

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

In the Matter of the Application of Kansas City)	
Power & Light Company for Approval to Make)	
Certain Changes in its Charges for Electric)	<u>Case No. ER-2009-0089</u>
Service to Continue the Implementation of its)	
Regulatory Plan)	

NOTICE REGARDING REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

COMES NOW the Office of the Public and for its Notice Regarding Requests for Additional Local Public Hearings states as follows:

1. On December 15, 2008, Public Counsel, on behalf of all the parties, filed suggestions as to the number and location of local public hearings.

2. Since that time, Public Counsel has directly received one request for an additional local public hearing in or near Blue Springs. Public Counsel has also been forwarded two requests¹ received by the Commission's consumer services department for an additional local public hearing in the Northland.

3. Public Counsel notes that Blue Springs is approximately twenty miles (thirty minutes driving time) from the hearings scheduled in this case at 4801 Main Street in Kansas City. Blue Springs is only thirteen miles (twenty minutes driving time) from the hearing scheduled in Case No. ER-2009-0090 in Lee's Summit. Public Counsel suggests that the Commission make the already-scheduled Lee's Summit hearing a joint hearing and take testimony from both KCPL and KCPL-GMO customers. This could be accomplished by issuing

¹ The consumer services department apparently has received several more requests for local public hearings in the Northland, but has no record of the number of requests or the locations of the callers.

a notice in both cases and a issuing a press release, avoiding the expense of setting up an additional hearing.

4. Public Counsel received information from the consumer services department on the locations of two customers in the Northland that contacted the Commission. One is approximately seventeen miles (twenty-seven minutes driving time) from the hearings scheduled in this case at 4801 Main Street in Kansas City. The other is approximately fifteen miles (twenty-five minutes driving time) from the hearings scheduled in this case at 4801 Main Street in Kansas City. A third customer who almost exactly the same time and distance away (fifteen miles and twenty-five minutes) has a public comment in EFIS that indicates that she is dissatisfied with the local public hearing locations. From Public Counsel's perspective, this is near the limit of what can be considered a reasonable time and distance to travel to testify at a local public hearing. But without more detail on the number of additional calls that the Commission has received, or the location of the callers, Public Counsel is hesitant to suggest the expense of an additional local public hearing in the Northland.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully notifies the Commission of additional requests for local public hearings and requests that the hearing scheduled in Lee's Summit on March 2 in Case No. ER-2009-0090 be made a hearing in this case as well.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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