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

In the Matter of a Proposed Experimental Regulatory ) Case No. EO-2005-0329 Plan of Kansas City Power & Light Company )

## STAFF STATUS REPORT REGARDING STAFF SUGGESTIONS IN SUPPORT OF STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and files this Status Report regarding the Staff Suggestions In Support Of Stipulation And Agreement (Staff Suggestions In Support) which the Staff plans to file with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission), as is standard practice when the Staff is a signatory, and in particular in this case is pursuant to Paragraph III.B.11 of said Agreement. The Staff has been working diligently on said Suggestions In Support, as intervening events have occurred. The latest and possibly most significant of these intervening events being the filing, on April 27, 2005, with the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC), of the Stipulation And Agreement among, and the Joint Motion To Approve Stipulation And Agreement of, Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL), the Staff of the KCC (KCC Staff) and Sprint and the Kansas Hospital Association, respecting a regulatory plan for the construction of Iatan 2, in particular. KCPL this date, April 28, 2005, has made an informational filing in the instant proceeding of that Stipulation And Agreement and Joint Motion To Approve Stipulation And Agreement.

On April 21, 2005, the Commission issued an Order Granting Intervention and Setting Prehearing Conference in this proceeding. The prehearing conference has been set for Tuesday, May 3, 2005. The Commission has directed the parties to file a procedural schedule no later than Tuesday, May 10, 2005. The Agreement filed on March 28, 2005 establishing the instant proceeding states, in part, in Paragraph "III.B.6. Agreement Conditioned On Regulatory Plan Approval By Kansas Corporation Commission" that the Signatory Parties' approval of KCPL's Missouri Regulatory Plan is conditioned upon (1) KCC approval of a Regulatory Plan (otherwise referred to as the Stipulation And Agreement before the KCC), and (2) the terms of the Regulatory Plan approved by the KCC being substantially similar to the terms of the Regulatory Plan agreed to by the Signatory Parties in Missouri and approved in Missouri by this Commission.

Paragraph III.B.6. further provides that the non-KCPL Signatory Parties in Missouri will have seven (7) days, from the filing with this Commission of a Kansas Regulatory Plan approved by the KCC, to advise this Commission whether the non-KCPL Signatory Parties still support approval of the Regulatory Plan agreed upon in Missouri. In addition, Paragraph III.B.6. states that if the terms of the Regulatory Plan agreed upon before the KCC and/or required by the KCC are not comparable to the Regulatory Plan agreed upon in Missouri and/or required by this Commission, KCPL will offer to the other Signatory Parties in Missouri, and accept for its Missouri jurisdictional operations, comparable terms to those terms agreed upon in Kansas and/or required by the KCC.

Just as in Missouri before this Commission, the matter of the KCPL Regulatory Plan is now formally before the KCC. It is not known what proceedings on what dates may be scheduled in Kansas and what disposition the KCC may take respecting the Stipulation And Agreement filed there on April 27, 2005.

Given the great significance of the filing of a KCPL Regulatory Plan in Kansas, the Staff intends to carefully review the filing in Kansas and use the prehearing conference scheduled for May 3, 2005 to ask of KCPL any questions that the Staff may have regarding the Kansas

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Stipulation And Agreement. The Staff has not yet had an opportunity to conduct a detailed review of KCPL's Kansas Regulatory Plan.

As a result of the matters set out above, the Staff proposes to file its Suggestions In Support Of Stipulation And Agreement on May 10, 2005, the same date that the parties have been directed by the Commission to jointly file their proposed procedural schedule for the instant case. The Staff assumes that the other parties and, in particular, the Regulatory Law Judge will address at the May 3, 2005 prehearing conference the Staff's plan to file its Suggestions In Support Of Stipulation And Agreement on May 10, 2005 and indicate whether that is acceptable.

Wherefore the Staff submits its Status Report regarding its plan to file with the Commission its Suggestions In Support Of Stipulation And Agreement on May 10, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 29th day of April 2005.

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