

# Missouri Public Service Commission Staff Status Report for December 2010

Kansas City Power & Light Company – File No.  
ER-2010-0355

KCPL Greater Missouri Operations – File No.  
ER-2010-0356

The Executive Director of the Commission has requested monthly information regarding the status of the two rate cases filed June 4, 2010 by Kansas City Power & Light Company (herein referred to as KCPL) and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (herein referred to as GMO). These rate cases are designated as File No. ER-2010-0355 for KCPL and File No. ER-2010-356 for GMO.

The information requested is to include the following:

1. Is Staff on site at the Company?
2. Does Staff continue to make plant site visits?
3. Has Staff been meeting with the Company on a regular basis?
4. Is Staff receiving data on a timely basis?
5. Has Staff discovered any new issues not previously listed on the chart filed August 16, with the Executive Director's First Monthly Report?
6. At this time, does Staff see a problem meeting the deadlines set in these cases?
7. List any other information you feel is relevant.

For the period ending December 31, 2010:

## **1. Audit Site Work—**

Commission Staff Auditors have completed pre-true up audit activities at Great Plains Energy corporate headquarters and is getting ready for evidentiary hearings. The audit Staff now is working out of the Kansas City office in the Fletcher Daniels State Office Building and the Commission's Jefferson City office in the Governor Office Building.

No Staff members working in the Operations Division are assigned to on-site activities on regular basis. Operations personnel do, on an as needed and pre-approved basis, visit utility plant sites for meetings, tours and document reviews.

## **2. Generating Plant Site Visits—**

The Audit Staff has not made any recent site visits to any of KCPL's or GMO's generating power plants during the months of June through current period. The Kansas City office Staff did do a series of plant tours during April and May for both KCPL and GMO generating units.

Operations engineers visited latan 2 on December 17, 2010 to observe plant operations.

## **3. Company Meetings—**

The Audit Staff continues to have meetings with KCPL and GMO personnel during this reporting period. The focus of the meetings have primarily shifted to discussions concerning the Staff's direct rate case filings made on November 10, 2010 for KCPL and November 17, 2010 for GMO. The Staff Counsel's Office continues to have at least one weekly phone call with counsel for KCPL on discovery matters.

Members of Operations Division also have conducted conferences telephonically and have communicated and obtained information via email, as questions arise. Responses to the Operations Division have been timely and informative.

## **4. Data Information –**

The Audit Staff continues to submit data requests to the Company and, as previously indicated in these reports, will continue to do so throughout the course of these cases. Staff has generally been given timely responses. At this time non-latan discovery is not an issue, while latan discovery continues as an issue.

For this reporting period, all of Operations Staff' data requests have been received on or prior to due date.

As of the rebuttal filings made in the KCPL rate case on December 8 and GMO rate case on December 15, the time to respond to data requests has changed from 10 business days to 10 calendar days per the procedural schedule approved by the

Commission in the August 18, 2010 Order Approving Nonunanimous Stipulation and Agreement, Setting Procedural Schedule, and Clarifying Order Regarding Construction and Prudence Audit.

## **5. New Issues --**

As previously indicated, at the September 14th Comprehensive Energy Plan (CEP) meeting, KCPL provided a copy of its Cost Report Summation through July 2010. \*\*

\*\*\* The Staff Auditors are continuing to review this matter.

The Audit Staff has not discovered any additional issues as of the monthly December 2010 status report.

## **6. Testimony Filing Deadlines --**

The Commission issued the procedural schedule August 18th setting a November 10, 2010 filing of Staff Direct testimony for the revenue requirement for KCPL and November 17th direct filing for the revenue requirement in GMO (MPS and L&P). Both the KCPL and GMO direct filings were made on these dates. In addition, the Iatan Project Construction Audit/Prudence Review Report of Iatan 1, Iatan 2, and Iatan Common Plant to be filed on November 3rd (and was filed on November 4th). Rebuttal testimony was filed by Staff on December 8th for the KCPL case and by Staff on December 15th for the GMO case.

The rate design and class cost of service direct testimony was filed by Staff on November 24th for the KCPL case and by Staff on December 1st for the GMO (MPS and L&P) case. Rate design rebuttal testimonies for the KCPL and GMO cases were filed December 10th and December 17th, respectively. Since surrebuttal testimony was due, in particular, in the KCPL case on January 5th and in the GMO case on January 12th, the Staff had to work on surrebuttal testimony throughout the latter part of December in order to file in early January.

## **7. Other Information—**

The Audit Staff completed the Exhibit Modeling System (EMS)—the revenue requirement system for both KCPL and the two GMO runs (MPS and L&P) and filed these runs along with the direct testimony and Cost of Service Reports on the November 10th and 17th direct filing dates approved by the Commission for KCPL and

GMO rate cases. Updates to all three EMS runs – KCPL, MPS and L&P—have been made and work on the reconciliations are being completed.

Staff later witnesses David Elliott, Chuck Hyneman, Keith Majors, and Bob Schallenberg were deposed by KCPL/GMO in mid-December. Wess Henderson who is not a witness in either the Staff's KCPL or GMO case was also deposed by KCPL/GMO mid-December and the indication was that KCPL/GMO would call him as a witness. KCPL/GMO submitted data requests to Chuck Hyneman for response.