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Kansas City Power & Light Company )File No.  
for Approval to Make Certain Changes )ER-2010-0355  
in its Charges for Electric Service )  
to Continue the Implementation of its )  
Regulatory Plan )  
  
In the Matter of the Application of )  
KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations )File No.  
Company for Approval to make Certain )ER-2010-0356  
Changes in its Charges for Electric )  
Service )

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (Starting time of the Hearing: 12:29  
3 p.m.)

4 JUDGE DIPPELL: This is Case Number ER-  
5 2010-0355 and ER-2010-0356. My name is Nancy  
6 Dippell. I'm a Regulatory Law Judge for the  
7 Commission and we've come here at this time for a  
8 Public Comment Hearing in these cases in which  
9 Kansas City Power and Light Company and KCP&L  
10 Greater Missouri Operations Company seek to  
11 implement general rate increases for their electric  
12 service in Missouri.

13 I also have with me today three of our  
14 five Commissioners. To my right are Chairman,  
15 Commissioner Robert Clayton. To my left are  
16 Commissioner Terry Jarrett and Commissioner Robert  
17 Kenney. Mr. Chairman, would you like to make any  
18 opening remarks?

19 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: I just want to welcome  
20 everyone here. The Public Service Commission has  
21 been trying really hard to improve our process  
22 through the Local Public Hearing process. We're  
23 trying to provide more information, give customers  
24 a better idea of what we do on a daily basis, how  
25 we interact with utilities and how litigation or

1 cases come before us.

2 We have revamped our process and that's  
3 why we allowed the first session to go on longer.  
4 It used to be it was only about twenty minutes, a  
5 half hour, so we let it go on longer to make sure  
6 that all of your questions get answered because  
7 there is a great mystery about what the PSC does  
8 and we want to make sure that we provide every  
9 opportunity to ask those questions.

10 At this point of the session, we're hear  
11 to hear from you, comments on service, billing, on  
12 the pending rate increase. You're welcome to tell  
13 us whatever you like. A transcript is going to be  
14 made. You have a majority of the Commission here.  
15 The other two Commissioners are spread out around  
16 the State, attending other hearings, but a  
17 transcript will be made, a video will be made, and  
18 it will be made part of the record. So thank you  
19 for coming. We look forward to your testimony.

20 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. This is an  
21 official Hearing of the Missouri Public Service  
22 Commission and as such, the statements and  
23 testimony will be given under oath or affirmation  
24 and will be recorded by the Court Reporter, as the  
25 Chairman said. That will allow the other

1 Commissioners the opportunity to read all those  
2 comments. We're also videotaping the testimony and  
3 that will also be put on our website for viewing.

4           The purpose of this hearing is to  
5 receive comments from you regarding the rate  
6 increase or service, billing issues, and so the  
7 Company, at this point, will not be presenting any  
8 witnesses and will not answer questions while we're  
9 on the record. The Commissioners and myself are  
10 also not here to answer questions, because we're  
11 here to hear your comments and this is the  
12 opportunity to put your remarks on the official  
13 record.

14           If you wish to testify, I'd ask you to -  
15 some of you have already signed up on the list.  
16 I'll call you up as you're listed. If you haven't  
17 had a chance to sign the list, I'll ask when we're  
18 finished with these witnesses, if anyone would  
19 still like to testify and you can come up at that  
20 time. I'd ask you to come forward to the podium  
21 here and I will swear you in and ask you to spell  
22 your name for the Court Reporter.

23           So first, I'm going to begin by letting  
24 the attorneys that are present for the parties make  
25 their entries of appearance and I will just begin

1 with the Company.

2 MS. GILBREATH: Lisa Gilbreath on behalf  
3 of the Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCP&L  
4 Greater Missouri Operations Company, SNR Denton US,  
5 LLP, 4520 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri,  
6 64111.

7 JUDGE DIPPELL: And Mr. Mills.

8 MR. MILLS: On behalf of the Office of  
9 Public Counsel and the public, my name is Lewis  
10 Mills. My address is Post Office Box 2230,  
11 Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102.

12 JUDGE DIPPELL: And for staff?

13 MS. HERNANDEZ: Good afternoon. May it  
14 please the Commission, Jennifer Hernandez appearing  
15 for the Staff of the Missouri Public Service  
16 Commission. Our address is P.O. Box 360, Jefferson  
17 City, Missouri, 65102.

18 JUDGE DIPPELL: And Mr. Wagner, would you  
19 like to make your appearance.

20 MR. WAGNER: Robert Wagner, pro se  
21 Intervener, 9005 North Chatham, Kansas City,  
22 Missouri, 64154.

23 JUDGE DIPPELL: And are there any other  
24 parties present? Alright. I would also ask that  
25 after you've given your remarks, if you could

1 remain at the podium and I can ask the  
2 Commissioners and the attorneys if they have any  
3 clarifying questions for you.

4 At this time then, we can go ahead and  
5 begin with our first witness, Jeff Mowry, and I  
6 hope I didn't mispronounce that.

7 JEFFREY K. MOWRY, being first duly sworn  
8 by Judge Dippell, testifies as follows:

9 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. If you could  
10 state your name and spell it for the Court  
11 Reporter, please.

12 MR. MOWRY: It's Jeffrey, J-E-F-F-R-E-Y,  
13 K. M-O-W-R-Y.

14 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Go ahead with  
15 your comments.

16 MR. MOWRY: First of all, I oppose the  
17 rate increase of ten percent or more. I am on a  
18 fixed income and it's Social Security, mainly. I  
19 do have an IRA, but that's gone down a little bit -  
20 or quite a bit because of the economy.

21 But we're not getting an increase - we  
22 didn't get an increase last year from Social  
23 Security and we're not going to get one this year,  
24 supposedly because there's no inflation going on in  
25 the country, but obviously, there is with this rate

1 increase. And I guess the overall inflation - I  
2 don't know, around two percent or something like  
3 that, a lot lower than the ten percent they're  
4 asking for. So again, I oppose the rate increase.

5 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Mr. Chairman?

6 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: May I ask just a few  
7 quick questions, Mr. Mowry? Are you - I don't want  
8 to know exactly where you live - are you Riverside,  
9 are you Parkville, what community?

10 MR. MOWRY: I live in Kansas City, north  
11 side.

12 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: So Kansas City proper.  
13 And so that's the traditional KCP&L service  
14 territory-

15 MR. MOWRY: Right

16 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: -not the old Aquila  
17 territory. Are you happy with the service that you  
18 receive? Do the lights stay on, is it reliable, do  
19 the lights flicker or anything like that?

20 MR. MOWRY: Most of the time, they stay  
21 on. Sometimes we have an outage and I have a hard  
22 time understanding that because it's underground -  
23 we have underground wiring where we're at.

24 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: Does it happen  
25 frequently or is it just every once in a while,





1 didn't have any questions, but I do appreciate your  
2 testimony. Thank you.

3 JUDGE DIPPELL: Commissioner Kenney?

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: No questions, Mr.  
5 Mowry, but thank you for coming.

6 JUDGE DIPPELL: Anything from the  
7 attorneys? Thank you, Mr. Mowry. Rodney Heelan?

8 MR. HEELAN: Heelan, R-O-D-N-E-Y  
9 H-E-E-L-A-N. I live in the Kansas City Power &  
10 Light.

11 JUDGE DIPPELL: Can I swear you in?

12 RODNEY HEELAN, being first duly sworn,  
13 under oath, by Judge Dippell, testifies as follows:

14 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Go ahead.

15 MR. HEELAN: I oppose this rate increase  
16 due to the fact that the new power plant was  
17 constructed with - I believe the paper this morning  
18 said it was dysfunctional attitude between the  
19 contractor and Kansas City Power & Light. We had  
20 two people killed on that job.

21 Also, how much of this rate increase is  
22 going to pay for the plant that is a billion  
23 dollars over cost? I thought that it was going to  
24 cost a billion dollars just to build the plant, but  
25 now it's two billion. And it's been brought up

1 here this morning that this is a business, and  
2 businesses should incur their improvements by  
3 raising money other places than with their  
4 customers, bond issues, private financing, things  
5 of this nature.

6 I am not in financial trouble as is with  
7 some of these people here. I have a good pension,  
8 draw decent Social Security. But someday, I'm not  
9 going to be able to if you keep doing this.

10 And I don't understand the line charge.  
11 I mean once it's in and it's up, it ought to be  
12 done. I can understand if you're installing a new  
13 line and you want the customer to pay for it if  
14 it's in a rural area or something, but I don't  
15 understand how come in 30 years, you still have  
16 this line charge? It's the same way with the phone  
17 companies. You know, the phone company has a line  
18 charge.

19 I had a trash company at my house that  
20 wanted to charge me an administration fee of \$2 a  
21 month. I got a new trash company. I think that's  
22 what we ought to do here.

23 If we can't - the Company make a  
24 reasonable profit and us with reasonable rates,  
25 then we ought to go to Home Depot and buy us all

1 our own generator. It's gotten to that point.  
2 People are getting to the point where they're doing  
3 rash and unreasonable things in order to get  
4 electricity.

5 As far as service goes, I don't have a  
6 problem with the company, but in one storm in this  
7 town, it took nine days to get my electricity put  
8 back on, but I can understand. And I understand  
9 they have to go out and get other power companies,  
10 when they have a storm to come in here and get the  
11 service back up.

12 But I think fourteen percent is a little  
13 bit ridiculous. And why this attitude that they  
14 had with their contractor down there at this plant?  
15 How much did that cost in cost overrun? You know,  
16 when you don't get along on the job, and you're  
17 fighting and feuding all the time, and you kill two  
18 people doing it, it's kind of bad. Your company  
19 image isn't too good. And I'm just fed up with the  
20 phone company, the power company wanting more when  
21 everybody has less.

22 I work for the Salvation Army as a  
23 volunteer. I was sitting in the lobby the other  
24 morning waiting for my duties to begin. A guy  
25 walked in the door wanting assistance with his

1 power bill. The lady asked him how far he was  
2 behind? He was behind \$500. And she says, "I  
3 can't help you unless you're \$150 or lower." It's  
4 a sign of the times. That's all I've got to say.

5 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you, sir.  
6 Commissioner?

7 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: May I ask a few  
8 questions, sir?

9 MR. HEELAN: Sure.

10 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: First of all, do you  
11 have any firsthand information - I see you've got a  
12 Local jacket on there, but it says retired. Do you  
13 have any firsthand information about the  
14 dysfunctional relationship you mentioned between  
15 the contractor-

16 MR. HEELAN: No, I do not. I'd like to  
17 know that. It was in this morning's paper.

18 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: Yes. Do you have any  
19 colleagues or know anybody who participated in the  
20 construction of the plant?

21 MR. HEELAN: No, I don't.

22 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: Okay, alright. You  
23 mentioned that there was a storm outage of nine  
24 days, and I wanted to ask how recently that was?

25 MR. HEELAN: That was New Year's of - I

1 want to say it was 93, but I might be mistaken.

2 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: Okay, so it's been a  
3 ways - been a ways back. Okay.

4 MR. HEELAN: I don't know if you're  
5 interested in this or not, but where I live, I  
6 don't know if the cable has done it, power line has  
7 done it, I can't find out who done it because they  
8 tell me - everybody tells me it's not my line;  
9 okay?

10 But out in front of my house, they took  
11 a piece of cable and they run it down through a  
12 neighbor's yard across the street from me and tied  
13 it up on a post, and it's looped around my  
14 telephone pole where the power is. I don't know if  
15 it's cable, telephone, or what it is, but the line  
16 is aboutm I would say it's 200 foot long down  
17 through there, and it looks like they were going to  
18 replace a section of the line.

19 Well, I called the cable company, the  
20 telephone company, and the power company and  
21 everybody says it's not their line. And I called  
22 the power company here - oh, there was an elderly  
23 woman living in my house - or not in my house, but  
24 across the street, and everytime the wind would  
25 blow there was a pole in her backyard that would

1       sway back and forth. Well, it took an act of  
2       Congress to get that pole replaced. They come out,  
3       they looked at it-

4                   CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: How recent was this?

5                   MR. HEELAN: This has been in the last  
6       six months.

7                   CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: Six months.

8                   MR. HEELAN: I had called - I think it  
9       was three times. The guys would come out and look  
10      at it, they had service men come out and look at  
11      it. They'd walk down there and they'd look up at  
12      it and then they'd get back in their truck and do a  
13      little stuff on their computer and drive off. And  
14      they finally come and fixed it, and they put a new  
15      pole in.

16                   But this other line, it's hanging there.  
17      I don't know who's line it is. It's curled up in a  
18      great big loop on my end and then on the other end,  
19      it's curled up in a great big loop on the other  
20      end. And it seems like it just takes forever to -  
21      I didn't understand why it took so long to get that  
22      pole replaced, because I know they had poles. I  
23      know they had people.

24                   CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: Is there a problem  
25      right now, or is the problem fixed? It just took

1 too long to get fixed is what you're saying?

2 MR. HEELAN: Well, it took too long to  
3 get fixed and when three people, three different  
4 crews show up and look at the pole - and there's a  
5 number on each pole. They have these guys go  
6 around and they do - I guess they're called pole  
7 audits, whether the pole is any good or not,  
8 they'll come up with a hammer and they'll beat on  
9 the pole and find out if it's rotten or not.

10 Well, they would walk down there and  
11 they would lean down and look at the number on the  
12 pole. And it took them - I don't know - three or  
13 four times to do it.

14 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: Okay. I don't have  
15 any other questions. Thank you very much.

16 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Commissioner  
17 Jarrett?

18 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: I don't have any  
19 questions, but thank you, sir, for your testimony.

20 JUDGE DIPPELL: Commissioner Kenney?

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Just a couple, very  
22 brief. First, thank you for coming out and  
23 participating in the process here. Your voice is  
24 important and we appreciate you lending it to the  
25 process.



1                   You said you volunteer with the  
2                   Salvation Army. Have you had occasion to assist  
3                   people who have difficulty paying their bills in  
4                   terms of getting them some assistance?

5                   MR. HEELAN: Now, I just heard this as a  
6                   - I overheard it in conversation. They come in  
7                   there for a variety of assistance.

8                   What I do for them, twice a month, I go  
9                   out to Harvester's food network, pick up their food  
10                  for their food pantry up on North Oak. I also  
11                  drive their van to distribute their kettles to  
12                  Walmart and different places like that, and I do  
13                  that once a month. I don't do that on a regular  
14                  basis.

15                  COMMISSIONER KENNEY: And one other  
16                  question. Were you able to ask questions earlier  
17                  at the question and answer session of the Kansas  
18                  City Power & Light-

19                  MR. HEELAN: Yes, about the line charge.

20                  COMMISSIONER KENNEY: About the line  
21                  charge? Okay. And did you get an answer that was  
22                  satisfactory?

23                  MR. HEELAN: I got an answer, but I'm  
24                  still not satisfied.

25                  COMMISSIONER KENNEY: If you have

1 additional questions before you leave, then I'm  
2 sure the Kansas City Power & Light folks will be  
3 happy to meet with you and provide you additional  
4 answers if you're still not satisfied. Thank you  
5 very much, sir.

6 JUDGE DIPPELL: Are there any there  
7 questions? Thank you. Russell - and I'm going to  
8 let you tell me how to pronounce it.

9 MR. WOJTKIEWICZ: It's pronounced xx.

10 JUDGE DIPPELL: Wojtkiewicz?

11 MR. WOJTKIEWICZ: Yes. First name is  
12 Russell, R-U-S-S-E-L-L. The last name is  
13 W-O-J-T-K-I-E-W-I-C-Z.

14 RUSSELL WOJTKIEWICZ, being first duly  
15 sworn by Judge Dippell, testifies as follows:

16 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you, you can go  
17 ahead.

18 MR. WOJTKIEWICZ: I actually live in  
19 unincorporated Platte County although I'm on three  
20 sides by Riverside, Parkville, and Kansas City. My  
21 mailing address says Kansas City. We have been  
22 KCP&L customers since we moved in, in 84.

23 What I'm about to say is you're probably  
24 going to hear a bit of repeat from Mr. Rodney - and  
25 I'm sorry I can't remember your last name-

1 MR. HEELLEN: That's alright

2 MR. WOJTKIEWICAZ: -from that, some of  
3 the same concerns that we have, and I'll try to do  
4 it in an order. I didn't get a chance to write  
5 down my comments and put them in an intelligent  
6 order. And by the way, I do have a neighbor that  
7 worked down on the accident last year and he said  
8 it was unfortunate.

9 It seems to me and I've owned my small -  
10 I've owned a small business since 1990, so this is  
11 my twentieth year in business. When I make  
12 business decisions of expanding or putting in a new  
13 piece of gear, I have to decide whether I'm going  
14 to get the proper rate of return on that  
15 investment.

16 Utilities companies - and there's an  
17 argument for if this is, you know, for being a  
18 monopoly. It's very difficult for having multiple  
19 electric companies come up and have a meter on your  
20 door and you get to decide, well, they're cheaper  
21 this month, or they're going to give me a better  
22 rate for this year or for this year.

23 That's a little bit difficult. I don't  
24 think that actually it's impossible, but it's a  
25 little bit difficult. So this rate increase is to

1 protect the consumer, or rate hearings, having them  
2 regulated is a good thing, but we've gone beyond  
3 where we we've allowed folks to invest KCP&L to  
4 have the money to build the power plant.

5           They - we're going to sell them more and  
6 more electricity. We're a technology driven  
7 society and every - from the phone that I've got on  
8 my hip to the computers, to all the televisions,  
9 while they're becoming more energy efficient,  
10 they're actually using more and more electricity  
11 and I've gone from about a \$30 a month minimum on  
12 my electric bill over the years to this month was  
13 \$70 and I wasn't burning my heater that much, my  
14 forced air furnace. It's probably because of the  
15 microwave and the clocks and everything else  
16 draining a little bit of electricity.

17           So that tells me that the electricity  
18 business is the business to be in because all you  
19 have to do is generate it and you're going to keep  
20 selling, no matter how we conserve, you're probably  
21 going to sell more and more electricity. Now,  
22 we've got electric cars possibly coming on line.  
23 That's going to take an awful lot of electricity to  
24 refuel those cars for people just to commute back  
25 and forth to work.

1                   Asking us to bear the investment of new  
2 power plants by continual rate increases is,  
3 frankly, ludicrous. KCP&L needs to recoup that  
4 expense for however many years that they decide  
5 that they need to recoup it and make a profit and  
6 adjust their salaries, their benefits, their  
7 shareholder dividends to account for those  
8 investments and still make a profit. They're  
9 allowed to make profit. That's great.

10                   But these minimum customer charges - and  
11 this really is to the Missouri Public Service  
12 Commission - need to be seriously looked at,  
13 reviewed, and gotten away with. Right now - this  
14 has nothing to do with KCP&L, but I think they're  
15 headed that direction eventually - I pay almost  
16 \$300 a year minimum for the gas company, for the  
17 convenience of the gas company having pipes to my  
18 house. Before they sell me one pound of gas, it  
19 costs me \$300 a year.

20                   Now, perhaps they're not marking up any  
21 of the gas and they get a chance four times a year  
22 to adjust the cost of that gas if they buy it  
23 wholesale, but as in KCP&L with the \$10 a month -  
24 or \$11 a month, I think, that is on my bill, for a  
25 customer charge, it's the same as when an insurance

1 company says, "Well, here's your premium. Oh, by  
2 the way, we need another \$2 for administrative  
3 charge." I fully expect that to be within what  
4 it's going to cost me to do business with them.

5 If 9.8 cents a kilowatt is not enough to  
6 cover all of your costs of producing that  
7 electricity and paying reasonable salaries, then it  
8 needs to be raised. But don't charge me a minimum,  
9 charge me the product I'm going to use. If I don't  
10 use any product that year, that month, that meter  
11 doesn't spin, I don't want to pay anything.

12 Encourage me. Give me an incentive. Give me a  
13 reason to use your product, not you have to use the  
14 product and if you cut back - in fact, today, I  
15 think they're starting on a brand new roof which is  
16 going to help with my insulation. I'm putting in  
17 new energy efficient windows.

18 The less electricity I use, I'm not  
19 going to benefit financially. You're not giving me  
20 any incentive to use your product.

21 I am certainly not a member of the  
22 Sierra Club, but I would like to eventually try to  
23 generate 80, 90 or 100 percent of the juice that I  
24 use through solar power, a generator sitting out in  
25 back, et cetera. I haven't looked into the rules,

1 but I already - I sense a roadblock to that and I  
2 believe, also, that a KCP&L inspecting my solar  
3 installation is the fox watching the chicken coop.  
4 It needs to be a county person that approves that  
5 permit. I need to apply for a permit and they need  
6 to inspect that, not the bunch that - or the  
7 company that I am going to be taking business away  
8 from, because they have the incentive to say,  
9 "Well, you need to put this in, you need to put  
10 that in."

11 I understand the back feed of the  
12 electricity, but if I'm not connected to the grid,  
13 there is no back feed of electricity when they have  
14 a problem, so there's no danger of going into that.  
15 If part of the inspection process is that with the  
16 county person or the city person, they show up and  
17 make sure there's no connection, that's fine.

18 There's a lot of issues here with this  
19 rate increase that Missouri Public Service  
20 Commission needs to, I think, fully look at. My  
21 telephone - the gentleman relayed the telephone  
22 company. The telephone company is responsible for  
23 everything from my network demarcation box back  
24 into their system. If it's a problem with them, I  
25 don't pay for anything that they do, nothing. They

1 have to put in new cable to give me that \$20, \$23 a  
2 month phone line.

3 KCP&L - I wanted to change the meter. I  
4 thought, well, I'd like to go up to 200 amp  
5 service. Well, there's a bit of a cost there,  
6 okay. But it's probably not the conduit and I have  
7 to pay to put the conduit in from the meter back to  
8 the transformer. I heartily disagree with that and  
9 disagree with the philosophy that if it needs to be  
10 in conduit - if KCP&L think it needs to be in  
11 conduit, the point at which the electric company  
12 stops is that meter at my house. If I'm  
13 responsible for everything else past that meter, if  
14 I have to hire the electrician, KCP&L needs to be  
15 responsible for delivering that electricity safely  
16 to me in the ground up to that meter.

17 Paying for new service. Yeah, it can  
18 cost quite a bit to run service down through a  
19 rural line or in a new neighborhood to me, but you  
20 know what, if you don't run the wire to me, I can't  
21 buy your product. If the gas company doesn't run  
22 the gas pipe to me, I can't buy their product. If  
23 I don't - as a small businessman, I run a bit of a  
24 mail order company and a technical services company  
25 - if I, you know, if I don't provide a way to ship



1 that and a method to get the product to them, the  
2 people - or let them know how to buy the product,  
3 they can't buy the product. If I'm a propane  
4 dealer, they've got to have the trucks. Maybe  
5 they've got a delivery charge, some just charge in  
6 the cost of the propane gas that gets to me.

7 We're completely out of whack in the way  
8 we've allowed utilities companies to provide us  
9 service and it's now beginning to really hurt an  
10 awful lot of people. I recently took on a small  
11 part time job for a small period at 58th and  
12 Euclid. They have a full-time person who does  
13 emergency assistance.

14 Since I'm their accounting clerk, I see,  
15 monthly, 2,000, 1,900, 1,800 dollars to cover ten,  
16 fifteen households to guarantee to keep the lights  
17 on that they're writing to KCP&L because these  
18 people cannot afford the electricity to their  
19 homes. Now, that's not necessarily KCP&L's fault.  
20 That's granted. There's a lot of social issues and  
21 concerns of why these people are in that dire of  
22 straights, or it's just the economy.

23 But 9.8 cents is pretty high, and at the  
24 point now where if this rate increase were given in  
25 full over ten to eleven cents a kilowatt, it makes

1 me putting in alternative energy more and more cost  
2 effective, and I'm seriously looking into it. Am I  
3 going to be able to do that? I don't know. I'll  
4 have to apply and try to do it. I should be able  
5 to do it.

6 If we could find programs rather than  
7 spend \$2,000 to pay KCP&L, I can get donated and  
8 spend \$2,000 on materials, which it's not going to  
9 be enough, of course, to put solar panels and a  
10 system into their - into that person's house, I've  
11 just lowered their monthly expenses and got them  
12 off of having to ask for that money to keep their  
13 lights on and keep their heat on.

14 This rate increase needs to just be  
15 turned away and say you guys need to pay for this  
16 rate increase out of the profits that you get. And  
17 if their CEO on down needs to take a hit on salary,  
18 good. I, working for myself, I only - I have to go  
19 out, hunt it, kill it, and bring it home. That's  
20 the only way I get paid. My raise is I work longer  
21 hours.

22 You know, so there's not going to be, I  
23 don't think, very few in the room that will feel  
24 sad if benefits that are higher than what most  
25 private companies get are also going to have to be

1 trimmed, have to be cut. Everybody is getting cut.  
2 So I would put my say in that I am adamantly  
3 against any rate increase at this point, because  
4 we've had it.

5           The last thing is I think that KCP&L  
6 needs to reevaluate bowing to the Sierra Club and  
7 the environmental groups quite so much. A lot of  
8 that espousing is just costing the consumers an  
9 awful lot of money. It's a hoax, and if we need to  
10 have an honest open debate about that and KCP&L and  
11 the utilities need to take the forefront of trying  
12 to fund or provide research or get out the word of  
13 what is really happening.

14           Coal plants, yes, they put up every  
15 year, and I'm sure that there is some move that  
16 KCP&L, if they could afford it, would put up  
17 nuclear plants. I think they're perfectly safe if  
18 they're done right. Coal plants can be made to  
19 release fairly clean air, but if it's a price we  
20 pay and to what point is it that, you know, nature  
21 can't just absorb that and really not foul it as  
22 much as folks are saying.

23           So I think that KCP&L has joined up with  
24 Sierra Club. It's an excellent way to say, "You  
25 know what, this is costing us an awful money," and

1 to raise the rates. Well, they raise it maybe what  
2 the cost is, plus a little bit. It's just another  
3 way to make some more profit. And that will end my  
4 testimony.

5 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Mr. Chairman?

6 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: Yes, sir, Mr.  
7 Wojtkiewicz?

8 MR. WOJTKIEWICZ: Correct.

9 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: May I ask a few  
10 questions? First of all when you say KCP&L is  
11 bowing to the Sierra Club, what do you mean by  
12 that?

13 MR. WOJTKIEWICZ: Well-

14 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: I mean they did just  
15 open a coal plant.

16 MR. WOJTKIEWICZ: -most of the pamphlet  
17 here on the inside is all about the environment and  
18 meeting the, you know, effects of the environment.

19 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: Just like give me an  
20 example of what you disagree with, one of the major  
21 bullets in there that-

22 MR. WOJTKIEWICZ: -that they, you know-

23 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: -that it's a hoax.

24 MR. WOJTKIEWICZ: All carbon reduction  
25 and the carbon dioxide and all of that and reducing

1 the carbon dioxide and such like that, I don't  
2 think - some of that science and some of that's  
3 going on there doesn't make sense to me from what I  
4 learned in high school science. Carbon dioxide -  
5 trees love CO2. They turn it into oxygen.

6 Carbon monoxide, fuel and everything,  
7 like automobiles are going to put out, yes, that's  
8 a dangerous pollutant. That's poisonous to us. We  
9 humans put out every time we exhale. I mean pounds  
10 of carbon dioxide have been at this point. But  
11 that's the point in there that I'm saying that I  
12 disagree with mostly.

13 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: Is there an example -  
14 I guess what I'm trying to get at, what dollars are  
15 they spending in response to the carbon dioxide,  
16 like what type of program? Like, energy  
17 efficiency, is that a problem or renewables-

18 MR. WOJTKIEWICZ: Well, to the point that  
19 it says that, well, "we need this rate increase  
20 because we have to pay because the plant has to be,  
21 you know, eliminating CO2," how much of that cost  
22 is being related - of the rate increase is being  
23 related to just reducing CO2 emissions at that  
24 plant. Not particularly just cleaning up the coal,  
25 which has a lot of bad stuff to it once you burn

1 coal and you don't want to look like 1800's England  
2 and the Industrial Revolution-

3 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: Or modern day China.

4 MR. WOJTKIEWICZ: What?

5 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: Modern day China.  
6 China looks terrible. I mean it's smoggy and  
7 everything else.

8 MR. WOJTKIEWICZ: Right. I think it's  
9 hazy today if you look at today out here.

10 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: Well, the other thing  
11 I wanted to mention on the solar power and going to  
12 alternative energy, doing your own thing, you know,  
13 there are a lot of opportunities - you know, KCP&L  
14 has to provide a rebate if you install that in,  
15 they will pay you for and have to assist you in  
16 getting your solar panel put on your roof. And  
17 there's a federal tax incentive to do that. And  
18 the Legislature passed a law to make it pretty  
19 standardized how you hook those things up and so  
20 you may want to look into it, because it is easier  
21 now than it has ever been - it's still not - I  
22 mean, it's still a lot of expense. I mean it costs  
23 a lot of money. For example, that low income  
24 customer, you know, it would cost a lot of money to  
25 put those things on.

1                   MR. WOJTKIEWICZ: Well, granted, and the  
2                   having to pay me to put a solar panel on, is the  
3                   first I've heard that. Now, I've followed the  
4                   metering and that discussion and back when I first  
5                   looked into it, yes, I would have to pay to put the  
6                   meter in that would actually, well, in essence, run  
7                   backwards if I generate electricity and dump it in.

8                   But at that time, and I believe it has  
9                   changed since, I was paying seven or eight cents,  
10                  maybe nine cents a kilowatt. KCP&L got to buy it  
11                  back to me for 1.3 cents a kilowatt - I mean  
12                  wholesale, where some of the other states had the  
13                  net metering banking. That made sense. But I know  
14                  that there are some of the tax incentives if you  
15                  qualify for those tax incentives-

16                  CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: I just - I think it  
17                  may be worth your while to look into it, because  
18                  it's a different time.

19                  MR. WOJTKIEWICZ: It does. I'm also  
20                  concerned of, you know, if I just - will I be - if  
21                  I say, "Hey, KCP&L, I'd like to end my account.  
22                  You can come take the meter." What questions are  
23                  going to be raised? One, surely I could do that.  
24                  I'd think it would be free to do that. You know,  
25                  who cares if I'm a customer or not.

1                   But also, at what point does, you know,  
2                   the Department of Natural Resources get involved if  
3                   we all run generators there. We've got - you know  
4                   if they run on propane or diesel or something,  
5                   you're putting emissions out. You know, do we want  
6                   the noise, et cetera, et cetera, but I will look  
7                   into some of that. So of that is very, very  
8                   complicated to jump through. And it raises the  
9                   cost - it's supposed to lower the cost, but, you  
10                  know, this \$30,000 to put in solar, that's not  
11                  altogether factual.

12                  But I mean, we need more incentives to  
13                  do this, be free to say, "Look, we just want this  
14                  choice of here or there," or a neighborhood easily  
15                  doing a co-op with some of the technology that is  
16                  the - there's a solid fuels based chemical reaction  
17                  generator that KCP&L - I talked with a gentleman  
18                  about five years ago about that. It was handling -  
19                  once it's depleted in twenty years, what do you do  
20                  with it - a chemical reaction generator.

21                  If our neighborhood of 320 homes could  
22                  all go together and say, okay, we're going to just  
23                  spend X and drop this thing in the middle and do  
24                  that, that's very difficult to do. I understand  
25                  KCP&L has all their lines. We'd probably have to



1 buy or lease their lines, you know, up to the home,  
2 but something to give us, you know, a twenty years  
3 stabilized system and get away from this national  
4 grid, really, is also an important point.

5 I'd like to see us be able to get away  
6 from that national grid that one or two good  
7 terrorism spots takes us all down in power. And  
8 the more that we self sustain by neighborhood or by  
9 city, the less we are to completely halting life,  
10 normal life, due to some jerk or group of folks  
11 that don't like us.

12 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: Thank you very much.

13 JUDGE DIPPELL: Commissioner Jarrett, did  
14 you have any questions?

15 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: I don't have any  
16 questions, sir, but I do appreciate your testimony  
17 today very much.

18 JUDGE DIPPELL: Commissioner Kenney?

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Mr. Wojtkiewicz,  
20 thank you for participating and you're obviously  
21 well educated and knowledgeable of these issues, so  
22 thank you for coming and using your voice.

23 You made mention of the fact that you  
24 don't feel like customers are incentivized to be  
25 energy efficient and to conserve. Have you given

1 some thought about what type of incentives you  
2 would need to be more energy efficient or what  
3 would help you in being more energy efficient?

4 MR. WOJTKIEWICZ: Well, the main thing is  
5 that the more we conserve, watch our bill go down.  
6 But I've watched my kilowatt hours go down, but my  
7 bill is not going down. That's the main incentive.

8 And people, you know, folks don't need -  
9 I don't have a very large house, about 1,800 square  
10 foot. It's less than 2,000 square foot. That's  
11 great, that's plenty. I'm fine. I can pay for it,  
12 but others can't, or, you know, I'm getting more  
13 and more concerned about folks as they try to - we  
14 can just, that we save for retirement so we don't  
15 have to depend on Social Security, the less we have  
16 to pay to utilities, that we can say, "I'm going to  
17 proactive effort. I'm going to spend 5, 10, 15,  
18 \$30,000 for my house over the course of the years  
19 to get it really efficient," but then we never see  
20 our costs go down. You know, we can put that  
21 towards our retirement or our savings or kids'  
22 college funds. We just gone up over this.

23 I see in the pamphlet that KCP&L has  
24 before the five year plans or before 2000 and  
25 whatever - I forget now what the quote was in year

1 - that it was twenty years that KCP&L ever asked  
2 for a rate increase. I'm not sure I believe that.  
3 I can't doubt it, I don't have any information to -  
4 but I question it. I think if we've gone from  
5 about - when I moved in in '84 from 4.3 cents, if I  
6 remember right, to 9.8 cents, I mean we have taken  
7 some big jumps over that twenty years that I've  
8 lived in this house, of rate increases. And if it  
9 keeps up at the pace now, it's going to be like  
10 insurance.

11 The percentages - people can't afford  
12 health insurance now because the premiums are so  
13 out of whack, because health care costs are so out  
14 of whack. This is a government regulated utility  
15 monopoly. Maybe if that's the way, we just  
16 subsidize it and keep the prices down for folks to  
17 be able to afford electricity.

18 A lot of good answers are the wrong  
19 answers, but there's a lot of right here. It just  
20 needs to be looked at as a whole, so that we, the  
21 consumer, have more choice versus you've got one  
22 company to deal with, ultimately, we need to have a  
23 choice put in.

24 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: Well, again, thank  
25 you for your participation and thank you for being

1 so knowledgeable about these issues.

2 MR. WOJTKIEWICZ: Thank you.

3 JUDGE DIPPELL: Any questions? Thank  
4 you, sir.

5 Those are all the people I had on my  
6 list. Is there anyone else who would like to  
7 testify? Sir?

8 MR. WILLHAUS: I'm Will Willhaus,  
9 W-I-L-L-H-A-U-S.

10 WILL WILLHAUS, being first duly sworn by  
11 Judge Dippell, testifies as follows:

12 JUDGE DIPPELL: Go ahead.

13 MR. WILLHAUS: First of all, this is  
14 about the Iatan 2 rate increase, I believe. And I  
15 know that originally, that the management said it  
16 was going to take two years, X number of dollars,  
17 one billion, whatever, and they should be held  
18 accountable pretty much to that amount.

19 As far as I'm concerned, this cost  
20 overrun, inefficient management, that they - if it  
21 was inefficient or if they knew right up front that  
22 it was going to over costs, double the amount - I  
23 think the top management of Kansas City Power &  
24 Light should have to go and account for this, come  
25 out of their good management fees that they get

1       paid for. Also for the stockholders, they should  
2       have to go pay for this overrun and all that.

3                       The Sierra Club made a agreement with  
4       Kansas City Power and Light or Kansas City Power  
5       and Light made an agreement at the beginning of all  
6       of this, stating that they would go on and put in a  
7       wind farm. I think, if my memory serves me  
8       correctly, that this is going to go and be  
9       equivalent to ten percent of their power that they  
10      needed. The last I heard, they bought all of these  
11      windmills and they're stored out there in  
12      Spearville, Kansas, I believe, and they have not  
13      installed any of them yet and this point in time  
14      primarily because their grid out there does not  
15      support this type of electricity. That's pretty  
16      much all of what I have to say as far as the Iatan  
17      power plant.

18                      Service from Kansas City Power and  
19      Light, I did want to mention that or say something  
20      to that. I have no complaints whatsoever as far as  
21      their day to day service. Back when I was a kid  
22      growing up, we had one power ice storm back in the  
23      50's, where we were without power out on the farm  
24      for seven days. That's not very good service as  
25      far as I'm concerned. I moved into a home here in

1 2002, 2001. We had this ice storm and we were  
2 without power for six days. Now, is that an  
3 improvement in service? No. Hell, no. If they  
4 can't do better than that, there's something wrong.

5 I moved to Kansas City in 1963, bought a  
6 house in a new area. The first thing that the real  
7 estate agent told me was, you know, "They are going  
8 to go and bury all of the utilities, you won't see  
9 any power lines in your neighborhood and you should  
10 have better service." In 36 years that I lived in  
11 that house, the most I was ever without electricity  
12 was three hours. Now, that's an improvement in  
13 service.

14 Why, when I go and move in 2001 to  
15 another area of Kansas City North, I'm without  
16 electricity for six days? That's going the wrong  
17 direction. I wrote to Kansas City Power and Light  
18 about this, you know.

19 There's no reason to be paying some  
20 company to trim trees. That's not a solution.  
21 That's just throwing money away. You bury your  
22 power lines - I'm not saying about burying all of  
23 them, I'm saying just their trunk lines, what  
24 they're responsible for. There isn't that many  
25 trunk lines. If they took care of those trunk

1 lines, they would improve the service many times  
2 over. But it doesn't seem like that there's any  
3 initiative for Kansas City Power and Light to be  
4 forced to go and bury those trunk lines and improve  
5 the service.

6 They can go and say it. They wrote me  
7 back and said "That's not going to help.  
8 There's always - somebody is going to go and be  
9 digging up these lines." Well, in 36 years, nobody  
10 dug up those lines where I lived before.

11 It's as simple as that, and I think that  
12 the Commission should be forcing them to bury some  
13 of those trunk lines every year. They don't have  
14 to go and tackle that cost all in one year. It can  
15 be spread out just like everything else over the  
16 next 50 years, but they should be getting those  
17 things to where they can provide better service.  
18 That's all I have.

19 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: Judge, I don't have  
21 any questions. Thank you for coming, sir.

22 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: No questions  
23 either. Thank you, sir-

24 JUDGE DIPPELL: Commissioner Kenney?

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: No questions.

1 Thanks, sir.

2 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you, sir. Any  
3 other questions?

4 MR. BOOTHE: The last name is Boothe,  
5 B-O-O-T-H-E. First name is Joe.

6 JOE BOOTHE, being first duly sworn by  
7 Judge Dippell, testifies as follows:

8 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you.

9 MR. BOOTHE: I'll make mine short and  
10 sweet. I'm here to oppose the increase solely on  
11 personal reasons, I guess. I'm a senior citizen.  
12 I haven't had a raise in my Social Security for the  
13 last two years and so the general economy is in a  
14 real mess. There are millions of people out of  
15 work in our country and thousands right here in the  
16 Kansas City area. People are even to the point of  
17 running out of unemployment benefits and it's just  
18 a terrible time to be asking for a rate increase.  
19 That's number one.

20 Number two, I don't think the truth is  
21 being told here in this publication by the Kansas  
22 City Power and Light. They're estimating the  
23 average cost to the homeowner of \$12 and I believe  
24 69 cents a month, and I asked the Kansas City Power  
25 and Light representative what the average monthly



1 bill of just the people who are on level pay was,  
2 and he had no idea. It tells me that if your  
3 saying the average monthly increase is going to be  
4 \$12.62, that means your bill is going to average  
5 \$100. Well, in the summertime, I've paid \$250,  
6 which increases my bill by \$35 a month.

7                   So where's the truth that's being  
8 advocated here? And even through the news media,  
9 they're saying \$14 a month. Nobody really seems to  
10 know.

11                   The other thing that nobody is figuring  
12 is that cities are charging franchise fees, they're  
13 charging sales taxes, they're putting every charge  
14 on that bill that they can put on there and that  
15 all goes up with the other increase. So what is  
16 the real increase? We don't know. We just know  
17 that they want more money.

18                   Utility companies are the only companies  
19 in the world that I know of that are absolutely  
20 guaranteed a profit, regardless of how they manage.  
21 I don't see them - if they build a new plant, we  
22 have to pay for it. It guarantees their profit.  
23 Their profits are built in and if they're not  
24 getting those profits, they're never going to out  
25 of business, folks, because they're guaranteed to

1 make money.

2 Well, I understand that to a certain  
3 extent, because I want electricity in my home. And  
4 I will congratulate Kansas City Power and Light in  
5 that they've only been able to convince the  
6 Commission that they need \$9 a month and my gas  
7 company is charging me \$40 a month as a customer  
8 charge, a fixed customer charge. I don't what our  
9 Commissioners are doing, to be right frank about  
10 it.

11 But the general idea is - if you hit  
12 people with this kind of an increase - now, I'm one  
13 person and yes, I have a 401K that pays me a  
14 pension monthly and I have a pretty good Social  
15 Security because I've made money in my working  
16 life, fairly good money. But there's widow women  
17 out there that are drawing 7, \$800 a month and  
18 that's all they have to live on. And you say,  
19 "Well, there's help for those people." Well, I  
20 don't know where it is.

21 And when I stop and look at those things  
22 - I told this group here earlier, my wife and I  
23 spent \$26,300 - I'm sorry, \$23,600 on our home,  
24 putting new insulation over existing siding all the  
25 way around the house, I mean from front door to

1 front door, and new siding over the top of that,  
2 with the promise that, "Boy, you're going to really  
3 see a decrease in your electric usage." My  
4 electric usage went up after I spent \$26,000.

5           These companies are wanting everybody on  
6 level pay, number one. They want to be able to  
7 take the money directly out of your bank account so  
8 you have no control over it. And then they want -  
9 Kansas City Power and Light even wants to put a  
10 thermostat in your house so they can control when  
11 and how you use your electricity.

12           So all of these rate increases that are  
13 coming, and I understand there has to be rate  
14 increases at some time or another. They don't  
15 continue forever without a rate increase, but  
16 fourteen percent? That's ridiculous. And the  
17 information that's being put out that it's only  
18 costing the average owner \$12.62 is absolutely  
19 nonsense. My bill, this month, just to generate  
20 that fan on my furnace and my lights and whatever  
21 else I use in the home, \$96.40.

22           When I get that \$250 bill in the  
23 summertime, you know what that rate increase is  
24 going to be. And, you know, we have some  
25 understanding that we have to have power in our

1 homes and we have to have gas in our home. We have  
2 to have these things. But somewhere, somebody has  
3 got to start managing, as well, so that these bills  
4 are not astronomic or huge. You can't just keep  
5 going to the homeowner and saying, "You've got to  
6 pay more and more and more," because pretty soon,  
7 you can't buy groceries. It's just a real mess.

8 So my final word is, I oppose this rate  
9 increase wholeheartedly and would like it to be on  
10 record as such. Thank you.

11 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Mr. Chairman?

12 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: Sir, it is on the  
13 record. Thank you very much for coming.

14 JUDGE DIPPELL: Commissioners, any  
15 questions?

16 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: Thanks for coming.

17 JUDGE DIPPELL: Any questions? Oh, we  
18 have one more. Can you tell us your name and spell  
19 it for us?

20 MR. GOLDAMMER: My name is Leonard,  
21 L-E-O-N-A-R-D, Goldammer, G-O-L-D-A-M-M-E-R. And  
22 I'm an individual that has a name and eventually  
23 the way this country is-

24 JUDGE DIPPELL: Can I get you to-

25 MR. GOLDAMMER: Let me just make this

1 comment. Eventually the way this country is going  
2 right now, I will be a number. Okay. Now, I'm  
3 willing to raise my hand.

4 LEONARD GOLDAMMER, being first duly  
5 sworn by Judge Dippell, testifies as follows:

6 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Go ahead with  
7 your comments.

8 MR. GOLDAMMER: And I would suggest,  
9 okay, because I believe in my heart none of you  
10 will believe what I say. None of you. And I will  
11 believe in my heart that anything that I say, you  
12 don't care about.

13 And I did not know this Hearing was  
14 hear, but I - let me explain something. I agree  
15 with the gentleman right before me, right before  
16 me.

17 Have you heard the phrase from our  
18 people in Washington, D.C. saying - and by the way,  
19 the name on my jacket, okay - I'm not here -  
20 they're not saying, okay, this name here, I happen  
21 to have this jacket because I used to work for this  
22 company, okay. And thank goodness I got out of the  
23 financial services industry, okay, in this country.  
24 Because where I would spend my money today, I would  
25 take all the money I have and go out and buy food

1 for my family, okay, because this nation was  
2 founded on Christian principles. It was not  
3 founded on companies running and making us all the  
4 same. You will never be able to make us all the  
5 same.

6 I have two children that have muscular  
7 dystrophy, okay, muscular dystrophy. I know that  
8 my government will never take care of my two  
9 children, because if they were able to, they would  
10 already have done it.

11 Now, I don't know why in the Kansas City  
12 Star, my local newspaper, I can't get the facts.  
13 However, I have access, okay, internationally, to  
14 information, okay, that I will share with you. Do  
15 you realize that - and I'll let you decide whether  
16 it's a large "S" as a state or a small "s" as a  
17 state - if the European Union, okay, which is gone,  
18 the European Union would never work okay.

19 There are senior citizens on buses today  
20 that cannot afford their utility bill and they're  
21 trying to get on the City transportation to stay  
22 warm.

23 Now, let's go back to the United States.  
24 And the reason I'm saying I know about the utility,  
25 okay, KCP&L. I have been in the accounting

1 industry, okay, and owned my own business, small  
2 business. Have you heard the slogan out of  
3 Washington, D.C., that says "Too large to fail"?  
4 Today, the other side of it is, it's too small to  
5 survive.

6           The good Lord, bless me, okay. My dad  
7 had a third grade education, third grade. My  
8 father and my mother - I'm sorry, my grandparents,  
9 okay, on my father's side and my grandparents on my  
10 mother's side, came from Germany. Now, I am 72  
11 years old, okay. I'll let you guys do the math,  
12 okay. Because I can add. I don't think anybody in  
13 the utility companies can add, to be honest with  
14 you, and I'm sorry. You know, I know you can,  
15 okay. But my feeling is, that's the way it is  
16 today.

17           I am 72 years old, okay. My dad was the  
18 oldest of eight children, okay. He died in the  
19 70's over 30 years ago. But I have one little  
20 piece of great information I'm going to share with  
21 you. His youngest sister is 99, and she doesn't  
22 look like the beautiful women that are walking  
23 around in the United States of America today.  
24 She's this rotund person, okay. She doesn't fit  
25 the mold that we want to have our women look at or

1       our men look at, okay. And I want to tell my  
2       doctor, you know, this is slightly - they say, "You  
3       ought to lose weight." And I say, "Have you seen  
4       what my grandfather and my father looked like"?  
5       You can laugh to that, but it's pretty sad, okay.

6                       Now, back on track, okay, my  
7       grandparents, okay, on both sides, came over here  
8       from Germany, okay. And backtrack, they didn't  
9       have a canoe and they couldn't go to Lowe's or Home  
10      Depot. There were no credit cards. When I was  
11      born, there were no credit cards. There was no  
12      credit card debt. The states - we're slipping,  
13      called sovereign states, we don't have sovereign  
14      states anymore. There's no sovereignty, it's fed  
15      down from the federal government.

16                      So many of the things that the KCP&L is  
17      requesting is out of your control, out of your  
18      control. You're being mandated that by the federal  
19      government. So let's not lie to ourselves, okay.  
20      You're looking at a cracked. Someone - if you're  
21      Italian or you're, you know, whatever ethnic group  
22      you are, okay.

23                      I met a doctor yesterday from Lebanon,  
24      okay, that was in this country five years, okay.  
25      What I wanted to ask him was, "Are you a citizen of



1 the United States of America?" My grandparents  
2 came into this country the right way. They came  
3 through the doors legally. They believed in the  
4 rule of law. They trusted their government. They  
5 would defend their government. They would defend  
6 their government. They went to war for the United  
7 States of America. Some of my relatives are buried  
8 and I'm proud of them because they served this  
9 country and I would go back and serve this country  
10 tomorrow, except, you know what, the President of  
11 the United States announces - and I'm not a racist.

12 Let me tell you, in the 70's, we had a  
13 freer racial country than we do today. In the  
14 70's, I traveled this country with a black person,  
15 okay. I stood side by side by this person. And I  
16 was a drunk. But the only reason I wasn't a drunk  
17 was because I owned my own business and that - but  
18 because of that, I was a special person. All I did  
19 was call up an attorney and he took care of it.  
20 He took care of it. So anytime I got in trouble,  
21 all I did is called my attorney. Did it solve my  
22 drunkenness? Did it cure me? No.

23 But one day my wife said, okay - ex-  
24 wife, now, she gave me a small nugget of advice.  
25 She said, "Thank you. When you go to Court, turn

1 around and thank the police officer," for arresting  
2 me. And you know what, I did. And I was - my  
3 father and my mother thought I was the greatest  
4 person in the world, okay, because they each had an  
5 unconditional love for me and they would take care  
6 of my family. Alright, now, have you got the  
7 picture?

8 Now, my grandparents never, never, never  
9 told me how they got on the East Coast, how much  
10 time they spent there to get citizenship, how long  
11 it took them to go down the rivers to the State of  
12 Missouri and land just outside Jefferson City,  
13 Missouri. I was born and raised in Jefferson City,  
14 Missouri. Isn't that interesting?

15 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: A German from  
16 Jefferson City?

17 MR. GOLDAMMER: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: It's not interesting  
19 at all. There are a lot of Germans in Jefferson  
20 City.

21 MR. GOLDAMMER: Right. And why did they  
22 migrate because they were basically farmers, okay,  
23 carpenters. They were entrepreneurs. Everybody  
24 was entrepreneurs, okay, but the two things they  
25 had, number one, they had God, okay. Born in

1 franks could never save me, okay. You might have  
2 talked to his staff. He said, "Don't worry about  
3 it, Barney will take care of you." No. You guys  
4 can't take care of me because you know what this  
5 country wants today? They want collective -  
6 collective, okay. They want us all to be the same.

7 But salvation - you don't get to heaven  
8 collectively. You get to heaven individually.  
9 Individually. I can't guarantee you, or you, or  
10 you, or you, or you can get to heaven, okay. And  
11 you can't guarantee me that I'm going to get there.  
12 I have to do that myself.

13 And you can - what the other thing is,  
14 the other thing is this. I would suggest, okay.  
15 If you think that this nation isn't bankrupt, okay  
16 - do you know the State of California? Do you know  
17 how sick we are in this country? Do you know  
18 Governor Schwarzenegger? You know, everybody knows  
19 Governor Schwarzenegger. He's a movie hero. I  
20 mean he's my hero, oh yeah. Oh wow, he's such a -  
21 look up to him. No, okay. He's a dirtbag. He's a  
22 dirtbag. He announced the other day, he's getting  
23 out of office. If you check with me, he said in  
24 August, "We're going to reduce the employees, okay,  
25 three days a month," okay. Oh, I'm happy for you.

1 I'm happy for you, Governor Schwarzenegger. Guess  
2 what, he's not going to be in office in August.  
3 He's going to be out of the office. Now, the new  
4 governor is going to be there, okay.

5 God has led me and gotten me out of my  
6 business at the right time. You think I could -  
7 what I did is I assisted startup businesses and new  
8 businesses and went to banks, went to banks, and  
9 sit down with the banker and we strategized, okay.  
10 And then I got paid, okay. And I won't deny  
11 anyone, I don't care whether you make \$5 million  
12 dollars a year, okay. I'm happy for you, okay.  
13 I'm happy. Because, you know what, that is the  
14 engine of this economy that government never  
15 created one job in this country. Never, never,  
16 never.

17 Private industry creates jobs, and I'll  
18 prove it to you. I've been to Africa, okay. My  
19 daughter, I'm so proud of her, she taught in a  
20 college in Africa, okay. She speaks Swahili quite  
21 well, but she also speaks English.

22 MR. MILLS: Mr. Goldammer, can I  
23 interrupt for just a second?

24 MR. GOLDAMMER: Sure.

25 MR. MILLS: Judge, can we get a show of

1 hands on who else wants to testify today?

2 JUDGE DIPPELL: I was just about to  
3 suggest that because I think there's - we'd love to  
4 hear more-

5 MR. GOLDAMMER: Okay.

6 JUDGE DIPPELL: But I think there may be  
7 some other people who are wanting to testify, so  
8 can I ask you to-

9 MR. GOLDAMMER: One more minute, okay.

10 JUDGE DIPPELL: One more minute.

11 MR. GOLDAMMER: Because I didn't think  
12 there was a time limit on this.

13 MR. MILLS: There's not.

14 JUDGE DIPPELL: There's not. I just  
15 wanted to make sure that everybody had an  
16 opportunity.

17 MR. GOLDAMMER: I'll make this short,  
18 okay. I fear for that man right there, okay. I  
19 fear for the teachers in this country, okay, the  
20 firemen and the policemen, because America, we are  
21 bankrupt, okay. And all of you can laugh at me if  
22 you want, okay, and I hope crazy. I hope I'm  
23 craziest man in the world, because I hope that this  
24 doesn't come true, but do you know why my  
25 grandparents never said a word? Because they never

1 told me how many people they lost when they went  
2 across the river and the ocean, because there were  
3 no airplanes. There were no airplanes. And my  
4 parents, my parents never said a word, okay, but  
5 they left Germany - my great, great grandparents,  
6 who I never saw, said, "Go, leave us behind and go  
7 to America where you have freedom and liberty."  
8 Freedom and liberty and where you can have whatever  
9 religion.

10 Do you know that in the colonies, the  
11 thirteen colonies, there was no one religion.  
12 There were eleven different religions, eleven  
13 different religions. And do you realize that our  
14 first President of the United States never drew one  
15 dollar from the Treasury of the United States? And  
16 he was a General in the United States of America.

17 If you don't think that we can be  
18 changed from an individual to a number, I'm sorry.  
19 I'm sorry. That will happen in America if we are  
20 too big to fail. We aren't too big to fail. That  
21 is the biggest lie being sent around, because this  
22 country is broke. We're on fire.

23 Do you know Europe is on fire today? Do  
24 you know that the EU building - I've been in the  
25 diplomat's car. I was in the diplomat's car, okay.

1 I won't tell her - I'm not going to say who the  
2 name was, okay, in Tanzania. And my - I'm so proud  
3 of my daughter, she's an attorney. She's an  
4 attorney, okay.

5 Now, the rules and the regulations, and  
6 I don't care what any of you say, the utility costs  
7 will go up a minimum of 30 percent. Let me tell  
8 you a lie that is being permeated, okay. I know.

9 I do counseling, okay. I am so proud of  
10 this young black man. His wife, okay - the first  
11 time I met him, he was at - his daughter is one  
12 year old and when she saw me, she didn't want to  
13 come to me, and that told me, boy, those are good  
14 parents. She wasn't trying to get out of the  
15 house. And this is what he really made. I did -  
16 they're turning their lives around.

17 They're not - one of the prerequisites  
18 to be in this program, you take no money from the  
19 government. None. None. You live by yourself.  
20 Because that's what going to happen. The  
21 government is not going to give us any money.

22 I would - it would be far cheaper for me  
23 to take care of my two handicapped children without  
24 government assistance. As a parent and a  
25 grandparent, I can do that myself, and I will fight

1 to my dying day - I've already lost, okay - I will  
2 fight to my dying day. I love my whole family, but  
3 my grandchildren, I'll fight to my dying day and  
4 lose every dollar I have, that I have, okay, every  
5 dollar, so that my grandchildren can have a little  
6 ittsy-bitsy part of life that I was blessed with in  
7 the United States of America. Now, let me give you  
8 a-

9 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: Mr. Goldammer, can we  
10 just ask, is there anyone else who wants to  
11 testify. I don't mean to cut you off, but we've had  
12 four people leave, since you started. Is there  
13 anyone else who would like to testify?

14 MR. GOLDAMMER: I'm glad. I'm glad they  
15 heard the conversation, because you know what,  
16 here's an interesting thing-

17 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: Is there anyone else  
18 who would like to testify? Hearing none, go ahead,  
19 Mr. Goldammer. That's all I wanted to ask. Now,  
20 you-

21 MR. GOLDAMMER: Do you know why I know  
22 I'm right? Because I know that the websites, okay,  
23 that I'm aware of that we have access to - the  
24 minute they become aware of that we're aware of it,  
25 they get scrubbed. Why is that? They don't want



1 us to have the information, isn't that interesting.

2 And I thought this was the land of the free, so.

3 I'll say one more comment and then I'll  
4 leave, okay. In the last month, there was a  
5 Canadian on the mall - and like everything else,  
6 I'm in Tanzania, okay, and there you have the big  
7 mall, okay. And you have KFC and you have all the  
8 different things, okay.

9 There were 65 members, okay, and I'm not  
10 going to tell you what the group was. They sat  
11 there in the mall - you won't see that in the paper  
12 in the United States, okay. And they all stood up  
13 and they sang, Handel's Messiah Hallelujah chorus.  
14 Hallelujah, Hallelujah, okay. And it was very  
15 interesting, the reaction to the people in the  
16 mall, okay. They were overwhelmed, okay.

17 I am the armor of God, okay. That man  
18 right there, there's a decision going to be made in  
19 the United States, okay. He's going to have to  
20 make a decision, okay, whether he's going to shoot  
21 me in my house when I become a number or whether  
22 he's going to be shot by the authorities.

23 And I would suggest check out the facts  
24 in the European Union. How come it's not reporting  
25 the absolute fires that are happening. It doesn't

1 - it will never affect the leas in the country,  
2 because they can go and take - their business,  
3 they're going to out of this country, okay. They  
4 don't have to stay in this country. The people  
5 have private - but they don't have to stay in this  
6 country.

7                   If you go back and check the facts,  
8 Zanzibar is an island, it's right on the Indian  
9 Ocean, okay. They have dowels(ph), they're way  
10 behind. Back in the 1800's before slavery was gone  
11 during Abraham Lincoln's time, if you check  
12 history, Tanzania - or Zanzibar - Zanzibar is part  
13 of Tanzania today - was the second leading shipping  
14 industry in the world. Today they have nothing  
15 because when they had a revolution, the didn't do  
16 it right like the United States of America did.

17                   All of the elitists - what we call  
18 elitists today, the people that are making over  
19 \$250,000, they didn't have to stay there. They  
20 flew out to someplace where it was free. Isn't  
21 that interesting? So it left behind the people  
22 that couldn't get out. And so thousands and  
23 thousands of those people died because they had no  
24 way - the government, how does the government give  
25 them money unless there's somebody printing

1 something, okay.

2 Thank you for your time, okay. It's  
3 kind of interesting. We are going to win this  
4 race, because miracles have happened to me in the  
5 last month. And I'm not worried about the people  
6 that walked out of the room, they still haven't  
7 gotten it. But let me tell you, I think you'd be  
8 surprised at the number of people that have gotten  
9 it. And that's why I'm so encouraged, because I  
10 know that I'll be able to raise my hand and say,  
11 "God Bless America!" and I'll be able to sing and  
12 see a nativity scene in my city square again.

13 Thank you for your time and I know most  
14 of you won't believe me, okay, and don't believe  
15 me, but I would suggest you sure check out the  
16 facts. Thank you very much.

17 Remember, during the great depression,  
18 75 percent of the people still had a job, but 25  
19 percent didn't. But back then, we didn't have any  
20 credit cards either. Or we didn't have four states  
21 that are bankrupt in this country that need our  
22 money, okay, as individuals to survive and that's  
23 the great lie they don't tell us about.

24 Thank you for your time. And I'm sorry  
25 I took so much time, okay. You were much kinder

1 than the City of Riverside when I introduced myself  
2 last night. They limited me to five minutes.

3 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you, sir.

4 MR. GOLDAMMER: Well, it's the first  
5 Alderman meeting that I could be there and they  
6 looked me straight in the eye and when I looked up,  
7 everyone was looking at me. Before when I spoke  
8 before them, they were on those little computers.  
9 And guess what? And I know the difference and I  
10 know how to do it now, but you know what, I know  
11 lots of millionaires in this town and I'm very  
12 blessed and they are very concerned.

13 Thank you, and I'm not a millionaire, by  
14 the way, okay, but you'll never find out how much  
15 I'm worth because you don't even know how to live  
16 in this country.

17 CHAIRMAN CLAYTON: Thank you for coming,  
18 sir.

19 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Is there  
20 anyone else who wished to testify? Seeing no one  
21 else, then I appreciate everyone's testimony this  
22 afternoon and we can go off the record. Thank you.

23 (WHEREIN, the Hearing is concluded at  
24 1:48 p.m.)

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