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DEPUTY CHIEF REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE THOMPSON: Good morning. We are here
3 in the matter of the application of Kansas City Power &
4 Light Company for approval to amend the nuclear
5 decommissioning trust agreement. This is Case
6 No. EO-2004-0590. My name is Kevin Thompson, and I am
7 sitting in for the Regulatory Law Judge assigned to
8 preside over this matter, Lewis Mills. When last seen, he
9 was in agenda getting some very difficult questions from
10 the Commissioners. He'd probably rather be here.

11 Why don't we take oral entries of
12 appearance at this time, beginning with the company?

13 MR. FISCHER: On behalf of Kansas City
14 Power & Light, let the record reflect the appearance of
15 James M. Fischer, Fischer & Dority, PC, 101 Madison,
16 Suite 400, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

17 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you. Public
18 Counsel?

19 MR. COFFMAN: Appearing on behalf of the
20 Office of the Public Counsel, John B. Coffman, Box 2230,
21 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

22 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you. Staff?

23 MR. DOTTHEIM: Steve Dottheim, Post Office
24 Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, appearing on
25 behalf of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service

1 Commission.

2 JUDGE THOMPSON: Very well. Judge Mills
3 gave me some questions to ask. Oh, there he is. He came
4 down to check on me. You can come sit up here if you
5 want.

6 JUDGE MILLS: That's all right. I'm sure
7 you're doing a fine job.

8 JUDGE THOMPSON: He indicated that the
9 filings to this date suggest that the company perhaps does
10 not entirely agree with the recommendation filed by the
11 Commission Staff. Is that correct, Mr. Fischer?

12 MR. FISCHER: Yes, your Honor. I think the
13 company's response indicates a concern about a cap that is
14 being proposed by the Staff, but I think we can make
15 progress if we can discuss it off the record after
16 prehearing.

17 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. So that's the
18 single area of disagreement is the cap?

19 MR. FISCHER: That's my understanding, yes.

20 JUDGE THOMPSON: And you intend to engage
21 in further negotiations and you are hopeful?

22 MR. FISCHER: I'm hopeful, yes.

23 JUDGE THOMPSON: Mr. Dottheim, how about
24 you?

25 MR. DOTTHEIM: The Staff is hopeful, too,

1 that we may be able to resolve the outstanding item.

2 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. And where does
3 Public Counsel stand with respect to this?

4 MR. COFFMAN: We are interested in the
5 issue and would like to see how this plays out today.
6 Looks as if there's definitely room to work it out from
7 what I've read.

8 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. Now, if you can't
9 resolve it, worst case scenario, what is it you want the
10 Commission to do exactly?

11 MR. FISCHER: We would like the Commission
12 to approve our application.

13 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. With cap, without
14 cap, with a different cap?

15 MR. FISCHER: There's no cap associated
16 with the application, and we would suggest it just be
17 approved as it's been done in the past. But again, we'd
18 like to talk about it with the Staff.

19 JUDGE THOMPSON: Well, I'm just trying to
20 get a feel for what happens if talks don't work out, but
21 we're hopeful this contingency won't really arise.

22 Okay. Do any of the parties have anything
23 to bring to my attention at this time or to the attention
24 of Judge Mills sitting in the wings?

25 Okay. I've run through all my assigned

1 questions. There being nothing further, this will
2 conclude the recorded portion of the prehearing
3 conference. We're adjourned. Thank you.

4 WHEREUPON, the recorded portion of the
5 prehearing conference was concluded.

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