## STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2015.

In the Matter of Kansas City Power & Light Company's Filing for Approval of Demand-Side Programs and for Authority to Establish A Demand-Side Programs Investment Mechanism

File No. EO-2014-0095

## ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS OF DEMAND-SIDE PROGRAMS

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Issue Date: December 2, 2015 Effective Date: December 12, 2015

The Commission approved a stipulation and agreement on June 5, 2014, whereby Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCP&L) was granted approval of specified demandside programs as contemplated by the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act (MEEIA) and the Commission's implementing regulations. On November 13, 2015, KCP&L filed an application asking the Commission to approve continuation of its previously approved demand-side programs.

The application explains that, as of October 31, 2015, KCP&L's expenditures on its approved MEEIA cycle 1 programs have reached and exceeded 120 percent of their budget. The applicable Commission regulation - 4 CSR 240-20.094(4) - provides that when a company's spending varies from its approved MEEIA budget by more than 20 percent, the utility is to file an application for approval of modifications to its demand-side

programs. The Commission then has thirty days to "approve, approve with modification acceptable to the electric utility, or reject" that application.<sup>1</sup>

KCP&L's existing MEEIA cycle 1 programs are set to expire by their own terms on December 31, 2015. Moreover, the availability of those programs to new applicants will end on December 15. Because of the short time remaining for those programs, KCP&L asks the Commission to refrain from changing or terminating the programs, and to simply allow them to expire by their terms in December 2015.

Upon receiving KCP&L's application, the Commission ordered that any party wishing to respond to that application do so no later than November 23. The Commission's Staff filed a timely response indicating it does not object to KCP&L's application. No other party responded to that application.

KCP&L's MEEIA programs have been successful at attracting participants, and as a result, the programs have cost more than was anticipated when they were implemented. However, the programs will soon expire and any action to terminate those programs early would be disruptive and ineffective. Moreover, KCP&L states those programs have all been determined to be cost-effective, so costs that exceed the originally anticipated amounts will produce energy savings benefits greater than originally anticipated. After considering KCP&L's application, including its estimates of total program costs as of December 15, 2015, and Staff's response, the Commission finds that the application is reasonable and should be granted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 4 CSR 240-20.094(4).

Every order or decision of the Commission becomes effective in thirty days unless some other time is specified.<sup>2</sup> Because KCP&L's MEEIA cycle 1 programs will expire in less than thirty days, the Commission will make this order effective in ten days.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Kansas City Power & Light Company's Application for Approval of Modifications of Demand-Side Programs is granted.

2. This order shall become effective on December 12, 2015.



## BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L Woodruf

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and Coleman, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Section 386.490.2, RSMo (Cum. Supp. 2013).