

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

In the Matter of)	
Kansas City Power & Light Company's)	File No. ER-2012-0174
Request for Authority to Implement)	Tracking No. YE-2012-0404
A General Rate Increase for Electric Service)	

and

In the Matter of)	
KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company's)	File No. ER-2012-0175
Request for Authority to Implement)	Tracking No. YE-2012-0405
General Rate Increase for Electric Service)	

**ORDER GRANTING RECONSIDERATION AND
VACATING ORDERS RELATED TO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY**

Issue Date: September 11, 2012

Effective Date: September 11, 2012

The Missouri Public Service Commission is granting each *Motion for Reconsideration and Request for Expedited Treatment* ("motion"). Movants are the Office of the Public Counsel, Midwest Energy Consumers Group, AARP, Consumers Council of Missouri, Midwest Energy Users Association, and Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers. Praxair, Inc. is also a movant in File No. ER-2012-0174. AG Processing, Inc. is a movant in File No. ER-2012-0175. Movants filed the motions on September 7.¹

Each motion asks the Commission to reconsider its orders of August 24 and September 4 ("orders"). The orders addressed a possible rate stabilization mechanism. The August 4 order required the filing of proposed schedules. Kansas City Power & Light Company, KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company, and Staff filed proposed schedules. The September 4 order set a schedule for pre-filing additional testimony.

A rate stabilization mechanism would address the frequency of rate increase filings by Missouri utilities, a complaint frequently voiced at local public hearings. But movants argue

¹ All dates are in 2012.

that it is too late for the parties to fully consider their positions and adequately draft testimony on that subject in these cases. Movants suggest that a workshop or similar investigative action is the procedure in which to explore rate stabilization.

The Commission accepts the representations of the movants that it is too late to obtain a well-developed, thoughtful analysis of the rate stabilization concept from all parties in this case. Therefore, the Commission will grant the motion for reconsideration. The Commission will vacate the orders.

The Commission will examine possible solutions to the issue of frequent rate increase filings, and explore the concept of rate stabilization, and may by separate order establish a workshop or other investigative action for those purposes.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Each *Motion for Reconsideration and Request for Expedited Treatment* is granted.
2. The Commission vacates each *Order Directing Filing* issued on August 24, 2012, and each *Order Scheduling Filing of Additional Testimony*.
3. This order is effective immediately upon issuance.

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BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

Daniel Jordan, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 11th day of September, 2012.