

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

In the Matter of the Application of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company for Approval to Make Certain Changes in its Charges for Electric Service.)	<u>Case No. ER-2009-0090</u>
)	Tariff No. JE-2009-0193

ORDER RESCHEDULING PUBLIC COMMENT HEARINGS

Issue Date: January 16, 2009

Effective Date: January 16, 2009

On September 5, 2008, KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (“GMO”), formerly known as Aquila, Inc., submitted to the Commission proposed tariff sheets intended to implement a general rate increase for electrical service provided to customers in its Missouri service area. The Commission published notice of the filing and set procedural dates.

On December 4, 2008, the Commission directed the parties to file, no later than December 12, 2008, recommendations regarding times, dates, and locations for local public comment hearings. On December 15, 2008, Public Counsel, on behalf of the parties, filed a joint recommendation and a motion to late-file that recommendation. The Commission has considered the motion and will grant it.

On January 6, 2009, the Commission issued its order setting public comment hearings on February 23 and 25, 2009, respectively, in St. Joseph and Nevada, Missouri. The Commission stated that the remainder of the comment hearings to be held in this case would be published in a subsequent order.

On January 9, 2009, GMO filed a motion to revise the comment hearing schedule. GMO explained that the most cost-effective method of providing individual notice

to customers is through the use of a single bill insert included in GMO's normal envelope billing. However, because of GMO's billing cycle, GMO would not be able to notify customers of the public comment hearings on February 23 and 25 by bill insert. The alternative, a separate mailing, would be more costly. GMO therefore requested that the Commission reschedule the comment hearings to the first two weeks of March. No responses to the motion were filed.

The Commission has considered GMO's motion and will grant it. The Commission has rescheduled the St. Joseph and Nevada public comment hearings, and has set the remainder of the comment hearings for this case, in the first two weeks of March as requested by GMO.¹

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Office of the Public Counsel's motion to late-file the Joint Recommendation as to Local Public Hearing is granted.

2. KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company's Motion to Revise Local Hearing Schedule to Allow for Notice to Customers is granted.

3. The public comment hearing in St. Joseph, Missouri, has been **rescheduled** from February 23, 2009, to **Wednesday, March 4, 2009**, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until all persons who wish to testify have done so, in Spratt Hall – Room 201, Missouri Western University, 4525 Downs Drive, St. Joseph, Missouri. This hearing will be conducted by videoconference from the Commission's hearing room in Jefferson City, Missouri.

¹ The Commission is also scheduling and rescheduling public hearings in Case No. ER-2009-0089; however, all the arrangements have not yet been completed. The Commission expects to issue an order in that matter early next week.

4. The public comment hearing in Nevada, Missouri, has been **rescheduled** from February 25, 2009, to **Wednesday, March 11, 2009**, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until all persons who wish to testify have done so, in the Cafeteria of the Nevada TeleCenter, 2015 N. West Street, Nevada, Missouri. This hearing will be conducted by videoconference from the Commission's hearing room in Jefferson City, Missouri.

5. The Commission shall hold a public comment hearing on Monday, March 2, 2009, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until all persons who wish to testify have done so, in Lecture Hall of the Lee's Summit North High School, 901 NE Douglas Street, Lee's Summit, Missouri. This hearing will **not** be videoconferenced.

6. The Commission shall hold a public comment hearing on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until all persons who wish to testify have done so, in the Thompson Conference Center–Side B, Heckart Science and Allied Health Center, State Fair Community College, 3201 West Sixteenth Street, Sedalia, Missouri. This hearing will be conducted by videoconference from the Commission's hearing room in Jefferson City, Missouri.

7. No later than ten days prior to the public comment hearings, KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company shall provide an individual notice to each of its customers in its Missouri service areas as set out below.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (formerly known as "Aquila, Inc.") has filed revised electric service tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) which would increase the Company's Missouri jurisdictional annual gross revenues in its MPS service area by approximately \$66 million and in its L&P service area by approximately \$17 million. For the average MPS residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, the proposed increase would be approximately \$12.50 each month. For the

average L&P residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, the proposed increase would be approximately \$10.00 each month. The proposed increase is approximately 14% in each of the Company's service territories.

The PSC will conduct local public comment hearings to solicit input from the company's customers, as follows:

- Monday, March 2, 2009, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of the Lee's Summit North High School, 901 NE Douglas St., Lee's Summit, MO.
- Tuesday, March 3, 2009, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Thompson Conference Center–Side B, Heckart Science and Allied Health Center, State Fair Community College, 3201 W. Sixteenth St., Sedalia, MO.
- Wednesday, March 4, 2009, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in Spratt Hall, Room 201, Missouri Western University, 4525 Downs Drive, St. Joseph, MO.
- Wednesday, March 11, 2009, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Cafeteria of the Nevada TeleCenter, 2015 N. West St., Nevada, MO.

A question-and-answer session will be held beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Commission will also conduct an evidentiary hearing at its offices in Jefferson City May 11 through May 15, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you wish to comment or secure information, you may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, Post Office Box 2230, Jefferson City, MO 65102, telephone (866) 922-2959, email opcservice@ded.mo.gov or the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, MO 65102, telephone 800-392-4211, email psscinfo@psc.mo.gov.

The buildings where the hearings will be held meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

8. The public comment hearings shall be held in facilities that meet the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodation to participate in the hearing should call the Public Service

Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

9. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county in the Missouri service areas of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company.

10. The Public Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall send a copy of this order to members of the General Assembly and to the media that serve KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company's service areas.

11. This order is effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 16th day of January, 2009.