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Continue The Implementation Of Its)	
Regulatory Plan)	
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For Approval To Make Certain Changes)	Case No. HR-2009-0092
In Its Charges For Steam Heating)	
Service)	

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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 (Starting time of the Hearing: 6:25
3 p.m.)

4 JUDGE STEARLEY: Good evening. It's
5 Monday, March 9th, 2009. The Missouri Public
6 Service Commission has set this time for a local
7 public hearing in case number ER-2009-0089 in which
8 Kansas City Power & Light Company seeks to
9 implement a general rate increase for its electric
10 service in Missouri.

11 We also open this local public hearing,
12 would like to hear any comments regarding case
13 numbers ER-2009-0090 and HR-2009-0092 involving
14 KCP&L's sister subsidiary company, General Missouri
15 Operations.

16 My name is Harold Stearley and I'm the
17 Regulatory Law Judge that will be presiding over
18 tonight's hearing.

19 This is an official hearing of the
20 Missouri Public Service Commission and any
21 statements and testimony from all witnesses will be
22 taken under oath and preserved in the record for
23 the Commissioner's reading, and those Commissioners
24 that aren't able to attend tonight, they will be
25 reviewing these comments as part of the

1 transcripts.

2 Tonight, I have with me, Chairman
3 Clayton and Commissioner Gunn. Before we begin,
4 I'd like to explain a little bit more about
5 procedure. I'll ask them if they have any opening
6 statements. Mr. Chairman?

7 If I understand correctly, we have one
8 witness. When that witness is ready to testify,
9 we'll swear him in, ask him a couple of further
10 questions and he'll be allowed to speak. Are there
11 any questions before we begin all the proceedings
12 that are involved?

13 MR. CAMPBELL: No.

14 JUDGE STEARLEY: Hearing none, I'll
15 begin by taking entries from counsel and parties.
16 Counsel for Kansas City Power & Light Company?

17 MR. ZOBRIST: Hi, Judge. It's Karl
18 Zobrist, Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal, 4520 Main
19 Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

20 JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Mr. Zobrist.
21 Staff for the Missouri Public Service Commission?

22 MS. HERNANDEZ: Jennifer Hernandez, P.O.
23 Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65109, on behalf
24 of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service
25 Commission.

1 JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Ms.

2 Hernandez. Office of Public Counsel?

3 MR. MILLS: On behalf of the Office of
4 Public Counsel and the public, my name is Lewis
5 Mills. My address is Post Office Box 2230,
6 Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102.

7 JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Mr. Mills.
8 Do we have any counsel present for any of the
9 interveners in this case? Hearing none, I guess we
10 will go ahead and begin our hearing. I understand
11 we have one witness tonight. Is that correct?

12 MR. CAMPBELL: I guess, Your Honor.

13 JUDGE STEARLEY: If that witness would
14 please come forward, and state and spell your name
15 for our court reporter.

16 MR. CAMPBELL: Ken Campbell, C A M P B E
17 L L.

18 JUDGE STEARLEY: I'm sorry, I couldn't
19 hear that very well. Could you say that one more
20 time?

21 MR. CAMPBELL: Ken Campbell.

22 JUDGE STEARLEY: Is that Ian?

23 MR. CAMPBELL: K E N, Campbell, C A M P
24 B E L L.

25 JUDGE STEARLEY: Alright. If you would

1 please raise your right hand, I will swear you in.

2 KEN CAMPBELL, being sworn-in by Judge
3 Stearley, testified as follows,

4 JUDGE STEARLEY: Are you a customer of
5 KCP&L?

6 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.

7 JUDGE STEARLEY: Alright. You may
8 proceed with your statement.

9 MR. CAMPBELL: I have been sitting here
10 talking to your KCP&L's employees that are here
11 representing KCP&L tonight. I am a retired KCP&L
12 employee. I'm also a stockholder of Kansas City
13 Power & Light. And I had several questions to ask
14 them concerning, one of them was the parties that
15 they've had planned. One of them is for a
16 reception over in Overland Park at the Sheraton on
17 April 22nd for all retirees.

18 I also asked them about the 50 percent
19 reduction in my dividends and we talked about what
20 they call the Quarter Century Club dinners that's
21 coming due May the 1st. Now, they're saying the
22 stockholders are paying for this, but it makes no
23 difference whether the stockholders are paying for
24 this or whether their rate holders are paying for
25 this because I'm one in the same.

1 At the same time we talked, we talked
2 about what the company was doing to cut back
3 because 17 and a half percent rate increase at this
4 time, with this economy, with so many people out of
5 work, that they're going to have a lot of unpaid
6 bills. So that is a loss in itself.

7 Now, I hate to have my dividends cut
8 about 50 percent and then turn around and put
9 another 17 and a half percent for a rate increase,
10 when they are not showing any signs of them doing
11 anything as far as they ain't cutting back.
12 There's no such thing as freezing wages or anything
13 like this to help their company at this time.

14 Judge, I really don't know whether my
15 story here is going to do any good or not. I mean,
16 I'll go home at night and pray for these poor
17 people that don't make very much money. The ones
18 sitting here from KCP&L are drawing a good wage.
19 They're drawing time and a half, I imagine, for
20 being here. They've got an attorney here, I
21 imagine. So I'm just one solitary customer and
22 when you put another \$14 on some of the bills of
23 some of the people I know, they are going to have
24 to cut back a hell of a lot for just to be able to
25 pay their light bill.

1 I don't think that - until the company
2 to show that they are really, honestly, in the mode
3 to cut back, do away with their parties, then I
4 don't think it's necessary.

5 Now, I have letters in my pocket
6 stating where they're going to have the one at the
7 Sheridan. I called today and they're going to have
8 one on May the 1st for the retirees. It's a full
9 meal deal. It involves husbands, wives,
10 supervisors, their spouses. It's just too much to
11 ask the customer to pay for it, or the
12 stockholders.

13 Now, you all are going to make the
14 decision whether they're going to get this money or
15 not, but I hope you realize that the people that's
16 out there that are having to struggle just to buy a
17 loaf of bread that's \$4, I mean, \$3 a loaf, or a
18 gallon of milk is \$4 a gallon, and to turn around
19 and put another 17 and a half percent on their
20 lights, just so that they can continue with their
21 little party deals.

22 Sorry, Judge, I just can't go this
23 route. I know I'm going to have to because I still
24 have lights with the light company and I'll still
25 pay my bill, but I ain't going to like it. That's

1 all I've got to say.

2 JUDGE STEARLEY: Okay. We appreciate
3 your comments. Do any of the attorneys present
4 have any questions for our witness?

5 MS. HERNANDEZ: No, thank you.

6 MR. ZOBRIST: No questions.

7 MS. MILLS: No questions here, Judge.

8 JUDGE STEARLEY: Hearing none,
9 Commissioner Gunn, any questions for this witness?

10 COMMISSIONER GUNN: First of all, I want
11 to thank you for your comments. Have you had any
12 reliability issues or any issues with your service?

13 MR. CAMPBELL: No. No. No reliability.
14 No.

15 There's certain things that happen that
16 maybe you can answer. Why is it through the last
17 60 years, the light company was required to put
18 numbers on poles? We quit doing it because every
19 time they'd move a pole or change a line, the
20 numbers got fouled up so we quit numbering the
21 poles. Last year, last fall, they hired people to
22 go around and put a number on every pole in the
23 east district. Now, I was told that that was sent
24 down by the Commission. Now, I don't know, I don't
25 know why couldn't every fifth pole, if you've got

1 to have a number on it.

2 I don't understand why they have to go
3 out and hire extra people to put these numbers on
4 these poles. It's another expense that should not
5 have been, not have happened, because all
6 employees, us trouble men, linemen, had circuit
7 maps that was down in range, township, section,
8 quarter section, and you'd go right to the pole.
9 You had your circuit maps, you had this in town,
10 you had street addresses. Why do you have to
11 number a pole right outside my house?

12 COMMISSIONER GUNN: Thank you, sir. I
13 don't have any other questions.

14 JUDGE STEARLEY: Chairman Clayton?

15 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: Sir, I don't have any
16 questions for you, but I do want to thank you for
17 coming out tonight. Your comments were very
18 comprehensive and balanced from both sides of the
19 equation and that basically explains the difficult
20 decisions that we have to make this year. So I
21 don't have any questions for you, but I appreciate
22 you coming out tonight.

23 MR. CAMPBELL: Well, thank you.

24 JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you for your
25 testimony.

1 MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you, Judge.

2 MR. ZOBRIST: Judge, this is Karl
3 Zobrist. I don't think

4 JUDGE STEARLEY: So we only had one

5 MR. ZOBRIST: I was just going to make
6 one thing. I think that the witness heard
7 liability instead of reliability, and I was just
8 going to ask the witness-

9 MR. CAMPBELL: It's fine. I got the
10 reliability, I heard it, but, you know, sometimes
11 you gripe about it, but.

12 JUDGE STEARLEY: Is there anyone else
13 who's come in who would like to give any statements
14 or comments for the Commission?

15 MR. MILLS: No, Judge.

16 JUDGE STEARLEY: Alright. Well, I'd
17 like to thank our hosts up in Carrollton about this
18 ability to video conference and I'd like to thank
19 our staff tonight for traveling here, and the
20 attorneys for being present tonight. Since there's
21 not a group of people here who don't want to
22 testify, I'll dispense with my usual additional
23 instructions about filing written comments, so that
24 will conclude our public hearing. So the hearing
25 is now concluded, thank you very much.

1 (WHEREIN, the Hearing is concluded at
2 6:36 p.m.)

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