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

2 A: My name is Burton L. Crawford. My business address is 1200 Main, Kansas City,  
3 Missouri 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” or the “Company”)  
6 as Director, Energy Resource Management.

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

8 A: My responsibilities include managing the Energy Resource Management (“ERM”)  
9 department. Activities of ERM include resource planning, wholesale energy purchase  
10 and sales evaluations, Generation division budgeting, and capital project evaluations.

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

12 A: I hold a Master of Business Administration from Rockhurst College and a Bachelor of  
13 Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Missouri. Within KCP&L, I  
14 have served in various areas including regulatory, economic research, and power  
15 engineering starting in 1988.

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

4 A: Yes, I have. I provided testimony to the Commission in KCP&L’s and KCP&L Greater  
5 Missouri Operations Company (“GMO”) most recent Missouri rate cases and in a variety  
6 of other proceedings. I have also appeared before the Kansas Corporation Commission  
7 on behalf of KCP&L.

8 **Q: What is the purpose of your Direct Testimony?**

9 A: The purpose of my testimony is to describe KCP&L’s Retail Rate Impact calculation  
10 included in its Missouri Renewable Energy Standards (“RES”) Compliance Plan filed on  
11 May 28, 2013. I will also respond to the concerns expressed by the MPSC Staff (“Staff”)  
12 in their report on KCP&L’s RES Compliance Plan filing in Case No. EO-2013-0504.

13 **Q: What is the Retail Rate Impact (“RRI”)?**

14 A: On an annual basis, the Company is required to file its plans for meeting the RES  
15 requirements. As part of its 2013 filing, the Company calculated its projected RES  
16 compliance costs. The RRI is a measure of these projected RES compliance costs.

17 **Q: What are the major components of the RRI calculation?**

18 A: The major components of the RRI calculation include establishing a baseline revenue  
19 requirement in which to compare the costs of RES compliance and the projected RES  
20 compliance costs. The projected RES compliance costs include:

- 21           ▪ Net cost of renewable generation and/or Renewable Energy Credit (REC)  
22           costs directly attributable to meeting RES energy targets
- 23           ▪ Solar rebate costs

- 1                   ▪ Other costs such as REC registration fees and renewable resource  
2                   registration fees

3 **Q: How was the baseline revenue requirement determined?**

4 A: The RES rules require a comparison of RES compliance related costs to the revenue  
5 requirements of a non-renewable generation and purchased power portfolio (i.e.,  
6 baseline). The Company calculated the revenue requirement for this non-renewable  
7 portfolio based on the Preferred Resource Plan from its 2012 IRP filing. Future wind and  
8 solar additions that were directly attributable to RES compliance were removed from the  
9 Preferred Plan and the IRP model was re-run to calculate the annual revenue  
10 requirements under the same set of scenarios used in the IRP analysis.

11 **Q: Were any other adjustments made to the IRP Preferred Plan to determine the non-  
12 renewable plan's revenue requirement?**

13 A: No other adjustments were made. Along with removing future renewable resources  
14 attributable to RES compliance, the RES rule requires that the non-renewable portfolio  
15 have sufficient resources to meet the utilities needs for the next 10 years on a least cost  
16 basis. Since the wind resources removed from the Preferred Plan provide little capacity  
17 to the Company's portfolio, no additional non-renewable resources were added to the  
18 Preferred Plan. Generation that would have been provided by the renewable resources  
19 removed would generally be replaced with Company owned resources and increased  
20 purchased power.

1 **Q: Would adding additional non-renewable resources to the non-renewable resource**  
2 **plan decrease revenue requirements?**

3 A: It is unlikely that adding additional non-renewable resources to the non-renewable  
4 resource plan would decrease revenue requirements. As a test of this premise, the  
5 Company developed an alternative resource plan that replaced a portion of the renewable  
6 resources removed from the Preferred Plan with 50 MW of gas-fired combined cycle  
7 generation and ran it through the IRP model. The revenue requirements of this  
8 alternative plan were greater than the revenue requirements without this additional non-  
9 renewable resource.

10 **Q: How do you know that the renewable resources removed from the Preferred Plan**  
11 **when determining the non-renewable resource plan revenue requirements were**  
12 **directly attributable to RES compliance?**

13 A: As part of the IRP process, the Company specifically included additional renewable  
14 resources necessary to meet the RES energy requirements in most of the alternative  
15 resource plans analyzed, including its Preferred Plan. These additional renewable  
16 resources were the ones removed from the Preferred Plan when determining the non-  
17 renewable resource plan revenue requirements for the RRI calculation. In order to  
18 determine if these renewable resources would have been added for reasons other than  
19 RES compliance (e.g., economics) the Company compared the revenue requirements of  
20 the non-renewable resource plan to one that added 50 MW of additional wind resources  
21 consistent with the renewable resource timing in the IRP Preferred Plan. The 50 MW  
22 wind resource addition increased revenue requirements and therefore would not have  
23 been added for economics.

1 **Q: For which year or years did KCP&L conduct the RRI calculation?**

2 A: Rule 240-20.100(5)(A) requires the RRI to be calculated for each planning year that  
3 includes the addition of renewable generation directly attributable to RES compliance.  
4 Since Rule 240-20.100(7)(B) states that the Compliance Plan shall cover the current and  
5 immediately following two calendar years, the Company calculated the RRI for 2013,  
6 2014, and 2015 in its 2013 RES Compliance Plan.

7 **Q: How were the RES compliance costs estimated?**

8 A: Since KCP&L currently has sufficient non-solar renewable resources to meet RES  
9 compliance during the 2013-2015 RES Compliance Plan period, no additional non-solar  
10 renewable resource costs were included in the RRI calculation.

11 KCP&L is currently meeting the RES solar energy requirements through the  
12 purchase of solar RECs (“S-RECs”). The projected cost of S-REC purchases needed for  
13 2013-2015 RES compliance were included in the 2013 RES Compliance Plan RRI  
14 calculations. The projected costs were based on recent S-REC purchases costs.

15 The RES compliance costs also include costs related to REC registration and  
16 renewable facility registration.

17 Lastly, KCP&L estimated the amount of solar rebates to be paid in 2013 based on  
18 recent history of rebate payments. These were considered part of the RES compliance  
19 costs.

20 **Q: How was the RRI calculated?**

21 A: Once the Company calculated the annual non-renewable resource plan revenue  
22 requirements, a 10-year average revenue requirement was calculated for each of three

1 separate time periods. The table shown below provides the 10-year period used for each  
2 of the 2013-2015 RRI calculations.

Planning Year	Non-renewable Resource Plan Average Revenue Requirement Period
2013	2013-2022
2014	2014-2023
2015	2015-2024

3 The annual cost of RES compliance was then calculated as a percentage of the 10-year  
4 average non-renewable resource plan revenue requirements to determine the RRIs for  
5 2013, 2014 and 2015.

6 Given that the projected amount of solar rebates exceeds the 1% RRI limit in  
7 2013, projected rebate payments were adjusted downward in each year (2013, 2014, and  
8 2015) to meet the 1% RRI limits. Adjusting the projected rebate payments to keep at the  
9 1% RRI limit resulted in the following solar rebate cap amounts:

Year	Solar Rebate Cap
2013	\$10,850,577
2014	\$11,095,665
2015	\$11,367,628

10 The details concerning this calculation can be found in the workpapers submitted to  
11 parties in the current case.

12 **Q: Has the Staff offered any opinion on KCP&L’s approach to the RRI calculations?**

13 A: Yes. In Staff’s report concerning KCP&L’s RES Compliance Plan filing in Case No.  
14 EO-2013-0504, Staff described three parts of the Company’s RRI calculations that Staff  
15 believes do not comply with the rules. These include:

- 16 (1) Averaging the non-renewable portfolio,
- 17 (2) Determination of the non-renewable portfolio, and

1 (3) Determination of the RES-compliant portfolio.

2 **Q: Please respond to Staff's first concern, averaging the non-renewable portfolio**  
3 **revenue requirements.**

4 A: Based on discussions between the Staff and Company subsequent to the Staff's report, it  
5 is the Company's understanding that Staff's concern is not with the Company's averaging  
6 of the non-renewable portfolio revenue requirements, but with the fact that the Company  
7 did not base the RRI calculations on a 10-year average of the RES-compliant portfolio  
8 revenue requirement. The Company based the RRI on the annual projected RES-  
9 compliance costs as a percentage of the 10-year average non-renewable portfolio revenue  
10 requirement. Under Staff's view of the 1% cap, RES compliance costs can exceed 1% in  
11 any given year as long as the compliance costs average to 1% over a 10-year period. The  
12 Company's view limits RES compliance costs to 1% each year. Note that both the Staff  
13 and Company's approach to the RRI calculation includes averaging the non-renewable  
14 portfolio revenue requirements over a 10-year period.

15 There is a potential problem created with Staff's view that the RES compliance  
16 costs can exceed 1% in any given year as long as the 10-year average compliance costs  
17 are limited to 1%. Since the RRI calculation for any given compliance plan year is based  
18 on forward looking costs only, it ignores costs incurred in previous years. If the previous  
19 year's actual compliance costs exceed 1% and the forward looking 10-year average is  
20 1%, the actual RES compliance impacts can greatly exceed 1%. As a simple example,  
21 assume that RES compliance costs are 10% in Year 1, and 0% in Years 2-10 and the  
22 average compliance cost works out to a 1% RRI over the 10-year period. In Year 2 when  
23 the RRI is calculated, it would allow for another 10% increase in revenue requirements



1 assuming Year 3-11 are 0%. This could continue indefinitely with the end result being a  
2 10% increase in costs over any given period even though the RRI has a 1% limit.

3 Given the forward-looking RRI calculation required by the RES rule, each year's  
4 RES compliance costs need to be closely aligned with the 1% cap to ensure that actual  
5 RES compliance costs don't exceed 1% in any given 10-year period.

6 **Q: Please respond to Staff's second concern; the determination of the Company's non-**  
7 **renewable portfolio.**

8 A: Staff's second concern was that the Company included the impact of existing Company  
9 wind resources in its calculation of the non-renewable portfolio revenue requirements.  
10 Staff believes that all existing renewables should have been excluded from the revenue  
11 requirement calculation since they are by definition renewable resources.

12 It is the Company's belief that the RRI calculation is intended to be a measure of  
13 RES compliance costs and should therefore only reflect costs expected to be incurred that  
14 are directly attributable to RES compliance. The Company's existing wind resources  
15 were not a direct result of RES compliance; they were added to the KCP&L generation  
16 portfolio based on the economics of the resources. Therefore, these existing wind  
17 resources should be treated the same as any other KCP&L resource used to serve retail  
18 customers. Their existence should not impact the allowed level of RES compliance costs.  
19 If resources that are not directly attributable to RES compliance, such as KCP&L's  
20 existing wind resources, are removed from the calculation of the non-renewable portfolio  
21 revenue requirements, the baseline will no longer reflect what would have occurred  
22 absent the RES requirements. Over time, this would increase the baseline revenue  
23 requirements and allow the potential for actual RES compliance costs to exceed 1% of

1 what would have occurred absent the RES. Therefore, renewable resources that are  
2 added to the Company's portfolio based on economics should not be removed from the  
3 non-renewable portfolio revenue requirement determination. Only those renewable  
4 resources that are directly attributable to RES compliance should be removed.

5 **Q: Please respond to Staff's third concern; the determination of the Company's RES-**  
6 **compliant portfolio.**

7 A: Staff's third concern is two-fold. First, Staff is concerned that the Company's RES-  
8 compliant portfolio does not include existing non-renewable resources. The RES-  
9 compliant portfolio revenue requirements that include the existing non-renewable  
10 resources were provided as part of the work papers provided to Staff. It can be found on  
11 the Annual Assumptions worksheet.

12 Staff's other concern with the Company's RES-compliant portfolio is that it does  
13 not reflect the same renewable energy resource additions as the Company's IRP. As  
14 Staff points out, the RRI calculations did not include renewable resource additions in the  
15 10-year window where the Preferred Plan includes additions beginning in 2016. Based  
16 on the Company's view of the RRI calculations, this is a moot point. Wind additions in  
17 2016 do not impact the Company's RRI calculations for 2013, 2014 and 2015 as they  
18 occur outside the RES Compliance Plan period.

19 **Q: Has the Company calculated what the RRI would be based on Staff's interpretation**  
20 **of the RES rules?**

21 A: Yes, it has. The Company made adjustments to its RRI calculations to reflect its  
22 understanding of Staff's interpretation of the RES rules. These adjustments include:

23 (1) Averaging of the 10-year RES-compliant portfolio revenue requirement,

- 1 (2) Removal of all existing KCP&L wind resources from the determination of the
- 2 non-renewable portfolio revenue requirement,
- 3 (3) A calculation of the total revenue requirement for the RES-compliant portfolio
- 4 based on future wind additions that match KCP&L's IRP Preferred Plan.

5 **Q: What were the results of these calculations?**

6 A: Assuming that no solar rebates would be paid in 2013, 2014, and 2015, the RRI for each  
 7 of these years is 1.02%, 1.18%, and 1.27% respectively. Since the RRI exceeds the 1%  
 8 cap, the Company adjusted downward the future wind builds to get each year's RRI at or  
 9 below 1%. When making these reductions to future wind builds, it allowed for some  
 10 solar rebates to be paid in 2013 while remaining at the 1% cap.

11 Like the Company's approach to the calculations, using Staff's approach indicates  
 12 that the 2013 cap on solar rebates is less than what the Company expects to pay out in  
 13 2013. The following table compares the results of the Company's method vs. Staff's  
 14 method. Note that Staff did not perform this calculation; it was done by the Company  
 15 based on discussions between the Staff and Company.

Year	Solar Rebate Cap Company Method	Solar Rebate Cap Staff Method
2013	\$10,850,577	\$5,240,000
2014	\$11,095,665	\$0
2015	\$11,367,628	\$0

16 **Q: In general, what drives the solar rebate cap to \$0 in 2014 and 2015 under the Staff's**  
 17 **method?**

18 A: Since Staff's approach includes a 10-year average view of RES compliance costs tied to  
 19 the IRP, the revenue requirement for future IRP wind additions is included in the RRI.  
 20 The net costs associated with these future wind additions essentially consume the funds

1 available under the 1% RRI cap. Since the Company's approach looks at RES  
2 compliance cost on an annual basis, these future wind related costs are not included in the  
3 Company's 2013, 2014, and 2015 RRI calculations and therefore do not impact the  
4 amount of solar rebates that can be paid under the cap.

5 **Q: Are the wind investments included in KCP&L's IRP based solely on meeting the**  
6 **Missouri RES requirements?**

7 A: No they are not. KCP&L has retail electric customers in both Missouri and Kansas.  
8 Both states have renewable portfolio requirements. When developing the IRP, KCP&L  
9 looks at the renewable requirements for each state and develops alternative resource plans  
10 that include sufficient renewable resources to meet each state's requirements. The 2016  
11 wind resource addition is being driven by the Kansas renewable portfolio requirements.  
12 Since all generating resources (traditional and renewable) have traditionally been  
13 allocated between Missouri and Kansas electric customers, over half of the 2016 wind  
14 resource addition would get allocated to Missouri. Eventually Missouri's share of the  
15 2016 wind resource addition would be needed for Missouri RES compliance; however  
16 that would not occur for many years after 2016. This early compliance with the Missouri  
17 RES requirements limits the funds available under the 1% RRI cap for solar rebates.

18 **Q: Is this early compliance with the Missouri RES a factor in the Company's RRI**  
19 **calculations?**

20 A: Not currently. Since the Company's view of the RRI calculations does not include the  
21 addition of renewable resources outside the three year Compliance Plan period, it does  
22 not include the 2016 and subsequent years' renewable resource additions. It is only an  
23 issue with Staff's approach to the RRI calculations.

1            However, in the future it could become an issue with the Company's RRI  
2            calculations. For example, if renewable resources additions are needed in 2016 for  
3            meeting Kansas renewable portfolio requirements, a 2016 RRI calculation could include  
4            the Missouri allocated share of this resource addition. However if the RRI calculation  
5            only included the minimum amount of renewable resources specifically needed for RES  
6            compliance, a 2016 RRI calculation would not include the Missouri share of the 2016  
7            resource addition since KCP&L has sufficient resources to meet the RES in 2016 without  
8            additional resources.

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

10 A: Yes, it does.

