# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations) Company's Submission of Its 2017 Renewable) Energy Standard Compliance Plan)

File No. EO-2017-0272

### STAFF REPORT ON KCP&L GREATER MISSOURI ENERGY OPERATIONS COMPANY'S 2017 – 2019 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD COMPLIANCE PLAN

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through undersigned counsel, and submits its *Staff Report On KCP&L Greater Missouri Energy Company's 2017 - 2019 Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan* to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission). In further support, Staff states:

1. On April 13, 2017, KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company ("GMO" or "Company") filed its 2017 Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Compliance Plan (Plan) for calendar years 2017 through 2019 as required by rule.<sup>1</sup> On May 8, 2017, GMO filed a Notice of Corrected 2017 Annual Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan.

2. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.100(8) states:

Each electric utility shall file an RES compliance report no later than April 15 to report on the status of both its compliance with the RES [renewable energy standard] and its compliance plan as described in this section for the most recently completed calendar year.

3. Rule 4 CSR 240-20.100(8)(A) specifies what information the utility must

provide in its annual RES Compliance Report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> That same day GMO also filed its 2016 Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Report for calendar year 2016 in docket EO-2017-0270.

4. Rule 4 CSR 240-20.100(8)(D) provides that:

The staff of the commission shall examine each electric utility's annual RES compliance report and RES compliance plan and file a report of its review with the commission within forty-five (45) days of the filing of the annual RES compliance report and RES compliance plan with the commission. The staff's report shall identify any deficiencies in the electric utility's compliance with the RES.

5. On April 13, 2017, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice And Setting Filing Deadline*, directing the Staff to file a report of its review of GMO's 2017 RES Compliance Plan no later than May 30, 2017.

6. Staff has conducted its review of GMO's 2017 RES Compliance Plan for calendar years 2017-2019and is of the opinion GMO has met the minimum requirements of 4 CSR 240-20.100(8)(B). Staff's report is contained in its *Memorandum*, attached hereto as Attachment A and incorporated herein.

 Staff notes the Commission has granted intervention in this matter to Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, Missouri Department of Economic Development – Division of Energy, and Renew Missouri Advocates.

8. The Staff is unaware of any other case currently pending before the Commission that will affect or be affected by a decision in this file other than File No. EO-2017-0270 opened by GMO when it filed its 2016 RES Compliance Report.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits its report for the Commission's information and consideration regarding GMO's 2017 RES Compliance Plan for calendar years 2017 - 2019.

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Respectfully submitted,

#### <u>/s/ Robert S. Berlin</u>

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017, to all counsel of record.

## /s/ Robert S. Berlin