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Certain Changes In Its Charges) and ER-2010-0356
For Electric Service To Continue)
The Implementation Of Its)
Regulatory Plan)

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1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good afternoon. We're on
2 the record. This is the status conference hearing in
3 the Case No. ER-2010-0355 and 2010-0356. I'm Ron
4 Pridgin; I am the regulatory law judge in the 0355
5 case or KCP&L case. And we have Judge Dippell for
6 the 0356 case.

7 I would like to get entries of appearance
8 from counsel, and I think I just heard some people
9 buzz in on the telephone. If you have just entered
10 the phone bridge, could you please identify
11 yourself?

12 MR. BRUDER: I'm Perry Bruder, I'm from
13 the Federal Executive Agencies.

14 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Bruder, thank you.

15 MR. BRUDER: Thank you.

16 JUDGE PRIDGIN: And, Mr. Bruder, I guess
17 since -- could you go ahead and enter your appearance
18 while I'm thinking of it please.

19 MR. BRUDER: United States Department of
20 Energy and Federal Executive Agencies in Case Docket
21 No. 2010-0355. Arthur Perry Bruder, 1000
22 Independence Avenue Southwest, Washington, D.C.
23 20024.

24 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Bruder, thank you.
25 Has anyone else joined the phone bridge

1 here in the last five minutes or so? All right,
2 thank you.

3 Let me get entries of appearance for
4 those who are appearing in Jefferson City, starting
5 with the companies please or the company.

6 MR. STEINER: Roger W. Steiner appearing
7 for Kansas City Power & Light Company, address is on
8 the -- was given to the court reporter. And I'll let
9 Mr. Fischer enter his appearance.

10 MR. FISCHER: James M. Fischer, Fischer &
11 Dority, PC, 101 Madison, Suite 400, Jefferson City,
12 Missouri.

13 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Steiner, thank you;
14 Mr. Fischer, thank you.

15 On behalf of the staff of the Commission
16 please.

17 MR. DOTTHEIM: Steven Dottheim, Jaime
18 Ott, Nathan Williams appearing on behalf of the State
19 of Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office
20 Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

21 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Dottheim, thank you.
22 It might go faster if we go by name instead of the
23 client. I'll make fewer mistakes.

24 Mr. Mills?

25 MR. MILLS: Yes. On behalf of the office

1 of Public Counsel and public my name is Lewis Mills.
2 My address is Post Office Box 2230, Jefferson City,
3 Missouri 65102.

4 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Mills, thank you.
5 Mr. Woodsmall?

6 MR. WOODSMALL: Thank you. Appearing on
7 behalf of Praxair, Midwest Energy Users Association
8 in the 0355 case and Ag Processing and SIEUA in the
9 0356 case, David Woodsmall with the firm of Finnegan,
10 Conrad & Peterson.

11 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Woodsmall, thank
12 you.

13 Mr. Lumley?

14 MR. LUMLEY: Thank you, Judge. Carl
15 Lumley appearing for Dogwood Energy, LLC in both
16 cases, address on file.

17 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Lumley, thank you.

18 Mr. Wagner?

19 MR. WAGNER: Robert Wagner, pro se
20 intervenor on 355 and 356. My address is 9005 North
21 Chatham, Kansas City, Missouri.

22 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Wagner, thank you.

23 Mr. Cooper?

24 MR. COOPER: Dean L. Cooper appearing on
25 behalf of Southern Union Company doing business as

1 Missouri Gas Energy.

2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Cooper, thank you.

3 Mr. Swarengen?

4 MR. SWEARENGEN: James C. Swarengen for
5 The Empire District Electric Company. I made a
6 written entry of appearance.

7 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Swarengen, thank
8 you.

9 Have I missed anyone?

10 JUDGE DIPPELL: I'll just note that we
11 did have a few people email and call in to be excused
12 and that was Mr. Coffman, Ms. Mangelsdorf on behalf
13 of Department of Natural Resources and Mr. Healy on
14 behalf of the municipals and Mr. Lowry on behalf of
15 Union Electric.

16 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. With that,
17 I'm trying to kind of recall basically where we are
18 on the case. I believe we got a true-up filing from
19 KCP&L yesterday stating they did not wish to adjust
20 the true-up date. I think we got a monthly report
21 from staff recently, and I don't know if there's
22 anything that the parties would want or need to bring
23 to our attention as far as discovery matters,
24 procedural matters. Anything you need to inform --
25 Mr. Dottheim?

1 MR. DOTTHEIM: Yes. On a procedural
2 matter if I could refer the -- the Bench to the
3 Commission's order of July 7, 2010, the order titled,
4 Order Regarding Construction and Prudence Audits, it
5 is paragraph seven. The first certain -- the first
6 sentence -- there are two sentences: Copies of all
7 data requests, interrogatories, requests for
8 production of documents, notices of depositions,
9 depositions by written questions, or any other
10 discovery device already issued by the parties in
11 these matters shall be filed immediately in these
12 files. The second sentence is, Copies of any data
13 requests, interrogatories, requests for production of
14 documents, notices of depositions, depositions by
15 written questions, or any other discovery device
16 employed by any party after issuance of this order
17 shall be filed on the same date it is issued.

18 The Staff has not literally filed, for
19 example, data requests in file number ER-2010-0355 or
20 file number ER-2010-0356. The Staff has proceeded as
21 it has previously in other cases by putting into
22 EIFS in the data request facet --

23 MR. BRUDER: Sorry to interrupt, this is
24 Perry Bruder. I'm not able to hear. Can we get the
25 mic a little closer to Mr. Dottheim?

1 JUDGE DIPPELL: Yes, yes.

2 MR. BRUDER: Thank you.

3 JUDGE DIPPELL: Let's try moving the
4 phone back down on the witness table. It seemed to
5 maybe pick up everybody's voice a little better
6 there.

7 MR. DOTTHEIM: The Staff has been
8 submitting into EIFS data requests that it has issued
9 in the 0355 and the 0356 case and has been placing --
10 or the company has been placing into EIFS responses
11 in 0355 and 0356 into EIFS. So the materials
12 relating to Staff data requests have not literally
13 been filed in the case.

14 Also I would -- I would note because of
15 the first sentence in paragraph seven and also since
16 the order of the Commission dealt with the
17 construction and prudence audits, the Staff did not
18 literally take all data requests that previously had
19 been issued relating to Iatan 1 and Iatan 2 and
20 either submit them into EIFS for the 0355 and the
21 0356 case or literally file them into EIFS for the
22 0355 and the 0356 case.

23 what had previously happened and the
24 staff was hoping to compound any confusion was that
25 when the Commission went from the 0089, that is the

1 ER-2009-0089 case and the ER-0-- excuse me, the
2 ER-2009-0090 cases, that is the 2009 KCP&L and GMO
3 rate cases, when those cases were closed in essence,
4 the Commission opened the EO-2010-0259 case. The
5 Staff had taken the data requests from 0089 case and
6 the 0090 case and entered them into EIFS in the 0259
7 case. So the Staff sought not to take those data
8 requests and the responses and then enter them into
9 the 0355 case and the 0356 case. They are in EIFS in
10 the 0259 case. The Staff had to renumber the data
11 requests and the data request responses from the 0090
12 case, but did not in essence do that for the 0089
13 case.

14 The Staff can put together and file an
15 actual tracking mechanism for -- to show how the
16 numbers on the data requests have changed from case
17 to case, but -- I'm sorry to go through all of this,
18 but I did at some point want to explain that the
19 Staff was not in literal compliance with the
20 Commission's July 7, 2010, order in the 0355 and the
21 0356 case.

22 And I think that there are other parties
23 that are not in literal compliance with the
24 Commission's order. And I don't know whether the
25 Commission literally intended what it ordered; and if

1 it didn't intend that, then I can only speak for the
2 staff, we're not in compliance with that section,
3 that paragraph seven in the Commission's July 7, 2010
4 order.

5 JUDGE DIPPELL: In I believe the last
6 status conference, we told you that was fine to hold
7 off, don't do anything further until we had clarified
8 that. Judge Pridgin and I have not had an
9 opportunity to actually issue an order clarifying
10 that.

11 MR. DOTTHEIM: Previously I had indicated
12 that regarding depositions that --

13 JUDGE DIPPELL: Right.

14 MR. DOTTHEIM: -- that happened, and I
15 did not go into this matter regarding the data
16 requests.

17 JUDGE DIPPELL: So with regard to
18 physically transferring them, I would say now at this
19 point that, no, you do not have to physically
20 transfer them from one case to another. I don't
21 believe Staff's time would be well spent providing a
22 chart of renumbering and so forth.

23 The goal is not to create more work for
24 the parties; the goal was to make sure that all of
25 the relevant information was accessible from all of

1 the various cases.

2 Now, Mr. Woodsmall had brought up also
3 that he had an issue at the last status conference
4 about the fact that the EO case was not in fact a
5 contested case and therefore not everybody was a
6 party and had an opportunity to cross-examine that
7 and wanted -- I believe the words in your motion for
8 clarification were to ask the Commission to make a
9 determination that they wouldn't rely on any of that
10 information. The Commission's not going to go that
11 far, but I will say that those documents in the
12 previous cases are just like documents in any other
13 previous cases or discovery in any other previous
14 cases. And therefore, if they're part of your
15 evidence in this case, you'll need to present them as
16 evidence and then they'll need to be able to be
17 cross-examined and withstand all of the other tests
18 of whether or not they're substantial and competent
19 evidence.

20 Mr. Woodsmall?

21 MR. WOODSMALL: So as we stand right now,
22 they are not part of the record. The record will
23 start brand new at the hearing?

24 JUDGE DIPPELL: Right. They are not part
25 of the evidentiary record.

1 MR. WOODSMALL: Okay.

2 JUDGE DIPPELL: They are part of the
3 files and the housekeeping just like any other. But
4 like I say, the point to that order was to make sure
5 that everyone had access to the various information,
6 not to create more housekeeping work and everything.
7 And certainly not to automatically enter things into
8 evidence that weren't -- had not been -- gone through
9 the proper channels for evidence.

10 MR. WOODSMALL: Okay.

11 JUDGE DIPPELL: So I hope that clarifies
12 that. If we still need to put out an order or notice
13 or something amending that order further, we can do
14 that.

15 Does that answer your questions,
16 Mr. Dottheim?

17 MR. DOTTHEIM: Yes, it does. Thank you.

18 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay.

19 JUDGE PRIDGIN: And I don't know if the
20 parties have any other -- any other matters to bring
21 to the attention of the Commission. Mr. Wagner has
22 his hand up. And Mr. Dottheim --

23 MR. DOTTHEIM: I have one other matter,
24 but if Mr. Wagner wants to address something, that's
25 fine.

1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Wagner?

2 MR. WAGNER: Yes. One of my -- as a pro
3 se intervenor, one of my data requests was marked
4 confidential, and the company's refusing to release
5 that, saying I need to hire counsel. I was wondering
6 if a pro se intervenor that has filed a nondisclosure
7 agreement, if that's appropriate or not.

8 JUDGE DIPPELL: I believe that that would
9 be a matter for you to bring to the Commission if you
10 believe that there is a data request that's not being
11 responded to in the matter that you believe it should
12 be.

13 Mr. Dottheim?

14 MR. DOTTHEIM: Maybe if Mr. Wagner can
15 elaborate as to what he means by the company won't
16 release it.

17 MR. WAGNER: Yes. On 9/24 I called and
18 spoke with Mr. Tim Rush about marking data request
19 number six, part of the answer as confidential. And
20 in speaking with him, he responded that the company
21 would not release that, that I would need to hire
22 counsel.

23 MR. DOTTHEIM: Meaning he won't provide
24 an answer? I'm still having --

25 MR. WAGNER: It was part of one of the

1 answers. He responded to part of it, and then he
2 said there's another publication available but it's
3 marked confidential.

4 MR. DOTTHEIM: And as a consequence he
5 won't provide the information or the publication that
6 is confidential?

7 MR. WAGNER: Correct.

8 MR. DOTTHEIM: And he won't provide it to
9 you without you -- without there being counsel
10 because the confidential material will only be
11 provided to counsel and not to you?

12 MR. WAGNER: Correct. But by definition
13 I am my own counsel, so I thought that was a little
14 confusing.

15 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I think that probably the
16 quickest way to try to answer your question is to
17 refer you to Commission rules on discovery disputes,
18 and that would be to basically set up a telephone
19 conference with the regulatory law judge, in this
20 case we have two of them. I don't know who -- I
21 don't recall which case, if you're in the 355 or 356
22 case; you're probably in 355.

23 MR. WAGNER: I'm in both.

24 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. Then I don't know
25 if we jointly want to do one or one of us handle the

1 phone conference and see if we can resolve the
2 dispute that way before you file some sort of motion
3 to compel to try to get the discovery that you
4 believe you're entitled to.

5 MR. WAGNER: Thank you.

6 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you.

7 And I'm sorry, Mr. Dottheim, you had
8 something else?

9 MR. DOTTHEIM: Yes. At the first monthly
10 status hearing I had indicated that the Staff will
11 want to ask the Commission for the appointment of a
12 special master. We haven't obviously filed anything
13 with the Commission. We will shortly.

14 we've had -- we have talked with the
15 company; we will continue to talk. We are going to
16 talk once we go off the -- off the record regarding
17 that. We are attempting to get ourselves -- or I am
18 attempting to get myself organized I guess for that,
19 and it has taken a while unfortunately and I
20 apologize.

21 But the Staff is -- is still very much
22 intent in going in that -- in that direction and I
23 think the regulatory law judges and the Commission
24 should expect something shortly.

25 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Dottheim, thank you.

1 JUDGE DIPPELL: Does that go along,
2 Mr. Dottheim, with the Kansas City Power & Light just
3 recently filed their marked up, highly confident--
4 highly confidential version of Staff's report, isn't
5 that correct? And will that -- does that go along
6 with that? One of the questions I wanted to ask was
7 do we need to set a deadline for Staff to respond
8 whether they agreed with that markup or?

9 MR. DOTTHEIM: No. This deals with the
10 Staff's discovery data request to the company,
11 documents that the company has asserted are covered
12 by attorney/client privilege or attorney work product
13 or documents that are covered by accountant/client
14 privilege or any other privilege that might be
15 recognized under Missouri statute.

16 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. What about the
17 Staff report markup, has Staff had any opportunity to
18 review that at this point?

19 MR. DOTTHEIM: The Staff traditionally
20 hasn't sought to challenge assertions by the
21 utility. That information is -- falls under either
22 the highly confidential or proprietary designation
23 unless the Staff truly believes it's a -- it's an
24 abuse. The Staff has traditionally chosen to
25 otherwise utilize its time.

1 The Staff at this time had not intended
2 to file anything in opposition to the designations
3 that the company had made regarding highly
4 confidential or proprietary regarding the Staff's
5 report filed on August 6th.

6 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay, thank you.

7 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I don't know that I have
8 anything else. Do the parties have anything else?

9 Mr. Wagner?

10 MR. WAGNER: I've got one other question.
11 Regarding the Commission's motion for the public
12 hearings, there was a statement in there that the
13 interested parties could prepare a statement for the
14 public hearings, and I was trying to determine if
15 this is an oral statement or it's a written statement
16 or handouts that could be provided at the public
17 hearing. Just trying to get some more clarification
18 on if there's any procedure, anything to go through
19 to do that.

20 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I don't know -- and I'll
21 let Judge Dippell speak if she wants to. I don't
22 know if there's necessarily a right or wrong way to
23 do it. It's just more -- the public hearings are
24 obviously to get testimony from the public in the
25 format that generally the company and staff and

1 Public Counsel and then other parties, if they wish,
2 have the chance to listen to the public and answer
3 their questions, maybe tell the public what their
4 positions are on the different issues. And so other
5 than those broad guidelines, I don't know that
6 there's necessarily, you know, a preferred format or
7 right or wrong way to do anything.

8 JUDGE DIPPELL: I think we have required
9 the company and staff and Public Counsel to provide a
10 written document that is handed out at the beginning.
11 This is sort of a new process that the Commission has
12 started, but it seems to have worked well in the few
13 hearings that we've done it in.

14 And so that was -- as Judge Pridgin was
15 saying, I believe we lifted open the opportunity for
16 the other parties to do similar, but it was not
17 required. And also at the beginning of those
18 hearings, then someone from Staff and the company and
19 Public Counsel will physically be in front of the
20 room to answer questions before the testimony is
21 taken, just to try to get as many -- get as much
22 information out to the customers as possible.

23 And with that, everyone, I assume, saw
24 that an additional hearing was set after Wednesday's
25 order, another -- trying to get another hearing in

1 the Kansas City area that I believe that is the last
2 one that will be set unless something comes up.

3 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Anything further from the
4 parties? All right. Hearing nothing, if we can
5 just -- I'll ask Mr. Dottheim if you'll just
6 disconnect the call whenever you're done.

7 And if there's nothing further, we will
8 go off the record. Thank you very much.

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