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

2 A: My name is Gary Johnson. My business address is 1200 Main, Kansas City, Missouri
3 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”) as Senior Director
6 Infrastructure and Cyber Security.

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

8 A: I am testifying on behalf of KCP&L and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company
9 (“GMO”) (collectively, the “Company”).

10 **Q: What are your responsibilities?**

11 A: My responsibilities include Cybersecurity, Physical Security and IT Infrastructure (data
12 centers, network, storage, computing help desk, asset management, etc.).

13 **Q: Please describe your education, experience, and employment history.**

14 A: I studied Information Systems at Potomac College in Rockville, MD. I am a US Army
15 veteran with over 30 years of Information Technology experience. I have been in my
16 current role at KCP&L since December of 2015. Prior to that I was the VP of Security at
17 Cerner Corporation from 2010-2015 and the VP of IT Infrastructure also at Cerner
18 Corporation from 2005-2010.

1 **Q: Have you previously testified in a proceeding at the Missouri Public Service**
2 **Commission (“MPSC”), Kansas Corporation Commission (“KCC”) or before any**
3 **other utility regulatory agency?**

4 A: No.

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

6 A: I will respond to some of the issues raised in the direct testimony of OPC witness Geoff
7 Marke.

8 **Q: How does the Company stay current on cybersecurity issues?**

9 A: The Company participates in NESCO (National Electric Sector Cybersecurity
10 Organization), Fusion Centers, US-CERT (US Computer Emergency Readiness Team),
11 ICS-CERT (Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team), EPRI (Electric
12 Power Research Institute), EEI (Edison Electric Institute), CIPWG (Critical Infrastructure
13 Protection Working Group), Transmission Forum Security Practices Group, ISSA
14 (Information Systems Security Association), ISC2 (International Information System
15 Security Certification Consortium), ISACA (Information Systems Audit and Control
16 Association), E-ISAC (Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center), NERC
17 (North American Electric Reliability Corporation), CIPC (Companies and Intellectual
18 Property Commission), RTO Compliance Forum and MISO Compliance Forum.

19 **Q: How does the Company protect customer information?**

20 A: The Company has a strong commitment to protecting customer information including
21 customer usage information. The Company protects the entire enterprise’s information,
22 including customer information, with the same protections. These protections include:

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- Traffic coming in from the internet is inspected for denial of service (DOS) attacks by our DOS appliance and cloud service. If a DOS attack is detected the cloud service blocks the DOS in the Internet before it reaches the Company network.
- Network firewalls are in place to help manage access and to prevent malicious traffic from entering the enterprise. These firewalls also have web filtering to stop traffic from malicious websites and intrusion detection and prevention capabilities that help prevent advanced threats that make it past typical firewall packet inspection. The Company also has deployed additional intrusion detection monitoring in order to have layers of intrusion detection from different manufacturers.
- Web application firewalls (WAF) are in place to help prevent application-specific threats. WAF's protect against common attacks such as cross site scripting (XSS) and SQL injection. These and other attacks typically take advantage of vulnerabilities in application code.
- Restricted user access on servers prevents attackers from running commands as non-privileged users. This is part of role-based access, commands and capabilities are assigned at a role level. This is designed to ensure that only those users that need to run commands or have access are those that have it.
- Application whitelisting prevents unknown executables from running, preventing ransomware, other malicious, or unapproved software from running. There is no malware that can run on a white-listed machine. Only

1 those utilities and applications that are authorized (white-listed) can
2 execute.

3 ▪ The entire enterprise is scanned continuously for vulnerabilities. If found,
4 vulnerabilities are then evaluated for applicability and remediated or
5 mitigated.

6 ▪ Code scanning detects defects and vulnerabilities in the application code
7 that could allow attackers to execute malicious requests. Code is scanned
8 before implementation and defects or vulnerabilities are mitigated or
9 remediated before going into production.

10 ▪ Database-level protections prevent unauthorized commands from being run
11 against the database. This works in much the same way as a WAF and
12 protects the database against database specific attacks.

13 ▪ Customer's personally identifiable information (PII) is encrypted while on
14 the Company's system. Only authorized users can view unredacted PII.

15 ▪ The Cyber Threat Operations Center (CTOC) is monitoring and responding
16 to security events on a 24X7 basis.

17 ▪ The Cyber Incident Response Team is available to react to events escalated
18 from the CTOC on a 24X7 basis.

19 **Q: Witness Marke proposes that the Commission should order the Company to prepare**
20 **an annual cybersecurity plan and privacy impact assessments. What is your reaction**
21 **to this proposal?**

22 **A: The risk that the CSP (Cybersecurity Plan) would be disclosed to those that could use it to**
23 **do harm to the Company is high enough that the plan would have to be at such a high level**

1 that it wouldn't provide much value. A better approach would be closed door meetings
2 with the Commission to discuss the plan, results of any assessments and action plans
3 accordingly. The Company already conducts third party audits of its cybersecurity
4 practices against NIST Cybersecurity Framework standards but has not conducted specific
5 PIA's (Privacy Impact Assessments). The Company already has a data breach notification
6 plan and our privacy policy is posted on the company website.

7 **Q: Should the Commission adopt OPC's other recommendations in this case?**

8 No. OPC's recommendations need to be vetted among stakeholders including those
9 that are not parties to this rate case. For example, while there are Green Button standards
10 and guidelines, clarification of specific asks for all utilities in Missouri would provide
11 uniform direction for Missouri customers and allow the utilities to work to a common set
12 of regulatory expectations.

13 Today, KCP&L provides download data for customers in the following formats:

- 14 ▪ Monthly data downloads for up to 25 months
- 15 ▪ Daily data downloads for 3 billing periods

16 While these capabilities do not match up directly to the Green Button Initiative, the
17 Company is committed to providing customer access to detailed data. The recent
18 implementation of the One CIS project included a new billing platform with access to
19 interval data from an advanced meter data management platform and enables the capability
20 to provide greater user access to historical data. The Company is currently considering
21 implementing the Green Button in a future phase of the billing system.

22 Mr. Marke is correct that it is incumbent on the utility to protect the customers'
23 data. To ensure that happens, customer protection criteria must be specified for third parties

1 to adhere to prior to gaining access to customer data. The utilities will have no control over
2 treatment of the customers data once the third party has access.

3 Company witness Ives also addresses the problems associated with addressing
4 OPC's industry-wide recommendations in the rate case of a single utility.

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

6 **A:** Yes, it does.

