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## STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

In the Matter of KCP&L Greater Missouri	)	i komen o nažavino koji modeli.
Operations Company for Authority to	)	File No. ER-2017-0001
Implement Rate Adjustments Required by	)	Tariff No. JE-2017-0002
4 CSR 240-20.090(4) and the Company's	)	
Approved Fuel and Purchased Power	)	
Cost Recovery Mechanism	)	

# ORDER APPROVING TARIFF TO CHANGE FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE RATES

Issue Date: August 17, 2016 Effective Date: September 1, 2016

On July 1, 2016, KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company ("GMO") filed a tariff sheet adjusting the Fuel Adjustment Rates ("FARs") that the company uses to calculate charges under its Fuel Adjustment Clause ("FAC"). The submitted tariff sheet bears an effective date of September 1, 2016. Along with the tariff sheet, GMO also submitted supporting documentation and the direct testimony of witness Linda Nunn.

For the 18<sup>th</sup> Accumulation Period (December 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016), the net costs for GMO to provide energy to its customers decreased. GMO's actual FAC includable costs did not reach the fuel and purchased power base costs included in GMO's base rates. GMO consists of two jurisdictions, "MPS" and "L&P." For MPS, GMO's FAC includable costs were \$9.9 million lower than the approved base energy costs. For L&P, the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fuel and purchased power costs net off-system sales were rebased in GMO's 2012 general rate case in order to account for higher fuel and purchased power costs.

FAC includable costs were \$3.6 million lower than the base energy costs. In accordance with GMO's FAC, the proposed rate schedules are designed to return to customers 95% of the cost changes. The requested adjustment would decrease a typical "MPS" residential customer's bill by approximately \$1.66 per month and decrease a typical "L&P" residential customer's bill by approximately \$1.65 per month.<sup>2</sup>

The Commission issued notice of GMO's FAC filing, directed the Commission's Staff to file a recommendation, and set an intervention deadline. No applications to intervene were received.<sup>3</sup> On August 1, Staff filed a recommendation to approve GMO's FAC tariff sheet adjustments. Staff verified that the actual fuel and purchased power costs less off-system sales revenues match the fuel and purchased power costs less off-system sales revenue in GMO's proposed 12<sup>th</sup> Revised Tariff Sheet No. 127.<sup>4</sup> Staff also reviewed GMO's monthly interest rates that are applied to the under/over recovery of base fuel and purchased power costs for Accumulation Period 18, and verified that the monthly interest rates and calculations of interest amounts are correct.

Based on the direct testimony of Linda Nunn and the recommendation of Staff, the Commission will approve GMO's proposed rate schedule. Since there are no objections to the proposed rate schedules and Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.090(4) requires the Commission to approve or reject GMO's tariff within sixty days of the filling, the Commission will allow this order to go into effect in less than thirty days.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> These estimates are based on an average use of 868 kWh per month.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Consistent with the requirement of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.161(10), the parties to the rate case in which the Commission approved GMO's FAC – File No. ER-2012-0175 – were made parties to this matter, without requiring an application to intervene.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> On January 3, 2013, the Commission granted GMO a waiver from 4 CSR 240-20.100(6)(A)16, which prevents GMO from recovering renewable energy standard costs through its FAC, with GMO working with

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company's tariff sheet, assigned Tracking No. JE-2017-0002, is approved to go into effect on September 1, 2016. The specific tariff sheet approved is the following:

#### PSC MO. No. 1

12th Revised Sheet No. 127, Canceling 11th Revised Sheet No. 127

- 2. This order shall be effective on September 1, 2016
- 3. This file shall be closed on September 2, 2016.

BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L Wooduff

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney, and Rupp, CC., concur; Coleman, C., absent.

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 2016.

Morris L. Woodruff

**Secretary** 

### MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION August 17, 2016

#### File/Case No. ER-2017-0001

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Sincerely,

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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