

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

In the Matter of Kansas City Power & Light )  
Company’s Request for Authority to ) **Case No. ER-2012-0174**  
Implement a General Rate Increase for )  
Electric Service. )

In the Matter of KCP&L Greater Missouri )  
Operations Company’s Request for Authority ) **Case No. ER-2012-0175**  
to Implement General Rate Increase for )  
Electric Service. )

**PROPOSED PROCEDURAL ORDER**

**COMES NOW** the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) and, on behalf of certain parties to these respective cases and Case No. EU-2012-0130, proposes the Commission issue an Order Adopting Procedural Schedule as follows:

**ORDER REGARDING CONSOLIDATION**

1. Case Nos. ER-2012-0174 and ER-2012-0175 will be consolidated for purposes of hearing only.

**PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

2. The Commission orders the following procedural schedule in this matter:

Date	Event	
	ER-2012-0174 (KCPL)	ER-2012-0175 (GMO)
May 4	Supplemental Direct Testimony related to consolidated Case No. EU-2012-0130 only	
August 2	Non-utility Direct Testimony on all issues other than Rate Design	
August 9		Non-utility Direct Testimony on all issues other than Rate Design

August 16	Non-utility Direct Testimony, Rate Design	
August 21		Non-utility Direct Testimony, Rate Design
August 22 – October 5	Local Public Hearings (specific dates and locations to be stated in separate, subsequent order)	
August 22 – 24	Revenue Requirement Technical Conference (informal)	
August 29 – 30	Rate Design Technical Conference (informal)	
September 5	Rebuttal Testimony	
September 12		Rebuttal Testimony
September 14	Informal Settlement Conference (at option of parties)	
October 5	Surrebuttal Testimony	
October 9	List of Issues; Order of Cross, Order of Openings, List of Witnesses; Reconciliation	
October 10		Surrebuttal Testimony
October 10	Last Day to Submit Data Requests Regarding Non-True-up Issues	
October 11		List of Issues; Order of Cross, Order of Openings, List of Witnesses; Reconciliation
October 12	Position Statements	Position Statements
October 12	Discovery Conference	
October 15 – 19	Evidentiary Hearing	
October 22 – 26	Evidentiary Hearing	
November 2	True-up Direct Testimony	True-up Direct Testimony
November 9	True-up Rebuttal Testimony	True-up Rebuttal Testimony
November 15 – 16	True-up Hearing	True-up Hearing
November 20	Initial Post-Hearing Briefs	Initial Post-Hearing Briefs
December 4	Reply Briefs; True-up Briefs	Reply Briefs; True-up Briefs

### **DISCOVERY ORDER**

3. The Commission orders the following procedures regarding discovery in these cases:

- a) All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits and pleadings to other counsel of record by electronic means and in electronic form essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format. Parties shall not be required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.

- b) An effort should be made to not include in data request questions either highly confidential or proprietary information. If either highly confidential or proprietary information must be included in data request questions, the highly confidential or proprietary information should be appropriately designated as such pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.135.
- c) Counsel for each party shall receive electronically from each other party, an electronic copy of the text of all data request “descriptions” served by that party on another party in the case contemporaneously with service of the request. If the description contains highly confidential or proprietary information, or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy. If a party desires the response to a data request that has been served on another party, the party desiring a copy of the response must request a copy of the response from the party answering the data request – in this manner the party providing a response to a data request has the opportunity to object to providing the response to another party and is responsible for copying information purported to be highly confidential or proprietary – thus, if a party wants a copy of a data request response by GMO to a Staff data request, the party should ask GMO, not the Staff, for a copy of the data request response unless there are appropriate reasons to direct the discovery to the party originally requesting the material. If a data request has been responded to, a party’s request for a copy of the response shall be timely responded to, considering that the underlying data request has already been responded to. Alternately, the Company may provide response copies via access to the Companies’ Caseworks Extranet site. Data requests, objections, or notifications respecting the need for additional time to respond shall be sent via e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Counsel may designate other personnel to be added to the service list but shall assume responsibility for compliance with any restrictions on confidentiality. Data request responses will be served on counsel for the requesting party and on the requesting party’s employee or representative who submitted the data request and shall be served electronically, if feasible and not voluminous as defined by Commission rule. KCPL and GMO will post their data request responses on CaseworksEX, where other parties who complete the requirements for accessing the CaseWorksEX system may retrieve them. KCPL and GMO shall submit their responses to Staff data requests in the Commission’s Electronic Filing and Information System (“EFIS”), if feasible.
- d) Until the filing of Rebuttal testimony, the response time for all data requests shall be 20 calendar days, and 10 calendar days to object or notify that more than 20 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. After the filing of Rebuttal testimony and before the filing of Surrebuttal testimony, the response time for data requests shall be 10 calendar days to provide the requested information, and 5

business days to object or notify that more than 10 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. After the filing of Surrebuttal testimony, the response time for data requests shall be 5 business days to provide the requested information, and 2 business days to object or notify that more than 5 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. Data requests sent after 5:00 pm will be considered served on the next business day.

- e) Workpapers that were prepared in the course of developing a witness' testimony should not be filed with the Commission but should be submitted to each party within 2 business days following the filing of the particular testimony without further request. Workpapers containing highly confidential or proprietary information should be appropriately marked. Since workpapers for certain parties may be voluminous and generally not all parties are interested in receiving workpapers or a complete set of workpapers, a party shall be relieved of providing workpapers to those parties indicating that they are not interested in receiving workpapers or a complete set of workpapers. Counsel shall undertake to advise other counsel if the sponsored witness has no workpapers related to the round of testimony.
- f) Where workpapers or data request responses include models or spreadsheets or similar information originally in a commonly available format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs or outputs, if available in that original format, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in that original format.
- g) Data requests and data request responses in any one of the three following cases may be used in any other of the three following cases: Case Nos. ER-2012-0174, ER-2012-0175 and EU-2012-0130.

### **LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

4. Public Counsel proposes that the number and locations of local public hearings be somewhat similar to those conducted in the last two general electric rate cases for KCPL and GMO (Case Nos. ER-2010-0355 and ER-2010-0356), and the other Proponents either support or do not object to this proposal. The significant change from the proposals in the last two cases is that the local public hearing in Carrolton, which has typically been poorly attended, has been eliminated.

5. Subject to the Commission's schedule and the availability of the proposed locations, Public Counsel proposes that a local public hearing be held at each of the following locations:

- Lunchroom of the Nevada TeleCenter, 2015 N. West Street, Nevada, Missouri.
- A location to be determined in St. Joseph, Missouri.
- Cohen Conference Center of the Kansas City Public Library–Plaza Branch, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri.
- City Council Chambers, 2950 NW Vivion Road, Riverside, Missouri.
- Lecture Hall of the Lee's Summit North High School, 901 NE Douglas Street, Lee's Summit, Missouri.
- Thompson Conference Center–Side B, Heckart Science and Allied Health Center Building, State Fair Community College, 3201 West 16th Street, Sedalia, Missouri.

6. Public Counsel proposes that most of the hearings be held in the evening, but that some be held at noon. Public Counsel also requests that the Commission avoid, to the greatest extent possible, holding two hearings at the same time, unless the two hearings are linked by video.

7. The Commission will issue a subsequent order upon determining the availability of the referenced locations.

8. Public Counsel and Staff agree, but GMO does not, that the following notice shall be utilized for GMO:

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

On February 27, 2012, KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company d/b/a KCP&L filed an electric rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to increase annual electric operating revenues by approximately \$58.3 million (11%) in its MPS rate district (Sedalia and greater Kansas City metropolitan area) and approximately \$25.2 million (15%) in its L&P rate district (St. Joseph area). KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company claims that the rate increase is necessary because of increasing expenses and inadequate revenues. Public comment hearings have been set before the Public Service Commission as follows:

*[Insert locations, dates and times here.]*

Each hearing will begin with an informal question and answer session. If you are unable to attend a live public hearing and wish to make written comments or secure additional information, you may contact:

The Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 800-392-4211, email [pscinfo@psc.mo.gov](mailto:pscinfo@psc.mo.gov);

The Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (866) 922-2959, email [opcservice@ded.mo.gov](mailto:opcservice@ded.mo.gov); or

Comments may also be registered in the case using the Commission's electronic filing and information system ("EFIS") at <https://www.efis.psc.mo.gov/mpsc/Comments.html> and entering "ER-2012-0175" in the "Case/Tracking No." field.

The Public Service Commission will also conduct evidentiary hearings at its offices in Jefferson City from September 24 through October 12, 2012, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The hearings and local public hearings will be held in buildings that 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 before the hearing.

9. Public Counsel and Staff agree, but KCPL does not, that the following notice shall be utilized for KCPL:

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

On February 27, 2012, Kansas City Power & Light Company d/b/a KCP&L (metropolitan Kansas City, Missouri) filed an electric rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to increase annual electric operating revenues by approximately \$106 million (15%). Kansas City Power & Light Company claims the increase is necessary because of increasing expenses and inadequate revenues. Public comment hearings have been set before the Public Service Commission as follows:

*[Insert locations, dates and times here.]*

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The Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (866) 922-2959, email [opcservice@ded.mo.gov](mailto:opcservice@ded.mo.gov); or

Comments may also be registered in the case using the Commission's electronic filing and information system ("EFIS") at <https://www.efis.psc.mo.gov/mpsc/Comments.html> and entering "ER-2012-0174" in the "Case/Tracking No." field.

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#### **TEST YEAR, TRUE-UP, AND UPDATE PERIOD**

10. For both Case No. ER-2012-0174 and Case No. ER-2012-0175, the parties shall utilize a test year ending September 31, 2011, updated through March 31, 2012.

11. For both Case No. ER-2012-0174 and Case No. ER-2012-0175, the True-up period shall end August 31, 2012.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff respectfully submits, on behalf of certain parties, this proposed order in compliance with the Commission's February 28, 2012 order.

Respectfully submitted,

The Staff of the  
Missouri Public Service Commission

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 13th day of April, 2012.

**/s/ Nathan Williams**