

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

In the Matter of Kansas City Power & Light)	<u>File No. ER-2014-0370</u>
Company's Request for Authority to Implement a)	Tariff No. YE-2015-0194
General Rate Increase for Electric Service)	Tariff No. YE-2015-0195

ORDER REGARDING DISCOVERY

Issue Date: December 12, 2014

Effective Date: December 12, 2014

On October 30, 2014, Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCP&L") submitted a tariff designed to implement a general rate increase for electric utility service. In order to more efficiently and effectively process this case, the Commission issues this order regarding discovery response times, discovery conferences and data requests.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Upon issuance of this order, the time allowed to respond to data requests will be twenty calendar days, with ten calendar days allowed to object or notify the requesting party that more than twenty calendar days will be necessary to provide the requested information.

2. After rebuttal testimony is filed on May 7, 2015 and before the filing of surrebuttal testimony, the time allowed to respond to data requests will be ten calendar days, with five business days allowed to object or notify the requesting party that more than ten calendar days will be necessary to provide the requested information.

3. After surrebuttal testimony is filed on June 5, 2015, the time allowed to respond to data requests will be five business days, with two business days allowed to object or notify the requesting party that more than five business days will be necessary to

provide the requested information. The Commission may rule on discovery motions filed after surrebuttal testimony is filed without holding the conference required by 4 CSR 240-2.090(8)(B).

4. The following conditions shall apply to all data requests:
 - A. Data requests, responses, objections, or notifications respecting the need for additional time to respond shall be sent via e-mail to counsel for all the other parties.
 - B. Data request responses will also be served on counsel for the requesting party, unless waived by counsel, and on the requesting party's employee or representative who submitted the data request and shall be served electronically, if feasible and not voluminous as defined by Commission rule.
 - C. Parties shall try to not include highly confidential or proprietary information in data request questions. If either highly confidential or proprietary information must be included in data request questions, the highly confidential or proprietary information should be appropriately designated as such pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.135. Counsel may designate other personnel to be added to the service list but shall assume responsibility for compliance with any restrictions on confidentiality.
 - D. If a party desires the response to a data request that has been served on another party, the party desiring a copy of the response must request a copy of the response from the party answering the data request.
 - E. If a party requests a data request response that has already been served on another party, and that request is received on or after the due date of the response, the responding party shall provide a copy of the response to the requesting party as soon as is reasonably practicable. However, if the request is received prior to the due date of the response, the responding party shall provide the response to all requesting parties contemporaneously. In no event shall a request for a copy of a response be considered to have initiated a new data request with new time limits.
 - F. Data requests issued to or by Staff shall be submitted and responded to in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS), if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc or by other means agreed to by counsel, if infeasible. Counsel for each party shall receive electronically from each other party serving a data request, an electronic copy of the text of the "description" of that data request contemporaneously with service of the data request. Regarding Staff-

issued data requests, if the description contains highly confidential or proprietary information, or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy.

G. KCP&L's responses to Staff data requests will be available to other parties on EFIS. In addition, KCP&L's responses to all parties' data requests will be available for review on CaseWorksEX for parties who complete the requirements for accessing the CaseWorksEX system.

H. Data requests sent after 5:00 p.m. will be considered served on the next business day.

I. Data requests and data request responses in any one of the three following cases may be used in any other of the three following cases: File Nos. ER-2014-0370, EU-2014-0255, and EU-2015-0094.

5. Discovery conferences will be held on January 14, 2015, February 11, 2015, March 11, 2015, April 8, 2015, and May 13, 2015. Any party that wishes to participate in the discovery conference by telephone will be notified of the telephone conference number prior to the time set for the conference.

6. Discovery conferences shall be held at the Commission's office in the Governor Office Building, Room 305, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person or entity requiring additional accommodations to participate in this hearing shall call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

7. Not less than two business days before each discovery conference, any party that has a discovery disagreement or concern involving another party shall file a brief statement describing that disagreement or concern and identifying any other parties involved. Such statement does not need to be a formal motion to compel. Any party may attend a discovery conference, but only those parties involved in an identified discovery

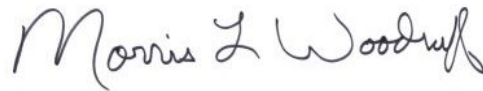
disagreement or concern must attend. If the parties do not identify any discovery disagreements or concerns before the scheduled conference, the presiding officer may cancel the conference.

8. Discovery conferences shall be on the record and transcribed by a court reporter.

9. Any party seeking reconsideration of a ruling on discovery shall file a motion for reconsideration no later than five business days following the ruling.

10. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary



Michael Bushmann, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 12th day of December, 2014.