

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

In the Matter of a Working Case to Review ) **File No. EW-2015-0184**  
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations )

## **ORDER REGARDING A WORKING CASE TO REVIEW ISSUES SURROUNDING ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS**

Issue Date: March 4, 2015

Effective Date: March 4, 2015

Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCP&L) and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (GMO) have filed a motion asking the Commission to open a working case to examine and review issues surrounding KCP&L and GMO's plan to establish a Clean Charge Network for the installation and operation of more than 1,000 electric vehicle charging stations in the Kansas City area. KCP&L and GMO suggest a working case would allow interested stakeholders to learn more about the Clean Charge Network and collaboratively discuss issues attendant to broader penetration of electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging stations. They believe issues to be discussed would include:

- Impact of charging stations on a utility's retail customers;
- Impact of charging stations on a utility's distribution system;
- Pricing alternatives and other impacts of electric vehicles; and
- Any other issues regarding electric vehicle charging stations.

The Commission noted that KCP&L has sought to recover certain costs related to its Clean Charge Network in its ongoing rate case, File No. ER-2014-0370, and was

concerned that discussions in the working case could result in ex parte communications regarding the cost recovery issues pending in the rate case. To address that concern, the Commission directed KCP&L and GMO to file a pleading no later than February 19, explaining what steps, if any, the Commission and interested stakeholders should take to ensure that ex parte communications about issues pending in the rate case do not occur in the working case. The Commission also invited interested stakeholders to respond if they wished to do so. KCP&L and GMO filed their response on February 19, and Staff replied to that response on February 24. No other stakeholder filed a response or reply.

KCP&L and GMO envision a bright line distinction between the cost recovery issues in the rate case and the broad discussion of general regulatory policy issues around electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging stations. They believe the specific revenue requirement impact of the Clean Charge Network pilot can be effectively separated from the general regulatory policy discussions. Staff is concerned that many seemingly general issues surrounding the Clean Charge Network pilot will potentially become issues in the rate case. Staff warns that the working case proposed by KCP&L and GMO could potentially lead the Commission to rely on information discussed in the working case to decide the rate case when that information is not part of the record in the rate case.

The Commission shares Staff's concerns about the confusion that could result from proceeding with a working case while issues surrounding the Clean Charge Network are being addressed in the on-going rate case. For that reason, the Commission will deny KCP&L and GMO's motion to open a working case.

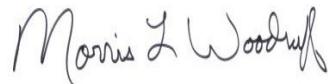
Even though the Commission will not open the requested case, KCP&L and GMO are welcome to lead further discussions with interested stakeholders, including the

Commission's Staff, about its plans for the Clean Charge Network without the involvement of the Commission.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company's Motion to Open Working Docket is denied.
2. This order shall be effective when issued
3. This file shall be closed on March 5, 2015

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

R. Kenney, Chm., Stoll, W. Kenney,  
Hall, and Rupp, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge