# STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water Company's Request for Authority to Implement General Rate Increase for Water and Sewer Service Provided in Missouri Service Areas.

File No. WR-2017-0285, et al.

# ORDER GRANTING APPLICATIONS TO INTERVENE

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Issue Date: August 9, 2017

Effective Date: August 9, 2017

On June 30, 2017, Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC") filed tariff sheets designed to implement a general rate increase. The Commission issued an order establishing a July 25, 2017 deadline for the filing of applications to intervene. On July 25, 2017, Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (jointly "KCPL/GMO") and Union Electric d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed separate applications to intervene. KCPL/GMO and Ameren Missouri are regulated utilities that provide electric and gas utility services in various portions of Missouri.

On August 4, 2017, the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") filed its opposition to the timely applications for intervention submitted by KCPL/GMO and Ameren Missouri. Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(3), the Commission may grant an application to intervene if the applicant has an interest which is different from that of the general public and which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case; or, granting the proposed intervention would serve the public interest. OPC argues that the pleadings filed by KCPL/GMO and Ameren Missouri do not explain how their particular interests are different from that of the general public or how those interest may be adversely affected by a final order in this case. According to OPC, KCPL/GMO fail to explain how their intervention would provide useful and relevant information to the Commission in MAWC's water and sewer case.

In their response to OPC's opposition, KCPL/GMO point out that the outcome of certain issues in this case, such as MAWC's proposed capital treatment for cloud computing investments, future test year, and a revenue stabilization mechanism, may have an impact on similar issues that could arise in future rate cases for KCPL/GMO. In its response to OPC's opposition, Ameren Missouri points out that as a public utility wrestling with regulatory, policy and business issues similar to MAWC, it can provide information, perspectives, and experience for the Commission's consideration, which will serve the public interest.

The Commission finds that as regulated utilities and customers of MAWC, KCPL/GMO and Ameren Missouri have an interest in this case that differs from those of the general public and that those interests may be adversely affected by a final order in this case. The Commission also finds that allowing KCPL/GMO and Ameren Missouri to intervene will serve the public interest by presenting additional perspectives for the Commission's consideration. Therefore, in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(3), the Commission will grant the applications to intervene.

# THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Kansas City Power & Light Company's application to intervene is granted.

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2. KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company's application to intervene is granted.

3. Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's application to intervene is

granted.

4. This order shall be effective when issued.



# BY THE COMMISSION

Morris I Woodruf

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and Coleman, CC., concur.

Burton, Senior Regulatory Law Judge.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017.



Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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