

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 30th day of
October, 2019.

In the Matter of the Application of Kansas City)	
Power & Light Company for Authority to Extend)	
The Transfer of Functional Control of Certain)	<u>File No. EO-2012-0135 et al.</u>
Transmission Assets to the Southwest Power)	
Pool, Inc.)	

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO MODIFY STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT
REQUIREMENTS**

Issue Date: October 30, 2019

Effective Date: November 30, 2019

On August 23, 2019, Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCP&L) and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (GMO) jointly filed a motion to modify the Commission-approved requirements in the May 16, 2013 stipulation and agreement¹ in this case.² KCP&L and GMO have since changed their names to Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (EMM) and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (EMW) respectively. The rest of this order will refer to them by their new names. Specifically, EMM and EMW ask the Commission to modify the stipulation and agreement so that they are no longer required to perform the cost/benefit analysis needed to produce a 2020 Interim Report.³

¹ The Commission approved the May 16, 2013 stipulation and agreement on June 19, 2013.

² KCP&L and GMO also filed their motion in File No. EO-2012-0136, which relates to GMO. File No. EO-2012-0136 was consolidated into this file so it is not necessary to make a separate filing, or issue a separate order, in File No. EO-2012-0136.

³ The stipulation and agreement originally required that interim report to be filed by June 30, 2017. That deadline was extended to June 30, 2020 by a Commission order issued on June 28, 2017.

The motion explains that EMM, EMW, the Staff of the Commission, and Public Counsel have recently met to discuss the prudence of performing a cost/benefit analysis regarding EMM and EMW's continued participation in the Southwest Power Pool. As a result of those discussions, the parties agreed, given the substantial cost of performing such a study and the large exit fee obligations that would be incurred by EMM and EMW if they were to exit the Southwest Power Pool, the cost/benefit study should not be performed at this time. EMM and EMW would still be required to file their next application regarding participation in the Southwest Power Pool no later than June 30, 2020, but that application would not include the 2020 interim report regarding the cost/benefit analysis.

The Commission ordered that any party wishing to respond to the motion to modify do so by September 3, 2019. Staff responded on September 3, 2019 confirming its agreement with the motion. No other response was filed. The Commission sought additional information about the motion, and on September 19, 2019, ordered EMM and EMW to file additional information. EMM and EMW filed the requested information on September 25, 2019. The Commission had more questions and on October 11, 2019, directed the parties to provide additional information about the cost of the cost/benefit analysis.

The parties jointly responded on October 24, 2019, explaining that rather than conducting a formal cost/benefit analysis, EMM and EMW will obtain an estimate of the benefits and costs of remaining in SPP by looking at the load ratio share approximation methodology as suggested by the Commission. As a rough approximation of the costs and benefits of the companies' participation in SPP, EMM and EMW will ask SPP to calculate a load ratio share of the costs and benefits to the Missouri portion of the SPP

footprint, and to EMM and EMW separately, for both the Value of Transmission Study and Integrated Marketplace Benefits studies. In addition, the Missouri portion of the SPP footprint and EMM and EMW specific cost and benefit results can be provided from the Regional Cost Allocation Review II study. The companies will submit this data and evaluation in conjunction with their June 30, 2020 application regarding continued participation in SPP.

No one has opposed the motion to modify.

After considering the proposed modification to the May 16, 2013 stipulation and agreement, the Commission finds that the modification is reasonable. The Commission will grant the unopposed motion, as modified by the October 24, 2019 Joint Response to Commission Order Directing Filing.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's Motion to Modify Stipulations is granted.
2. Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West are not required to perform the analysis needed to produce the 2020 Interim Report required by the May 16, 2013 stipulation and agreement, and are not required to produce the 2020 Interim Report required by that stipulation and agreement.
3. Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West shall file the additional information described in the October 24, 2019 Joint Response to Commission Order Directing Filing in conjunction

with their June 30, 2020 application regarding continued participation in the Southwest Power Pool.

4. This order shall become effective on November 30, 2019.
5. This case may be closed on December 1, 2019.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Hall, Rupp, and
Coleman, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge