

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

In the Matter of the Application of Transource Missouri,)
L.L.C. for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity)
Authorizing it to Construct, Finance, Own, Operate,) **File No. EA-2013-0098**
and Maintain the Iatan-Nashua and Sibley-Nebraska)
City Electric Transmission Projects)

In the Matter of the Application of Kansas City Power &)
Light Company and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations)
Company for Approval to Transfer Certain Transmission) **File No. EO-2012-0367**
Property to Transource Missouri, L.L.C. and for other)
Related Determinations)

STAFF RESPONSE

Comes Now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through the Staff Counsel’s Office, in response to the September 5, 2012 Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Deadline, Directing Filing And Scheduling A Conference (“Order”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”). In said Order, among other things, the Commission, directed the Staff, by September 17, 2012, to identify any entity not identified in the Commission’s September 5, 2012 Order that should receive notice of the applications of Transource Missouri, LLC (“Transource”), Kansas City Power & Light Company (“KCPL”), and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (“GMO”). The Commission also directed the Staff to investigate and file a report and recommendation regarding these applications no later than November 5, 2012. The Staff responds to the Commission’s Order as follows:

1. Additional entities that the Staff would suggest should receive notice of the applications of Transource, KCPL, and GMO are:

City of Springfield, City Utilities, John Black, General Counsel, 301 E. Central, P.O. Box 551, Springfield, MO 65801-0551

Clean Line Energy Partners, Kathryn Patton, 1001 McKinney St., Suite 700, Houston, TX 77002

Clean Line Energy Partners, Glenda Cafer, 3321 S.W. 6th Ave., Topeka, KS 66606

ITC Midwest, Doug Collins, President, 123 Fifth Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

2. The Staff is mindful of the Commission's directive that the Staff investigate and file a report and recommendation regarding the August 31, 2012 applications no later than November 5, 2012, but the Staff believes that a November 5, 2012 report and recommendation date is a bit quick given (a) the issues presented in these cases, (b) the schedule of other cases pending before the Commission requiring Staff attention and the available Staff, and (c) the fact that the Staff is expecting some activity shortly in the months dormant, and not unrelated cases respecting Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company continuing to participate in the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (File Nos. EO-2012-0135 and EO-2012-0136), which files will also need procedural schedules. The Staff hopes that the October 15, 2012 joint procedural conference has been scheduled by the Commission as an opportunity for the parties to address the matter of a procedural schedule in these files. The Staff believes that in the context of an overall procedural schedule, it can address the matter of a schedule for a Staff report and recommendation.

Wherefore the Staff submits the instant filing in response to the Commission's Order of September 5, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing *Staff Response* have been transmitted electronically to all counsel of record this 17th day of September, 2012.

/s/ Steven Dottheim