

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

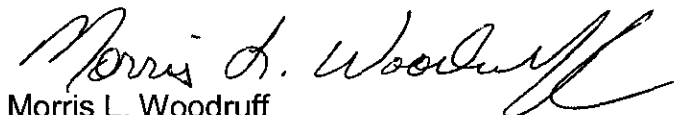
In the Matter of the Application of Kansas )  
City Power & Light Company for Approval )  
To Make Certain Changes in its Charges ) **File No. ER-2010-0355**  
For Electric Service to Continue the )  
Implementation of its Regulatory Plan )

**Notice Regarding External Communication**

Issue Date: August 5, 2010

On the afternoon of Friday, July 30, 2010, I spoke with Mr. Roger Goldblatt when he came to the Missouri Public Service Commission offices. Mr. Goldblatt expressed his opposition to Kansas City Power & Light Company's proposed rate increase and asked whether he could put his views into the record. I gave him information about how to file a comment in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS). On August 3, 2010, I received an e-mail from Mr. Goldblatt which contained a copy of the comments he submitted into EFIS. A copy of the e-mail is attached.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Morris L. Woodruff  
Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010.

## Woodruff, Morris

---

**From:** Rogerning@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 03, 2010 1:07 PM  
**To:** Woodruff, Morris  
**Subject:** KCPL rate increase

Maybe it worked Lewis. I posted the 486 word document as an attachment. Can you let me know if it does not show up? Thanks, Roger Goldblatt KCMO

KCPL rates have gone up 33.4% since 2006. **If KCPL raises its MO rates 14%, that would be an increase of 47.4% since 2006.**

I testified at the last KCPL hearing before the MO PSC 18 months ago, after which thr PSC allowed rates to be raised -- business as usual. I testified that even though I was a KCPL stockholder, I did not want the rates to go up.

I believe if the top paid 200employees of KCPL took a reasonable pay cut, more congruent with the salary of the average employees paid at the bottom 50% of the pay scale, KCPL's rates would not have to be increased regularly.

When KCPL announces the public hearing to their customers in the monthly bill, consumers would benefit if KCPL uses one inch high red font stating KCPL has raised rates 33.4% since 2006 and hopes to raise them another 14%. After that, also in bold red type it would say: "If you would like to attend a PSC hearing, these are the 20 locations. Post your comment at [www.psc.mo.gov](http://www.psc.mo.gov)." This announcement should be folded so that it would be the first thing customers could read when they opened their bill utility bill, instead of having it hidden as usual.

I will try to post a survey on [www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com) asking: "Do you believe KCPL should raise their rates another 14% for a 47.4% rate hike since 2006?"

Besides going to the hearing, how else can consumers can get involved? Might we rally in front of KCPL's headquarters, boycott electric use one day a week, etc.? How can we gain information on the salaries/bonuses/perks of the top 200 employees of KCPL?

The Missouri Public Counsel's office in Jefferson City is underfunded, staffed by three attorneys for the entire state of MO. Lewis Mills ([lewis.mills@ded.mo.gov](mailto:lewis.mills@ded.mo.gov)) is the only counsel representing all the people in MO in our challenges with the utility monopolies.

The MO Public Service Commission allegedly mediates between consumer needs and utility's greed. Though they are mandated to "regulate" utility monopolies, they do not act as advocates for the people. I have too many times seen the PSC crumple like a cheap tent in a windstorm before the shock and awe of big utility, to delude myself into thinking the PSC will be of Service.

The MO PSC is in the same building as the Public Counsel's office, the former in the penthouse. The PSC office has a fortress mentality, way up their on the 9th floor with a beautiful view. The door to the office itself was bolted shut, with instructions to return to the first floor to reach them by phone. Passing workers seemed skittish, as if they were closely guarding the family jewels which the commoners want.

Let's allocate more of our tax dollars for the MO Public Counsel's office and less for the MO PSC. Let's move the people's office to the penthouse!

Thank you for submitting your comment. Your comment will be added to the official file as P201100099.

Date: 8/3/2010 Time: 1:00:38 PM