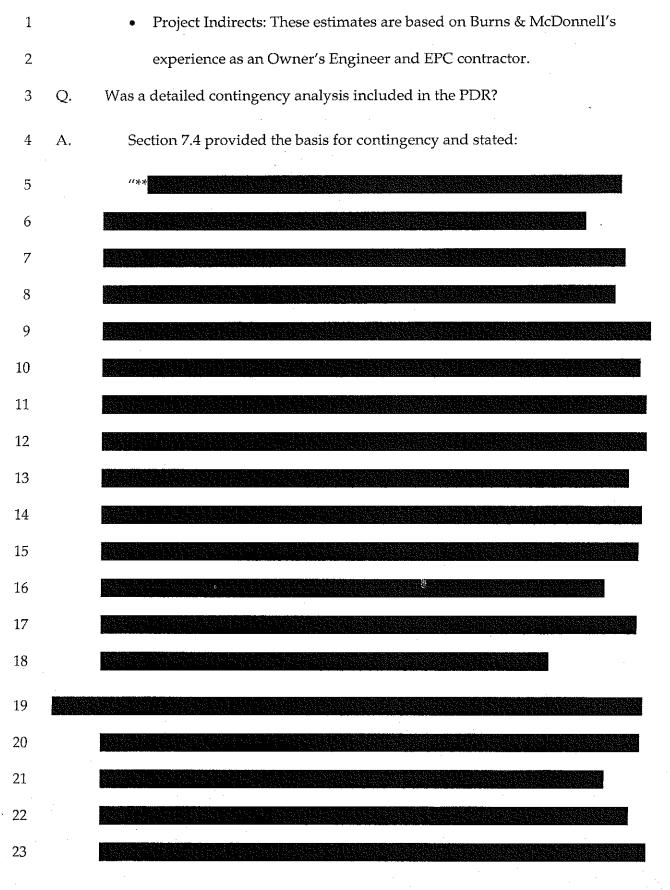
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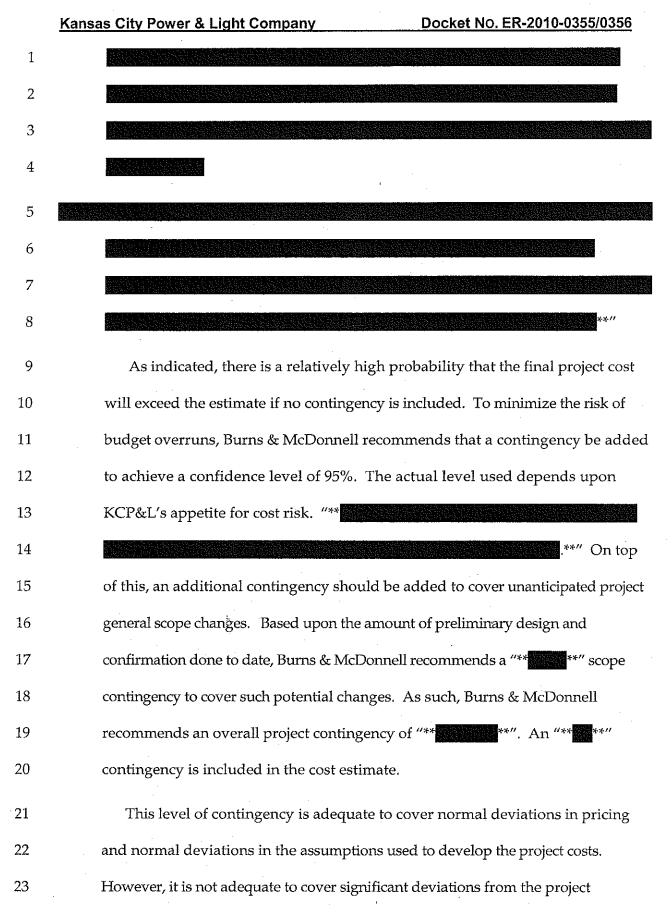
- 5 Q. Please describe how the cost estimate was developed.
- 6 A. The following describes the methodology used in the development of the
- 7 Iatan 2 cost estimate.

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1	•	Estimates are based on the assumptions and scope of supply contained in
2		this report.
3	•	Major Engineered Equipment: Burns & McDonnell solicited and received
4		Vendor quotations for the following major equipment:
5	•	Boiler and SCR;
6		Air Pollution Control Equipment;
7	•	Stack;
8	•	Steam Turbine Generator;
9	•	Surface Condensers;
10	•	Cooling Tower;
11	•	Boiler Feed Pumps;
12	•	Condensate Pumps;
13	•	Circulating Water Pumps;
14	-	Boiler Feedwater Heaters.
15	•	Balance of Plant Equipment: Burns & McDonnell utilized in-house
16		information from similar projects.
17	•	Construction Estimates: Construction commodities and indirect costs
18		were estimated using recent pricing and quantity take-offs from other
19	•	similar projects in Burns & McDonnell's in-house data base.
20	•	Labor rates: Labor rates and productivity factors were developed based
21		on discussions with construction contractors and local unions familiar
22		with the area.

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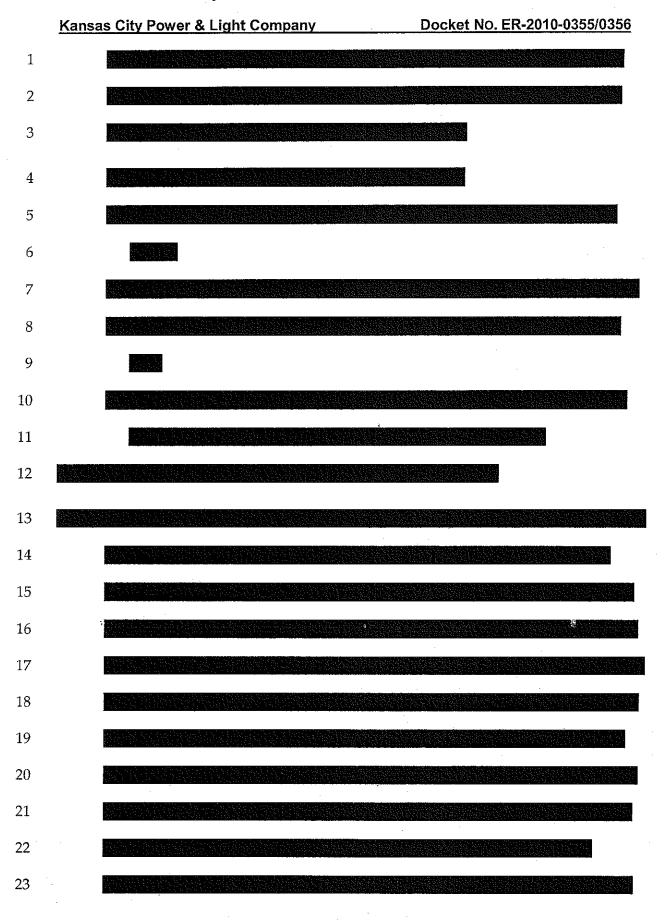
assumptions or major changes in market conditions. Deviations that may cause
the project costs to exceed the estimated costs inclusive of contingency include
excessive inflation (>8%), shortage of qualified labor, shortage of qualified
construction contractors, change in contracting approach, and other similar
changes. Such changes may be reflective of a moderate to high amount of new
power plant or industrial plant construction or air pollution control retrofits.
Such a scenario is becoming increasingly more likely as we approach the 2010 to
2012 time frame."

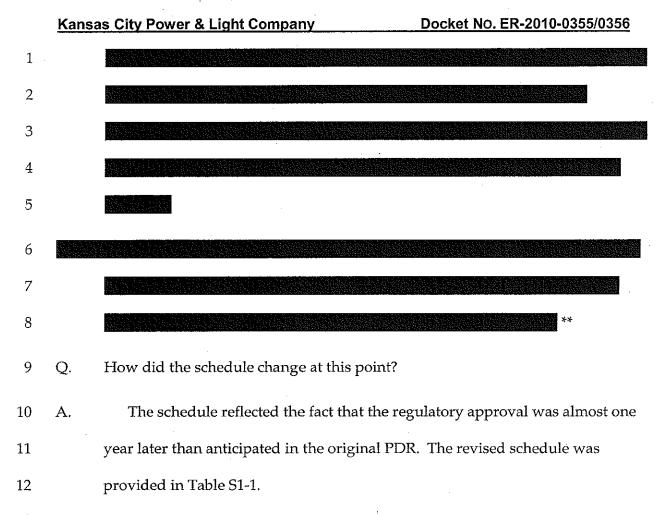
9 Q. What were the major recommendations of the 2004 PDR?

- 10 A. A summary of the primary recommendations follow.
  - Burns & McDonnell recommends that KCP&L evaluate the contingency included in the project costs and its impact on mitigating some of the risks and adjust the contingency as necessary to reflect its appetite for such risks.
  - Burns & McDonnell also recommends that KCP&L progress as quickly as
     possible on this Project. Quick action serves to mitigate the potential
     impact of changes in market conditions as they affect both cost and schedule.
     Market changes become increasingly likely as time progresses. Burns &
     McDonnell recommends that KCP&L utilize the information presented in
     this report as inputs into its integrated resource planning model for
     comparison to other generation alternatives due to an increased interest in
     solid fuel generation and the increasing need for emissions control retrofits
     on existing facilities.

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1	It is recommended that a project organizational plan and contracting	
2	strategy for engineering, procurement, and construction be finalized	first.
3	The organization plan and contracting strategy should:	
4	- identify resources, roles, and responsibilities to be provided by the varie	ous
5	Owner organizations, contractors, and consultants;	
6	- discuss lines of communication and decision making authority;	
7	- identify number of contracts and types including use of alliances	
8	and incentives where appropriate.	
9	A design management plan should be finalized to include:	
10	division of responsibility between the Owner and the various contractor	:S
11	and consultants;	
12	requirements for design reviews;	
13	discussion of design philosophy, methods, standards and criteria.	
14	Q. What was the purpose of the November 2004 PDR?	
15	A. This PDR provided an updated Siting Study to supplement the	
16	environmental assessments. It concluded that the latan site was the best	
17	alternative.	
18	Q. What was the purpose of the June 2007 PDR?	
19	A. This PDR provides an update to the original August 2004 report and it's	
20	supporting Appendices. It was presented to" **	1
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#### Table S1-1 Key Milestone Date Comparison - Current vs. Original

			Variance
Milestone		Current (June 2006)	Months
Start Design Engineering	11-1-2004	12-1-2005	13
Award Major Procurement - Boiler Island	5-1-2005	LNTP 2/28/06A	10
		NTP 4/27/06A	12
Award Major Procurement -Turbine-Generate	or5-1-2005	4-12-2006A	11.5
Start Construction	5-1-2006	8-29-2006A	4
Start Boiler Island Steel Erection	11-1-2006	8-15-2007	9.5
Energize Startup Power	5-1-2008	2-1-2009	9
Synchronize	5-1-2009	2-1-2010	9
Provisional Acceptance	NA	6-1-2010	
Commercial Operation	11-1-2009	10-1-2010	11

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# Q. What were the changes in cost from 2004 to 2006?

A. In addition to our review of the technical issues identified that impacted cost;

we reviewed the detailed cost summary in Appendix S1-M. The major increases

in estimated costs were in the following area. \*\*"

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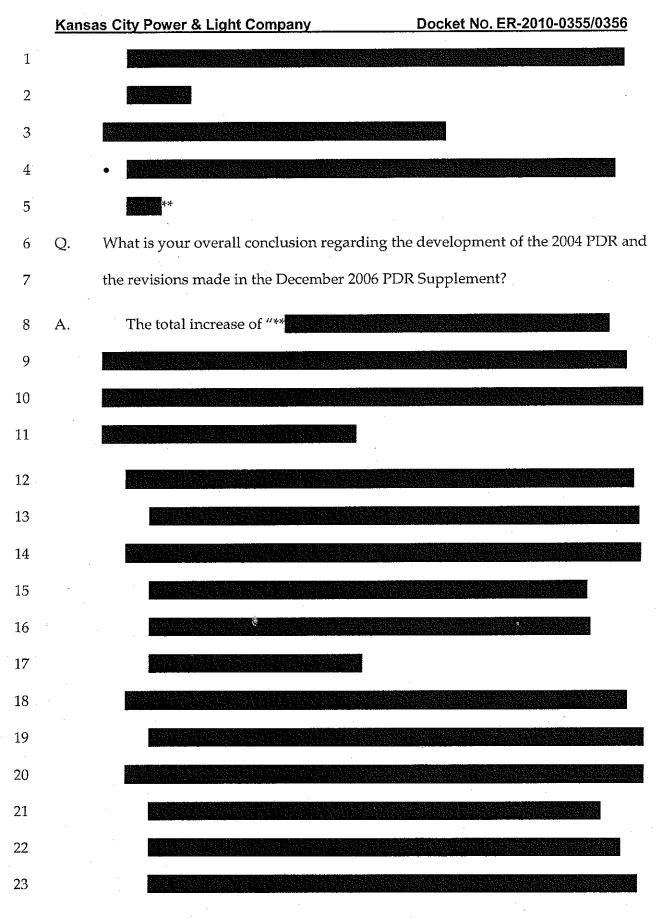
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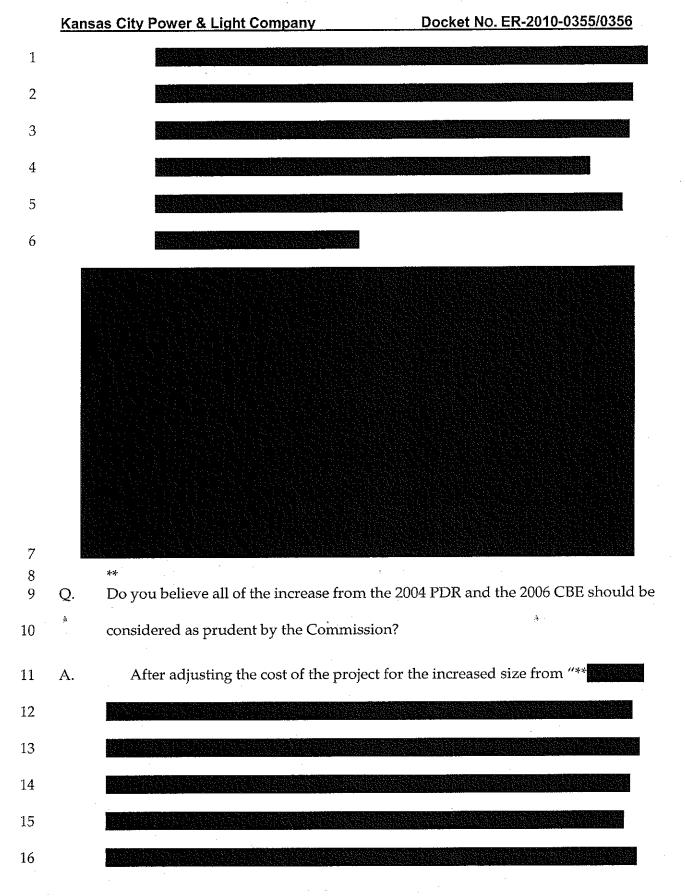
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- 3 Q. Provide some insight into the major changes from 2004 to 2006.
- 4 A. In addition to our review of technical issues that impacted cost, we reviewed
- 5 the detailed cost summary in "\*\*
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Now, the question is who should be responsible for this underestimation, KCP&L or the ratepayers? Should KCP&L's excuse that the original PDR was just an early estimate justify a \$211 million unexplained cost increase? Vantage believes that the Commission should seriously consider whether some portion of this amount be denied. Our opinion, based on our overall analysis and understanding of the project and its early planning is that 50% of this amount, or \$106 million) should be deemed imprudent because the increases are not justified by the facts provided in the project documentation.

#### ANALYSIS OF MAY 2008 AND MARCH 2010 REFORECAST

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- Q. Please describe the basis for each of these two forecasts and indicate the position

  Vantage has on how reasonable these cost increases are.
- These two reforecasts, (Schedules WPD 3 & 4), were necessitated by the 15 Α. recognition that project costs were rising at a rate that could not be constrained 16 within the existing budget requirements. In each case, KCP&L had to face the 17 18 fact that contingency budget amounts had dissipated and that project 19 productivity had not improved sufficiently enough to recover cost and schedule 20 problems. While some of the cost increases were justified by commodity cost 21 increases, this would have accounted for only a small portion of the total cost overruns. The following table provides a summary of causal factor that result in 22

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negative project impacts and imprudent costs. This list is not all inclusive, but provides a view of how costs were driven higher due to mismanagement.

Causal Factor	Areas Impacted
Lack of an effective Project	The lack of effective and adequate management
Management during the critical	during 2006 and early 2007 resulted in many of the
early phase of the project	other problems listed below.
Unrealistic schedule at the start of	The initial schedule was immediately recognized
the project (185 days). <sup>51</sup>	as tight. This drove decisions on EPC versus Multi
	Prime, signing of key contracts without defined
	details, and significant rework and engineering
	miscues.
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Inaccurate initial estimate in initial	The initial PDR had significant underestimates of
and updated PDRs.	both commodity costs and total scope. The lack of
	knowledge regarding the required size of the
	turbine building resulted in significant re-
	engineering and increased commodity amounts.
Conflicts with major contractor as a	Details in change orders indicate that many
result of compression.	contracts were claiming additional costs due to
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 $<sup>^{51}/</sup>$  01/04/2007 Weekly Leadership Team minutes page 5.

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compression.
Both the Alstom and Kiewit contracts did not
provide adequate language to assure that KCP&L
could get performance data needed to track
performance and address necessary changes.
The delay in instituting project controls led to a
lack of clarity and transparency in project costs and
progress.
KCP&L completely misunderstood the scope of
this project and the assets needed. When they did
recognize the issue, they were faced with hiring
outside support during a constrained market.
Poor quality and timeliness led to conflicts with
contractors and other team members. This
resulted in schedule slip, compression and related
cost increases.
B&McD had a number of conflicts on the project
that are problematic. First, they made a
recommendation to utilize the Multi Prime
method, in the face of industry trends ensuring

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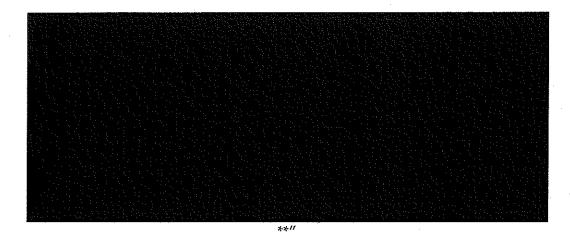
	themselves higher revenues as the Owner
	Engineer. Second, B&McD provided a significant
·	portion of the CM staff. In many cases B&McD
	employees were responsible for producing reports
	that evaluated B&McD performance.
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Lack of oversight and contractual	Prior to the signing of the contract with B&McD in
constraints on B&McD.	early 2007 there were no specific performance
	criteria with which to measure their performance.
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Sequencing issues that add	Schedule delays often required contracts to
inefficiencies to various contractors.	demobilize and then resequence work later when
	access was available.
Commodity price increases.	Delays in completing design and subsequent
	delays in awarding contracts and procuring
,	materials could result in major impact on project
	costs. However, the major equipment purchases
	including the boiler, turbine generator and AQCS
	were ordered as scheduled in the PDR.
	Commodity price increases should therefore not be
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 $<sup>^{52}/\,</sup>$  Schiff Hardin Status Report dated May 8, 2006, page 6.

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	a major factor.
Schedule delays resulted additional	The weekly cost of maintaining a craftsman is
costs to major contractors who	**", including the cost of supervision. The
were required to remain on-site	cost for maintaining a staff of**
longer than contracts called for.	for the additional ** ** as associated with
	the schedule delay is **
Weather delays that could have	Had the project schedule been maintained the
been avoided had key activities	anticipated schedule, major weather related issue
been performed when initially	KCP&L claims during boiler flushing in December
planned.	2009 could have been avoided.

- 1 Q. How did the causal factors described above impact specific cost categories?
- A. We have selected some key data from the spreadsheet above that describes
  the 2008 and 2010 budget reforecasts versus the December 2006 CBE. We
  provide it below, followed by discussions of each category, along with proposed
- 5 adjustments."\*\*



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- Note that total construction costs went up by "\*\* 2 A. 3 between December 2006 and March 2010. This increase correlates closely with the substandard productivity major contractors experienced. Please recall that 4 Kiewit had a"\*\* overall loss in efficiency and Alstom had a "\*\* loss. 5 6 The category for Construction Management, Project Management and Engineering increased by "\*\* These cost increases were 7 8 recognized as necessary when KCP&L instituted efforts to properly manage the 9 project and attempt to recover lost schedule in 2008. The final category of Field 10 & Office and Miscellaneous increased by \$53.8 million or 285%. Again, these costs were required to support the increased workforces, Construction 11 12 Management personnel and facilities at the site.
- Q. In your professional opinion, what amounts would you consider being
   unreasonable and therefore considered imprudent?
- 15 A. We have prepared the following table with our adjustments and rationale. It is
  16 important to recognize that there is no way, using data supplied by KCP&L, to
  17 develop an exact rate, but this is a reasonable analysis based upon accepted
  18 industry practice. \*\*

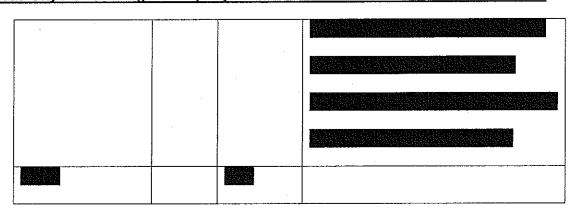
Category	Change	Imprudent	Rationale
	in Cost	Amount	
		(\$ Million)	

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- Q. Based on your total analysis of changes in cost from the adjusted initial PDR to the current 2010 reforecast, what amount do you believe is imprudently incurred and should be disallowed?
- 5 A. When we total the amount we consider unreasonable in the initial analysis
  6 (2004 PDR to 2006 CBE) and the amount identified above, we reach a total
  7 disallowance of "\*\*

#### REVIEW OF INITIAL PURCHASE ORDERS AND CHANGE ORDERS

- 9 Q. Describe how you evaluated initial purchase orders, change orders and other cost 10 areas to identify costs that might be deemed imprudent?
- 11 A. This analysis was in-depth and extremely data intensive, as detailed in
  12 Schedule WPD-37. Vantage requested and reviewed summaries of all initial
  13 purchase orders and all change orders. This included \*\*\*\*

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\*\*" A summary of the initial POs and COs and all associated analysis is provided in Schedule WPD-2. Vantage then selected all purchase orders over \$10 million, almost three hundred selected change orders for further review. Our consultants read support documentation used by KCP&L to support each purchase order or change order. After reviewing the support

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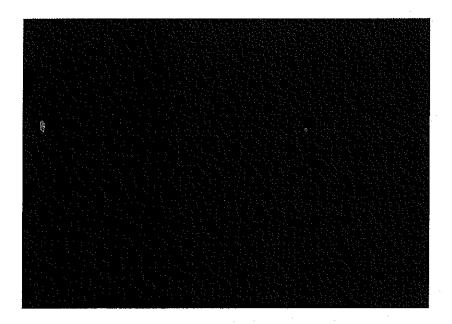
documentation, Vantage determined if all or part of the cost should not be permitted into rate base. This involved looking for details related to overtime, schedule compression, contract extensions, schedule extensions, work deferrals or restacking, or other work that would not have been required if the project was on schedule and all work was sequenced as planned. We also looked for instances in which additional payments were made for services or supplies that should have been included in the original contract.

- 8 Q. What was the breakdown by major company of expenditures on Iatan 2?
- 9 A. The following table provides this detail. Please note that the line titled

  "Miscellaneous POs from Data" is a collection of purchase orders, including

  additional work by Schiff Hardin, Ernst & Young, various law firms and other

  KCP&L related expenditures. We have also summarized this below. "\*\*



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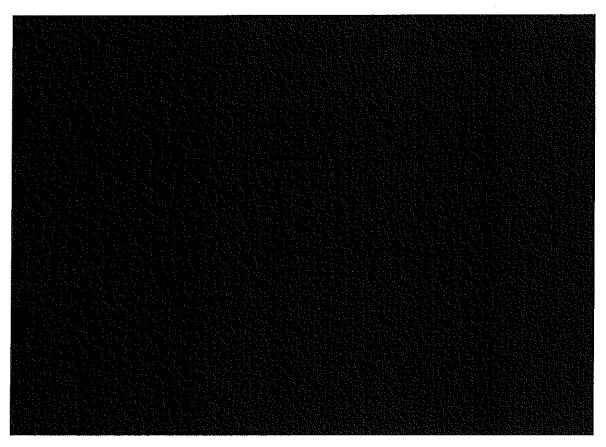
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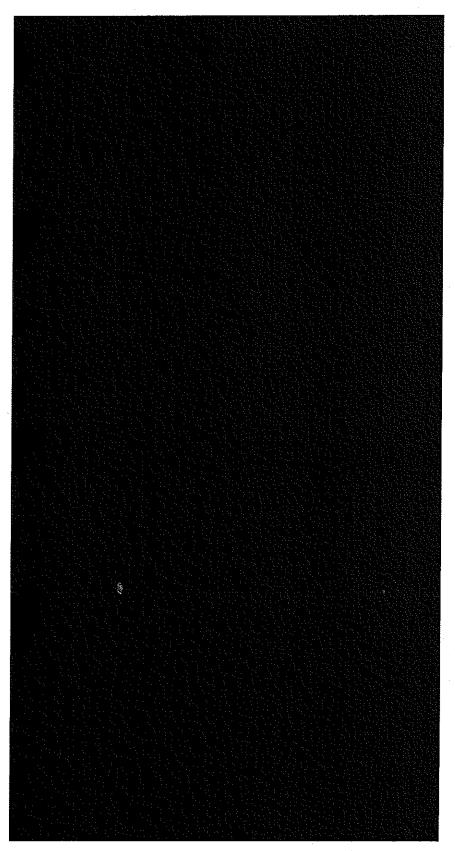
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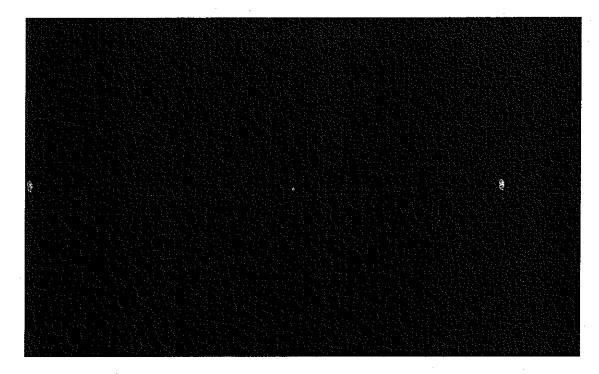
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- 2 Q. What was the total of your analysis that you believe warrants exclusion form
- 3 rate base?
- 4 A. The following table summarizes the results of our analysis. "\*\*

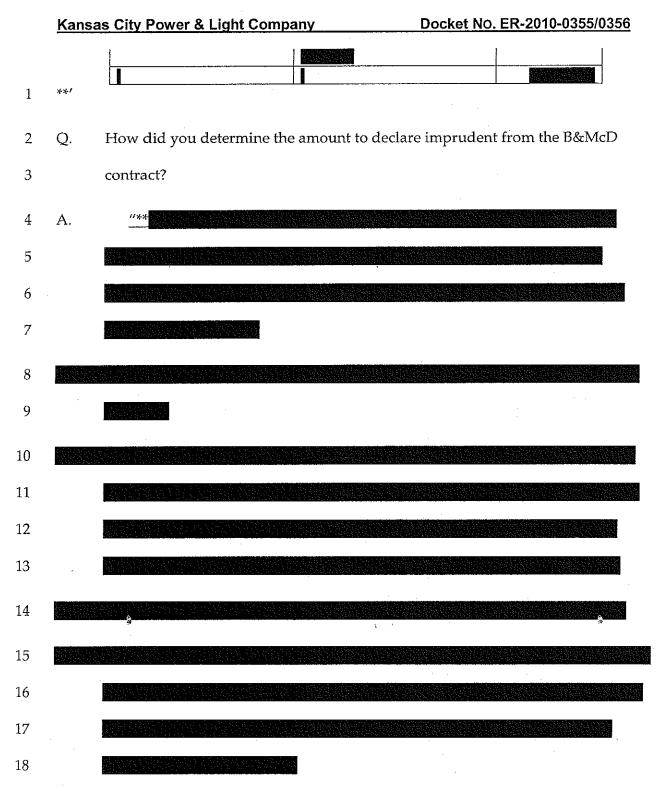


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- 6 Q. Provide a rationale or reference supporting each amount in the table above.

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- 1 A. The Alstom amount of \$37.2M is largely based upon our analysis earlier in
  2 the report. All 14 items in the cost profile, except 3, 4 and 7, are deemed
  3 imprudent. The \$37.2 M is a conservative amount, because the lack of
  4 productivity by Alstom drove costs up for many smaller contractors that were
  5 not specifically identified and quantified.
- 6 Q. How do you justify the Kiewit Contract disallowances?.
- 7 A. The Kiewit cost increases are well documented. The turbine building bust 8 drove much of these costs. Please recall that Kiewit expressed interest at about 9 the time that the bust was first discovered. The ultimate amounts of materials 10 would not be known until all engineering was completed. Increased quantities 11 for commodities and increased hours drove the level of these imprudent costs. 12 Vantage is of the opinion that the \$20M of the \$43M first group of change orders, 13 the \$39M, and \$29M and \$24 Million of the last \$44M change to the contract, 14 totaling \$112 million should not be included in rate base.
- 15 Q. What are the cost drivers behind the Kissick imprudent cost reduction.
- 16 A. Vantage analyzed purchase orders and change orders, identifying seven that
  17 we believe should not be included in the approved costs. These are listed below.
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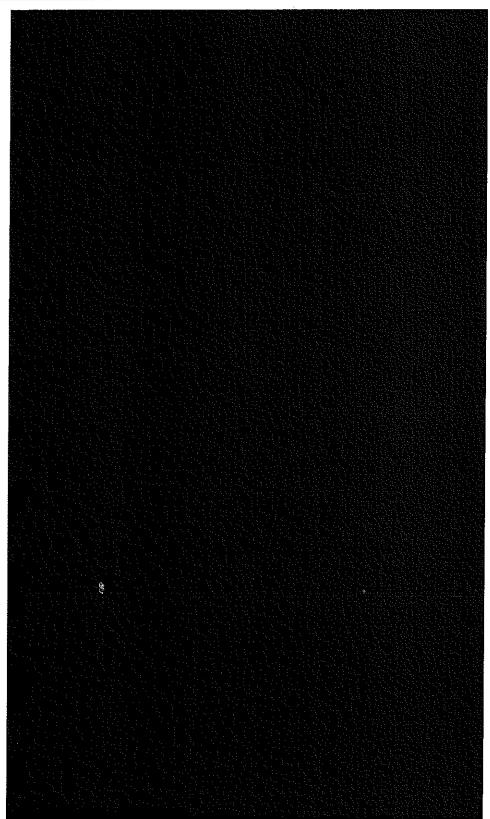
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- 1 Q. Based on the four separate imprudence quantification approaches you present in 2 Section G of your testimony, what amount do you recommend be removed from 3 the proposed rate base increase?
- 4 A. We would recommend that the comparison of Iatan 2 costs to other power

  5 plants be considered a boundary that supports the overall conclusion of

  6 imprudent costs. Finally, our analysis of purchase orders and change orders

  7 imputes to \*\* \*\* in imprudent costs. Vantage recommends, based on

  8 our testimony alone, that the \*\* \*\* amount be considered a

  9 conservative estimate of imprudent costs.
- 10 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?
- 11 A. Yes.

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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AFFIDAVIT OF	WALTER DRABINSKI
STATE OF MISSOURI ) ) ss COUNTY OF COLE )	
Testimony in question and answer form, co schedules to be presented in the above case ar	is oath states: that he has prepared the attached Direct onsisting of 213 pages of Direct Testimony and 39 and that the answers in the following Direct Testimony of the matters set forth in such answers; and that such and belief.
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