

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

In the Matter of Kansas City Power & Light)
Company's Request for Authority to) **File No. ER-2018-0145**
Implement a General Rate Increase for)
Electric Service)

In the Matter of KCP&L Greater Missouri)
Operations Company's Request for Authority) **File No. ER-2018-0146**
To Implement a General Rate Increase for)
Electric Service)

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE
AND ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: March 13, 2018

Effective Date: March 13, 2018

On March 2, 2018, the Staff of the Commission filed a Motion to Consolidate Cases and Proposed Procedural Schedule. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(13) allows parties ten days to respond to pleadings unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. The Commission issued no order to the contrary of the rule, more than ten days have elapsed since March 2, 2018, and no party has objected to the motion. Thus, the Commission will take up the motion unopposed.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.110(3) allows the Commission to order a joint hearing of pending actions that involve related questions of law or fact, and to make other orders to avoid unnecessary costs or delay. The Commission finds these two files involve related questions of law and fact, and, thus, the Commission will order these two files to be consolidated, with File No. ER-2018-0145 being the lead file.

The Commission will also set a procedural schedule for File No. ER-2018-0145.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The motion to consolidate filed by the Staff of the Commission is granted. File No. ER-2018-0145 is the lead case, and all further pleadings related to either File No. ER-2018-0145 or ER-2018-0146 shall bear the caption for File No. ER-2018-0145.

2. The following procedural schedule is established:¹

Staff/Intervenor Direct	-	June 19
Staff/Intervenor Direct – Rate Design	-	July 6
Local Public Hearings (locations and dates to be established by subsequent order)	-	July-August
First Technical Conference	-	July 17
True-Up Documentation Provided	-	July 20
Rebuttal	-	July 27
Rebuttal/Rate Design	-	August 7
True-up adjustments	-	August 17
Second Technical Conference	-	August 20
Surrebuttal/True-Up Direct	-	September 4
Settlement Conference	-	September 6
List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross-Examination, Order of Opening	-	September 11

¹ Unless otherwise noted, all calendar references are to 2018.

Cut-off for Non-True-Up Discovery	-	September 11
Cut-off for True-Up Discovery	-	September 12
Statements of Position	-	September 13
True-Up Rebuttal	-	September 14
Evidentiary hearing	-	September 17-28²
Initial briefs	-	October 17
Reply/True-Up briefs	-	October 26

3. The parties shall use a test year ending June 30, 2017, updated through December 31, 2017.

4. The true-up period shall end June 30, 2018.

5. All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel of record by electronic means and in electronic form essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format. Parties are not required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.

6. Parties shall make all reasonable efforts to not include confidential information in data requests. If confidential information must be included in data requests, the confidential information will be appropriately designated as such pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.135.

7. 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.

² Unless otherwise ordered, each hearing day will begin at 8:30 a.m.

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 confidential information, or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy. 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. Data requests shall be sent by e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Counsel may designate other personnel to be added to the service list for data requests, but shall assume responsibility for compliance with any restrictions on confidentiality. Data request responses shall 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. 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.

8. Until the filing of Rate Design Rebuttal testimony, the response time for all data requests shall be 20 calendar days, and 10 calendar days to object or notify that more than 20 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. After the filing of Rate Design Rebuttal testimony (August 7, 2018) and before the filing of Surrebuttal testimony (September 4, 2018), the response time for data requests shall be 10 calendar days to provide the requested information, and 5 business days to object or notify that more than 10 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested

information. After the filing of Surrebuttal testimony (September 4, 2018), the response time for data requests shall be 5 business days to provide the requested information, and 2 business days to object or notify that more than 5 business days will be needed to provide the requested information. Data requests sent after 5:00 pm will be considered served on the next business day. 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).

9. Workpapers prepared in the course of developing a witness' testimony (including schedules) and exhibits shall not be filed with the Commission, but shall be submitted to each party within 2 business days following the filing of the particular testimony, unless a party has indicated that it does not want to receive some or all of the workpapers. Workpapers containing confidential information shall be appropriately marked. Counsel shall undertake to advise other counsel if the sponsored witness has no workpapers related to the round of testimony.

10. Where workpapers or data request responses include models or spreadsheets or similar information originally in a commonly available format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs or outputs, if available in that original format, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in that original format with formulas intact. Workpapers shall be provided in electronic format by e-mailing or by delivery of a compact disc or other electronic storage media.

11. Documents filed in EFIS shall be considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail.

12. Data requests and responses thereto made by any party in Case Nos. EE-2018-0108, ER-2016-0156, and ER-2016-0285 shall be treated as having been made in these cases, ER-2018-0145 and ER-2018-0146, subject to objections as to relevance and admissibility in evidence.

13. No later than March 15, 2018, interested parties shall file notice language to be mailed as bill inserts to KCP&L and GMO customers.

14. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 13th day of March, 2018.

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 13th day of March 2018.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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File/Case No. ER-2018-0145 and ER-2018-0146

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,


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