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In the Matter of the Application of)
Kansas City Power & Light Company for)
the Issuance of an Order Authorizing)Case No. EU-2014-0255
Construction Accounting Relating to)
its Electric Operations)

JUDGE KIM S. BURTON, Presiding
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE BURTON: Okay. Let's go ahead and
3 go on the record. The time is currently 2:00 on
4 August 5th, 2014.

5 We're on the record in File No.
6 EU-2014-0255 in the matter of the application of
7 Kansas City Power & Light Company for the issuance
8 an order authorizing construction accounting
9 relating to its electrical operations.

10 At this time, I would ask that all the
11 parties enter their appearance for the record. And
12 let's go ahead and begin with the Applicant, Kansas
13 City Power & Light.

14 MR. HACK: Robert J. Hack for Kansas City
15 Power & Light, 1200 Main, Kansas City, Missouri.

16 JUDGE BURTON: Thank you. And on behalf
17 of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service
18 Commission?

19 MS. JONES: On behalf of the Staff of the
20 Missouri Public Service Commission, Akayla Jones
21 and Nathan Williams, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City,
22 Missouri, 65102.

23 JUDGE BURTON: Thank you. On behalf of
24 the Office of Public Counsel?

25 MR. OPITZ: Tim Opitz on behalf of the

1 Office of Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230.

2 JUDGE BURTON: And on behalf of the
3 Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers?

4 MR. DOWNEY: Good afternoon. Ed Downey,
5 Bryan Cave, LLP, 221 Bolivar Street, Suite 101,
6 Jefferson City, Missouri, 65101.

7 JUDGE BURTON: Thank you. And on behalf
8 of Midwest Energy Consumers Group?

9 MR. WOODSMALL: Thank you, your Honor.
10 David Woodsmall on behalf of MECG.

11 JUDGE BURTON: Okay. Is there anyone else
12 that I've missed? Seeing no hands, I'll go ahead
13 and proceed.

14 The reason we've called this pre-hearing
15 is so that the parties can have an opportunity to
16 discuss and see if there's any need for a hearing.

17 And you can do that and let me know if you
18 want to after we go off the record. Or if parties
19 know right now that there needs to be a hearing, we
20 can go ahead and discuss potential dates. Any
21 thoughts from the parties?

22 MR. HACK: We haven't had any conversation
23 yet with the other parties, so we'd like to do that
24 before prognosticating anything.

25 JUDGE BURTON: That's fine. What I would

1 suggest, then, is that if the parties discuss after
2 we go off the record and think that it would
3 behoove us to get this on the schedule before it
4 fills up too much -- I'm looking at October and
5 November.

6 October, the only dates that I would
7 exclude would be the 10th and the 13th. For
8 November, I would say nothing from the 10th through
9 the 14th.

10 And the parties might also want to
11 consider whether or not they would want to do
12 something from the 17th through the 20th because I
13 believe -- it doesn't show it on the Judge's
14 calendar, but I believe that's when Commissioners
15 will be at NARUC. So I would say for November,
16 avoid the 17th through the 21st.

17 And to provide you notice, I would also
18 avoid Wednesday the 26th, the 27th, which would
19 obviously be Thanksgiving, and I'll go ahead and
20 throw in the 28th as well.

21 If we need to go into December, right now
22 I see no problems. I would just ask that the
23 parties if you do want a hearing, if you could just
24 stipulate, and doesn't matter if it's Staff or if
25 it's the Applicant who submits this, the actual

1 filing three available dates for schedules for
2 those hearings so that we can work off of that.

3 Now, I do have before me the Staff's
4 request for a ruling on an objection to, I believe
5 it was, Staff's Data Request No. 25. Okay. Let me
6 go ahead and ask, has KCP&L reconsidered, or do
7 they have any response to that request for ruling?

8 MR. HACK: We have prepared a response.
9 We haven't filed it yet. We would intend to do
10 that by Friday.

11 JUDGE BURTON: Okay. So is there anything
12 that needs to be resolved at this time?

13 MR. WILLIAMS: Judge, I don't think so.
14 But I think Staff -- well, we'd like to reserve a
15 response to their -- since it's their objection,
16 they're the ones that need to carry forward with
17 supporting the objection. We'd like an opportunity
18 to respond to it before the Commission rules.

19 JUDGE BURTON: Okay. That would be fine.
20 But I will just say this. I do have some questions
21 about why this is being handled informally rather
22 than through -- hello?

23 PATTY: This is Patty.

24 JUDGE BURTON: Patty, were you meaning to
25 -- let's go ahead and go off the record real quick.

1 (Discussion off the record.)

2 JUDGE BURTON: Let's go ahead and go back
3 on the record, then. As I was saying, I would like
4 an explanation of why this is being handled through
5 an informal Data Request rather than through an
6 Interrogatory.

7 So, please, if you're going to be
8 addressing that issue, if there is any objection,
9 then that is going to be coming through with more
10 details to address that in your response. Okay?

11 Is there anything further while we're
12 still on the record? Okay. Seeing no hands and no
13 requests, then I would say let's see if we can go
14 ahead and get a status report with an
15 identification at least of a date that we can hold
16 off if you're still discussing issues. Submit it
17 to me, let's say, by August 15th.

18 And if Kansas City Power & Light is
19 looking to file a response to that Data Request,
20 request for ruling on the objection by the 8th; is
21 that right?

22 MR. HACK: Yes.

23 JUDGE BURTON: Okay. Then would a week
24 turn-around time be sufficient for staff?

25 MR. WILLIAMS: Sure.

1 MS. JONES: Yeah. Sure.

2 JUDGE BURTON: Okay. Then let's go ahead
3 and have any reply from Staff due by the 15th of
4 August. Okay?

5 If there's nothing further, we'll go ahead
6 and go off the record, and the room is yours.

7 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

8 MR. WOODSMALL: Thank you.

9 MR. OPITZ: Thank you, Judge.

10 MR. DOWNEY: Thank you.

11 MR. HACK: Thank you.

12 (The proceedings were concluded at 2:05 p.m. on
13 August 5, 2014.)

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