

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

In the Matter of the Application of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company for Authority to Extend the Transfer of Functional Control of Certain Transmission Assets to the Southwest Power Pool, Inc.)
) **File No. EO-2012-0136**
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STAFF'S STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through undersigned counsel, and files Staff's Status Report:

1. On September 30, 2011, KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company ("GMO") and Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCP&L") submitted an Interim Report regarding their continued participation in the Southwest Power Pool ("SPP"). In that Interim Report filing, GMO and KCP&L request that the Commission ("Commission") approve their continued participation in the SPP beyond October 1, 2013 without Service Agreements between GMO and SPP and KCP&L and SPP similar to the Service Agreements in effect during the Interim Period.

2. On February 24, 2012, the Commission issued an Order Directing Staff To File A Status Update, in which it ordered the Staff to file by no later than April 30, 2012, a pleading informing the Commission of a date by which the Staff will file a recommendation.

3. On April 4, 2012, Great Plains Energy, Inc. ("GPE") and American Electric Power Co., Inc. ("AEP") announced the formation of a company, Transource Energy LLC ("Transource"), to build and invest in transmission infrastructure. GPE and AEP further announced that the first two projects that Transource intends to build are presently KCP&L and GMO projects located in Missouri and approved by SPP.

The two projects are the Iatan-Nashua line and the Sibley-Nebraska City line. The Iatan-Nashua line, which is currently the subject of File No. EO-2012-0271, is a 30-mile, 345-kilovolt line from the Iatan substation near Weston, Missouri to the Nashua substation near Smithville, Missouri. It has an anticipated in-service date of 2015. The Sibley-Nebraska City line is a 175-mile, 345-kilovolt line linking the Nebraska City substation (owned by Omaha Public Power District ("OPPD")) near Nebraska City, Nebraska, with the Sibley substation near Sibley, Missouri. Transource would construct and own 170-miles of the project. OPPD would construct the remainder of the transmission line. It has an anticipated in service date of 2017.

4. The Staff is engaged in processing GMO's and KCP&L's filing based on that filing and subsequent developments, some of which are noted in the preceding paragraph. At this point, the Staff believes the most prudent course to take would be for the Commission to schedule a joint prehearing conference in this proceeding and in File No. EO-2012-0135 for the purpose of the parties discussing whether they should attempt to agree upon a procedural schedule, including the filing of testimony and an evidentiary hearing, or whether something short of a formal procedural schedule would be beneficial.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits its recommendation that the Commission schedule a joint prehearing conference in this proceeding and in File No. EO-2012-0135.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document, *Staff's Status Report*, was served via e-mail on all counsel of record this 30th day of April, 2012.

/s/ Steven Dottheim