

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day  
of January, 2018.

In the Matter of Application of Kansas City Power	)	
& Light Company for Approval of the Accrual and	)	<b><u>File No. EO-2018-0062</u></b>
Funding of Wolf Creek Generating Station	)	
Decommissioning Costs at Current Levels.	)	

**ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT**

Issue Date: January 23, 2018

Effective Date: February 22, 2018

This order approves the stipulation and agreement between Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCP&L) and the Staff of the Commission regarding KCP&L's funding for the decommissioning of its Wolf Creek Generating Station.

Commission rule 4 CSR 240-3.185 (3) states, in part:

On or before September 1, 1990, and every three years after that, utilities with decommissioning trust funds shall perform and file with the commission cost studies detailing the utilities' latest cost estimates for decommissioning their nuclear generating unit(s) along with the funding levels necessary to defray these decommissioning costs. These studies shall be filed along with appropriate tariff(s) effectuating the change in rates necessary to accomplish the funding required.

On September 1, 2017, KCP&L filed an application pertaining to Wolf Creek asking the Commission to: (a) find that the 2017 cost study and 2017 funding analysis satisfies the requirements of 4 CSR 240-3.185(3); and (b) approve the continuation of the annual accrual at the current level of \$1,281,264.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> In filing its application, KCP&L did not comply with the 60-day notice provision of 4 CSR 240-4.017(4), which requires advance notice of an intent to file a new case before the Commission. In the stipulation and

Staff and KCP&L filed a non-unanimous stipulation and agreement on January 5, 2018. Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.115 provides that if no party objects to a non-unanimous stipulation and agreement within seven days of its filing, the Commission will treat the stipulation and agreement as unanimous. The Office of the Public Counsel, the only other party, did not sign the stipulation and agreement, but has not opposed the agreement. Therefore, the Commission will treat the stipulation and agreement as unanimous.

The stipulation and agreement asks the Commission to:

- Approve the stipulation and agreement;
- Receive into evidence the stipulation and agreement, the 2017 Cost Study, and the Funding Analysis;
- Find that KCP&L's 2017 Cost Study and Funding Analysis satisfies the requirements of 4 CSR 240-3.185(3);
- Find that KCP&L's Missouri retail jurisdiction annual decommissioning expense accruals and trust fund payments shall continue at the current level of \$1,281,264;
- Find, in order for the decommissioning fund to retain its qualified tax status, that the annual decommissioning costs for Wolf Creek, inclusive of the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI), are included in KCP&L's current Missouri cost of service and are reflected in its current Missouri retail rates for ratemaking purposes; and
- Authorize KCP&L to continue to record and preserve Wolf Creek asset retirement obligation costs, as agreed to by the Staff, Public Counsel, and KCP&L, and authorized by the Commission in Case No. EU-2004-0294.

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agreement, KCP&L requests a waiver of that requirement, presenting a verified statement that it had no communication with the Office of the Commission within the 150 days before it filed the application, thus providing good cause for the requested waiver. The Commission will grant the requested waiver.

Having considered the 2017 decommissioning cost study for the Wolf Creek Generating Station and the stipulation and agreement, both of which will be received into evidence, the Commission determines that the stipulation and agreement should be approved. In doing so, the Commission finds that KCP&L's 2017 cost study satisfies the requirements of 4 CSR 240-3.185(3). In addition, the Commission finds that KCP&L's Missouri retail jurisdiction annual decommissioning expense accruals and trust fund payments shall continue at the current level of \$1,281,264. The Commission also finds that the current decommissioning costs for Wolf Creek are included in KCP&L's current Missouri cost of service and are reflected in its current Missouri retail rates for ratemaking purposes.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The stipulation and agreement filed by the Kansas City Power & Light Company and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission on January 5, 2018, is approved.
2. The signatories shall comply with the terms of the stipulation and agreement.
3. The stipulation and agreement and Kansas City Power & Light Company's 2017 Cost Study and Funding Analysis are admitted into evidence.
4. Kansas City Power & Light Company's retail jurisdiction annual decommissioning expense accruals and trust fund payments shall continue at the current level of \$1,281,264.
5. Kansas City Power & Light Company is authorized to continue to record and preserve Wolf Creek asset retirement obligation costs, as agreed by the Commission Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, and KCP&L and authorized by the Commission in Case No. EU-2004-0294.

6. Kansas City Power & Light Company's request for waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of 4 CSR 240-4.017(1) is granted.

7. This order shall become effective on February 22, 2018.

8. This file shall be closed on February 23, 2018.

BY THE COMMISSION



*Morris L. Woodruff*

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

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

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

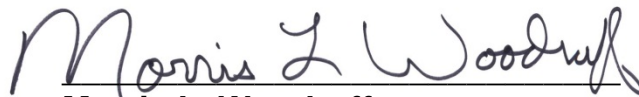
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**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.**

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2018.**



  
**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

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***Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).***

***Sincerely,***



**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

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