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

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In the Matter of the Application of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company for Approval to Make Certain Changes in its Charges for Electric Service.

Case No. ER-2009-0090 Tariff No. JE-2009-0193

## **ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO INTERVENE**

Issue Date: February 4, 2009

Effective Date: February 4, 2009

On January 8, 2009, Bothwell Regional Health Center, Community Hospital Association, Inc., Lee's Summit Medical Center, Liberty Hospital, Research Belton Hospital, Royal Oaks Hospital, Saint Luke's Northland Hospital–Smithville Campus, St. Francis Hospital and Health Services, Saint Luke's East–Lee's Summit, and St. Mary's Medical Center (collectively "Hospital Intervenors") late-filed an application to intervene. The deadline for intervention was October 2, 2008.

Hospital Intervenors assert that they are retail customers of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company ("KCPL-GMO") and the provision of reliable supplies of electricity at reasonable rates is critical to their business operations. Hospital Intervenors state that the delay in their application to intervene is the result of the nature and complexity of KCPL-GMO's rate increase application, and because of the need for the Hospital Intervenors to consider the effect of the application on their hospitals. Hospital Intervenors further represent that they will accept the state of the record and all orders issued in this case prior to the date of their requested intervention.

On January 20, 2009, the Commission issued a Notice of Deficiency stating that it would not act upon the application until the Hospital Intervenors filed a supplemental pleading correcting specific deficiencies in its application. Those deficiencies involved filing requirements pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060. On February 3, 2009, Hospital Intervenors filed an amended application to bring its request into full compliance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060. The Commission finds that Hospital Intervenors have substantially complied with the filing requirements for an application to intervene.

The request to intervene establishes that each of the Hospital Intervenors has an interest in this case that is different from that of the general public. Furthermore, those interests may be adversely affected by a final order arising from this case. No other party has opposed these applications for intervention in the time allowed by the Commission. Therefore, Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(4) authorizes the Commission to grant the requests to intervene.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The collective application to intervene of Bothwell Regional Health Center, Community Hospital Association, Inc., Lee's Summit Medical Center, Liberty Hospital, Research Belton Hospital, Royal Oaks Hospital, Saint Luke's Northland Hospital–Smithville Campus, St. Francis Hospital and Health Services, Saint Luke's East–Lee's Summit, and St. Mary's Medical Center is granted.

2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 4th day of February, 2009.