

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

In the Matter of the Staff Investigation of Solar     )  
Rebate Payments Pursuant to the Renewable     ) **File No. EO-2014-0357**  
Energy Standard and the Commission's rules     )

### **STATUS REPORT**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its Status Update states as follows:

1. On June 16, 2014, Staff filed its *Staff Motion to Open an Investigation* after receiving informal complaints and email correspondence from retail account holders and solar generation installers regarding the 30-day requirement for solar rebate payments that is mandated by Rule 4 CSR 240-20.100(4)(K).

2. On August 27, 2014, the Commission issued an order directing Staff to investigate the compliance of Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCP&L"), KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company ("GMO"), and Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren") with rule 4 CSR 240-20.100(4) regarding solar rebate payments to retail account holders. The Commission further ordered Staff to file its final report or a status report no later than October 6, 2014.

3. In compliance with that order, Staff states that on September 16, 2014, it issued data requests in File No. EO-2014-0357 to KCP&L, GMO, and Ameren regarding the payment of solar rebates within the 30-day timeline required by Commission rule 4 CSR 240-20.100(4)(K). Staff contacted the utilities requesting the information by October 1, 2014, in order to have enough time to review the information. The utilities attempted to gather the requested information by October 1 but were not able to respond until October 3.

Staff wrote letters, dated September 16, 2014, to Missouri Solar Energy Industries Association ("MOSEIA"), Brightergy LLC ("Brightergy"), and SunSmart Technologies LLS ("SunSmart") requesting information regarding the utilities' payment of solar rebates within the 30-day timeline required by Commission rule 4 CSR 240-20.100(4)(K). SunSmart and Brightergy had previously provided information on the topic, in March and June 2014, and responded to Staff's letter explaining that the information is the most current available. Brightergy also explained that rebate checks go directly to customers and that the data previously provided was in part from the queue updates provided by KCPL & GMO and could not be verified by Brightergy. Staff did not receive a response to its letter from MOSEIA or any other solar vendor.

4. Based on this information, Staff requests that it be allowed to submit its report on the utilities' payment of solar rebates within the 30-day timeline on or before October 30, 2014.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff submits this Status Report to the Commission for its information and consideration and respectfully requests that it be allowed to file its final report on or before October 30, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was mailed, electronically mailed, or hand-delivered to all parties to this cause on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.

**/s/ Whitney Hampton**