

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: Jay Scott Emler, Chairman
Shari Feist Albrecht
Pat Apple

In the Matter of the Application for Kansas)
City Power & Light Company to Make) Docket No. 17-KCPE-201-RTS
Certain Changes in Its Charges for Electric)
Service.)

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On November 9, 2016, Kansas City Power and Light Company (KCP&L) filed an Application with the Commission pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117 and K.A.R. 82-1-231(b)(3) requesting authorization to make an “abbreviated filing” when filing within 12 months of the Commission’s order in a prior rate case.¹ The Application was filed to true-up environmental upgrade costs at the LaCygne Generating Station; true-up the Wolf Creek capital addition costs to actual costs along with all affected components of KCP&L’s revenue requirement; update the amortization of Wolf Creek refueling outage costs included in base rates to refueling outage 20 expenditures; and incorporate into KCP&L’s rates updates to certain regulatory asset and liability amortizations.²

¹ 17-KCPE-201-RTS, Application (Nov. 9, 2016). In its prior general rate case, KCP&L was granted a waiver of the 12 month period for filing an abbreviated rate case and allowed to file the instant Application no later than 14 months after the Commission’s September 10, 2015 Order in that proceeding. *See* Docket No. 15-KCPE-116-RTS, *Order on KCP&L’s Application for Rate Change*, Attachment A, pp. 7-9.

² Application, ¶ 3.

2. On November 22, 2016, the Commission issued in this docket Suspension, Protective, and Discovery Orders and an Order Designating Prehearing Officer and Granting Intervention to the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB).³

3. On December 2, 2016, Commission Staff, KCP&L and CURB (Joint Movants) filed a Joint Motion for Procedural Schedule, requesting Commission approval of a proposed procedural schedule and certain customer notice recommendations.⁴ The Commission sets the following procedural schedule:

| DATE | TIME | ACTION |
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| November 9, 2016 | | Application filed |
| March 8, 2017 | 5:00 p.m. | KCP&L Final Updated Financial Information Due, except Income Taxes |
| March 9, 2017 | 5:00 p.m. | KCP&L Final Updated Income Tax Financial Information Due |
| April 6, 2017 | 5:00 p.m. | Staff and Intervenor Direct Testimony |
| April 11, 2017 | 5:00 p.m. | Staff and Intervenor Cross-Answering Testimony |
| April 18, 2017 | 5:00 p.m. | KCP&L Rebuttal Testimony |
| April 19, 2017 | 5:00 p.m. | Public Comment Period Ends |
| April 20, 2017 | TBD | Settlement Conference |
| April 24, 2017 | 5:00 p.m. | Settlement and/or List of Contested Issues |
| April 25, 2017 | 5:00 p.m. | Prehearing Motion and Discovery Cutoff |
| April 26, 2017 | 5:00 p.m. | Testimony Supporting or Opposing Settlement |
| April 26, 2017 | 9:00 a.m. | Prehearing Conference |
| May 2-3, 2017 | 9:00 a.m. | Evidentiary Hearing |
| May 18, 2017 | 5:00 p.m. | KCP&L Initial Post-Hearing Brief |
| May 31, 2017 | 5:00 p.m. | Staff and Intervenor Briefs |
| June 7, 2017 | 5:00 p.m. | KCP&L Reply Brief |
| July 7, 2017 | | Order Due |

4. The Commission finds that a Prehearing Conference is necessary to address any pending matters, establish evidentiary hearing procedures and consider any other prehearing issues that will promote the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding.⁵ Thus, a Prehearing

³ See *Suspension Order, Protective Order and Discovery Order* (Nov. 22, 2016); *Order Designating Prehearing Officer and Granting Intervention to the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board* (Nov. 22, 2016).

⁴ See *Joint Motion for Procedural Schedule* (Dec. 2, 2016).

⁵ K.S.A. 77-517.

Conference is scheduled for April 26, 2017, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission's Third Floor Hearing Room, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas. The Prehearing Officer will preside. Any party who fails to attend or participate in the Prehearing Conference or in any other stage of this proceeding may be held in default under the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (KAPA).⁶ At the Prehearing Conference, without further notice, this proceeding may be converted into a conference hearing or a summary proceeding for disposition of this matter as provided by the KAPA.⁷

5. An evidentiary hearing, with the Commission presiding, will begin on May 2, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., and continue, as needed, through May 3, 2017, in the Commission's First Floor Hearing Room, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas. Any party who fails to attend or participate in the evidentiary hearing or in any other stage of this proceeding may be held in default under the KAPA.⁸

6. The Commission has discretion to hold public hearings in rate cases.⁹ The Commission agrees with Joint Movants that, consistent with KCP&L's previous abbreviated rate case, a public hearing is unnecessary in this docket.¹⁰

7. The Commission directs KCP&L to provide notice of its Application and evidentiary hearing through a bill insert included with the monthly billing statement for each customer in KCP&L's service territory. The bill inserts shall comply with the Commission's regulations and explain the opportunity for the public to submit comments regarding KCP&L's proposed changes. After consulting with the Commission's Director of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection (PACP), the Prehearing Officer shall approve the notice to be provided in

⁶ K.S.A. 77-516(c)(8); K.S.A. 77-520.

⁷ K.S.A. 77-516(c)(7); K.S.A. 77-506.

⁸ K.S.A. 77-518(c)(8); K.S.A. 77-520.

⁹ K.A.R. 82-1-231(g).

¹⁰ See Joint Motion for Procedural Schedule, ¶ 4.

the bill insert to KCP&L's customers. The Prehearing Officer shall rule on any dispute regarding the bill insert.

8. The Commission encourages the public to submit comments concerning this docket online at www.kcc.ks.gov, via electronic mail, or in writing. The public comment period begins now and ends on April 19, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. By April 25, 2017, PACP is directed to file a report summarizing public comments received.

9. The Commission approves the use of electronic service of all testimony, briefs, and orders, without requiring provision of follow-up hard copies as required by K.A.R. 82-1-216(a)(6). Testimony and briefs must be served electronically by 5:00 p.m., on the date due, without requiring service among the parties of a follow-up copy. The Commission directs electronic service of testimony and briefs to include service on the Prehearing Officer at m.duenes@kcc.ks.gov.

10. Andrew French, a.french@kcc.ks.gov, and Robert Vincent, r.vincent@kcc.ks.gov, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027, are the attorneys appearing on behalf of the agency in this proceeding.¹¹

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The procedural schedule set forth in paragraph 3 is adopted.

B. KCP&L shall provide notice of its Application and evidentiary hearing through a bill insert included with the monthly billing statement for each customer in KCP&L's service territory. The bill inserts shall comply with the Commission's regulations and explain the opportunity for the public to submit comments regarding KCP&L's proposed changes.

C. Parties have 15 days from the date of electronic service of this Order to petition for reconsideration.¹²

¹¹ K.S.A. 77-516(c)(2); K.S.A. 77-518(c)(2).

D. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it deems necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Emler, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: DEC 22 2016



Amy L. Green
Secretary to the Commission

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¹² K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following parties by means of

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