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REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

OF

KEITH MAJORS

KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
GREAT PLAINS ENERGY, INC.

CASE NO. ER-2012-0174

Staff Exhibit No. 225
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2 dispute, and it would be inappropriate to include in KCPL's rate base.

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4 A. Yes. On pages 167-170 of Staff's Cost of Service report filed August 2, 2012,
5 Staff recommended the removal from the cost of service of legal expenses concerning the
6 arbitration between KCPL and The Empire District Electric Company (Empire). Staff also
7 recommended that the effect of the settlement be removed from the cost of service which this
8 testimony explains and describes.

9 Q. Please provide some background history concerning the arbitration issue.

10 A. On October 5, 2010, Empire filed a Demand for Arbitration against KCPL
11 concerning ** _____

12 _____ ** The specific conflict
13 is described as follows in Empire's Demand for Arbitration obtained in KCPL's response to
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Q. What is Schiff Hardin?

A. Schiff Hardin is a law firm that provided to KCPL various services related to the Iatan Construction Project. Empire described the nature of the services Schiff Hardin performed in ** _____

_____ ** that it filed in the arbitration as follows:

** _____

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Q. Who are the members of the Ownership Group?

A. The owners of Iatan Unit 2—KCPL, Empire, KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (“GMO”), Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (“KEPCO”), and the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission (“MJMEUC”).

Q. Why did Empire demand arbitration with KCPL?

1 A. ** _____
2 _____ ** In its

3 arbitration brief Empire explained why it brought the arbitration as follows:

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20 Q. How was this arbitration ultimately decided?

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25 Q. Did the other joint owners pay for Schiff Hardin expenses for and during the
26 Iatan Construction Project?

27 A. Yes. KCPL passed on to the other owners their respective shares of the costs
28 KCPL incurred in building Iatan 2 including costs related to Schiff Hardin.

29 Q. Was Empire the only joint owner who demanded arbitration with
30 KCPL ** _____ **

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10 Q. For accounting purposes, how did KCPL treat the settlement?

11 A. KCPL transferred the settlement amount to a KCPL only account as part of
12 Iatan 2 plant-in-service.

13 Q. What effect does this have on KCPL's plant-in-service for ratemaking
14 purposes?

15 A. Unless an adjustment is made, it would be included in KCPL's rate base.
16 Based on the March 2012 cutoff Staff's rate base for KCPL includes the ** _____ **
17 amount of the settlement.

18 Q. Then what adjustment should be made?

19 A. Assuming ** _____ **
20 pursuant to the attached email communication, the entire settlement of ** _____ ** is in
21 plant-in-service as of March 2012 and KCPL's rate base should be adjusted to remove the full
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5 relating to Iatan 2, namely the proceeding concerning the Section 48A Qualifying Advanced
6 Coal Project Credit for Iatan 2.

7 Q. If GMO did not receive ** _____ **
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9 A. Yes. However, if an adjustment was made to GMO's books and records for its
10 share of these expenses outside of the joint owner billing process, then KCPL's plant-in-
11 service would be overstated and GMO's plant-in-service would be understated by that
12 amount. In Schedule 2, this amount was calculated to be ** _____ **

13 Q. What ratemaking treatment does Staff recommend for the settlement of this
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10 Q. Does that conclude your rebuttal testimony?

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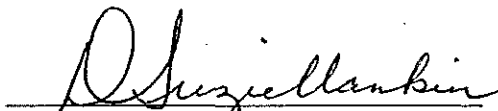
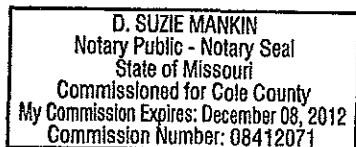
COUNTY OF COLE)

Keith Majors, of lawful age, on his oath states: that he has participated in the preparation of the foregoing Rebuttal Testimony in question and answer form, consisting of 7 pages to be presented in the above case; that the answers in the foregoing Rebuttal Testimony were given by him; that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in such answers; and that such matters are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.



Keith Majors

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of September, 2012.



Notary Public

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