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Local Public Hearing
August 2, 2016
Nevada, Missouri

In the Matter of KCP&L)
Greater Missouri Operations)
Company's Request for) File No. ER-2016-0156
Authority to Implement a) Tracking No. YE-2016-0223
General Rate Increase for)
Electric Service)

DANIEL R. E. JORDAN, Presiding,
SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE
MAIDA J. COLEMAN,
COMMISSIONERS

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Page 3 PROCEEDINGS 1 (WHEREUPON, the hearing began at 12:38 2 3 p.m.) 4 JUDGE JORDAN: And we're on the record. 5 Good afternoon everyone. The Missouri Public Service Commission is calling the action in 6 File No. ER-2016-0156. The style of the case is in the matter of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company's Request for Authority to 9 Implement a General Rate Increase for Electric 10 Service. 11 12 This is the Missouri Public Service 13 Commission's local public hearing on these rate increases as proposed. We're here to record 14 witnesses' testimony on this proposal. Please 15 16 understand there won't be any company 17 statements or statements from the Commission during this part of the proceedings. This is 18 19 more the investigation part of this proceeding, 20 it's not actual litigation. We are recording this proceeding, as you 21 can see. The court reporter is recording what 22 we're saying, this will be developed into a 23 24 transcript for the use of the Commission and 25 myself and others to know what occurred during

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1	this proceeding.	
2	My name is Daniel Jordan and I'm a	
3	regulatory law judge assigned to this action.	
4	And my position, my job in this part is to	
5	conduct an orderly proceeding. I will	
6	eventually draft a decision for the	
7	Commissioners. They will make the final	
8	decision by an open vote in an open meeting.	
9	And seated to my left from Jefferson City	
10	is Commissioner Coleman. Commissioner, any	
11	opening remarks?	
12	COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: Yes. Thank you.	
13	Good afternoon. We thank you for being here.	
14	As the Judge noted, I am Commissioner Maida	
15	Coleman. I am one of five Commissioners that	
16	will take the evidence, the testimony, the	
17	information that has been gathered regarding	
18	this KCP&L request, and make a decision after	
19	we have evidentiary hearings later this year, I	
20	believe in September. We will be holding	
21	hearings throughout the Kansas City Power &	
22	Light district area throughout the next few	
23	days, over the next few days. And at that	
24	time, you'll see a variety of the	
25	Commissioners. I happen to be the only one of	

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1	five of us here today. But all Commissioners	
2	will have an opportunity to review the	
3	testimony and the evidence before our decision	
4	is made. We thank you for your participation	
5	today.	
6	JUDGE JORDAN: Next, I will take entries	
7	of appearance from counsel. We'll begin with	
8	the applicant?	
9	MR. STEINER: Yes. My name is Roger W.	
10	Steiner. My work address is 1200 Main Street,	
11	Kansas City, Missouri. I'm appearing on behalf	
12	of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company.	
13	JUDGE JORDAN: And from Staff?	
14	MS. MERS: My name is Nicole Mers. I've	
15	previously provided my address to the court	
16	reporter, and I'm appearing on behalf of the	
17	Public Service Commission Staff.	
18	JUDGE JORDAN: And for the Office of the	
19	Public Counsel?	
20	MS. MAYFIELD: Yes. My name is Cydney	
21	Mayfield. I am appearing for the Office of the	
22	Public Counsel and for the ratepayers. I have	
23	previously provided my information to the court	
24	reporter.	
25	JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you, Counselors. Are	

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1	there any other parties who would like to enter	
2	an appearance?	
3	MS. GIBONEY: Yes. For intervenor Ameren	
4	Missouri, I'm Sarah Giboney. And my address is	
5	111 South 9th Street, Columbia, Missouri 65201.	
6	JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you, Counselor. Any	
7	other intervenors to enter an appearance?	
8	MR. CASH: Peery Cash, Cash's Quality	
9	Electric, here in Nevada, Missouri.	
10	JUDGE JORDAN: Okay. Thank you. Have you	
11	signed the list to testify?	
12	MR. CASH: Yes.	
13	JUDGE JORDAN: All right. Then I think	
14	that gets us to the next part of this	
15	proceeding, which is where I call the names of	
16	people who signed up to testify to step forward	
17	and give their testimony. Here's how it will	
18	work: I will call a name from the list, one	
19	person at a time come up, use this microphone	
20	so that everyone can hear you. I will	
21	administer an oath, or if religious principles	
22	prevent you from taking an oath, I will	
23	administer an affirmation. Just tell me, we	
24	can do either. I'll probably ask a few	
25	questions to get you started off, to get us	

Page 7 oriented as to what your perspective is. 1 speak clearly into the microphone, like I hope 2 3 I'm doing, be concise, and if somebody has 4 already said something that you believe, then 5 definitely tell the Commission that. We want to hear what you think about this -- about this 6 action. But all you have to do is say that you agree with what's been said before, that will be fine. 9 Once you've made your statement, there may 10 be cross-examination questions, mostly to 11 12 clarify an issue that you raise. As you probably noticed, Staff works pretty hard to 13 put together the advice, the recommendation 14 that it gives to the Commission, but of course 15 16 it can't be everywhere at times, and so a big part of why we are here is because this is a 17 good time for you to tell us about service and 18 19 billing issues and things like that. So feel 20 free to participate. Once the Commissioner or I have any 21 questions for you, Staff has questions for you, 22 23 once that's done, certainly you may resume in 24 your seat. And I also want to note, while I'm thinking about it, that there are other 25

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1	opportunities for input. You can have contact	C
2	with Staff or with the Office of the Public	
3	Counsel. You can also make comments online at	
4	the Commissioner's site. Any questions about	
5	this about our procedure?	
6	Not hearing any I will go to the first	
7	name that is on my list, and that name is Larry	
8	L. Brown. Is Larry L. Brown appearing?	
9	MR. BROWN: He'll pass.	
10	JUDGE JORDAN: You'll pass?	
11	MR. BROWN: Yes. Yes, sir.	
12	JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you, sir. Thank you	
13	for showing up though. I have next Novella V.	
14	Pinkman.	
15	MS. PINKMAN: I'll pass.	
16	JUDGE JORDAN: Very well. Martha A. Mass.	
17	MS. MASS: I'll pass.	
18	JUDGE JORDAN: All right. Another pass.	
19	Very good. Do I have here, looks like a Remy	
20	Cash?	
21	MR. CASH: Peery Cash.	
22	JUDGE JORDAN: Purey? Perry? Peery?	
23	Please, step up to the podium and we'll clarify	
24	that matter to begin with. Mr. Cash, I'll	
25	start by administering the oath to you.	

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1	(Witness sworn.)	- 1182 >
2	PEERY CASH testifies as follows:	
3	JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you, sir. Now, let's	
4	begin by clarifying the spelling of your name	
5	for the court reporter?	
6	THE WITNESS: Peery Cash.	
7	JUDGE JORDAN: Is that Perry with two Rs?	
8	THE WITNESS: No. P-E-E-R-Y.	
9	JUDGE JORDAN: Very good. Got it. Well,	
10	Mr. Cash, are you a customer of Greater	
11	Missouri Operations?	
12	THE WITNESS: Customer of KCP&L and of	
13	residential and commercial customer.	
14	JUDGE JORDAN: Oh, very good. Well, go	
15	ahead and tell the Commission what you would	
16	like it to hear then?	
17	THE WITNESS: Okay. Being an electrical	
18	contractor in Nevada, Missouri, I've worked	
19	with Missouri Public Service, Aquila, MoPub, in	
20	the past 35 years. While the rates have	
21	increased significantly in that 35 years, the	
22	service has not. Therefore, I am listing a few	
23	of the reasons KCP&L rate increase is not, in	
24	my opinion, due.	
25	I've had several occasions where KCP&L has	

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- 1 disconnected the power lines at the utility poles
- 2 and left the homeowner without service because the
- 3 meter was burnt up. In some cases, power has been
- 4 off overnight. The owner had no idea he inherited a
- 5 50-year-old Aquila meter. They were told when they
- 6 get a new meter light installed at their expense and
- 7 KCP&L standards, they will get power back.
- No. 2, when a residential customer needs
- 9 service, all the conduit, meter, and installation is
- 10 by KCP&L standards, which is above and beyond the
- 11 international electrical code. Example: 3-inch PVC
- 12 conduit for 1 underground wire, yet it's at the
- 13 owner's expense
- 14 Three, when a new commercial customer
- 15 needs service, they're responsible for all the
- 16 conduit, wire, meter loop, and installation. All
- 17 must be to KCP&L standards, and all the customer's
- 18 expense. KCP&L has to install any -- if KCP&L has
- 19 to install any new infrastructure, heaven forbid
- 20 what the cost from KCP&L will be at the customer's
- 21 expense. I needed to cover a primary line at an
- 22 auto dealership to draw their parking lot utility
- 23 polls. The cost to cover 12-foot of primary was
- 24 \$525.84 carried onto the customer.
- 25 In a nutshell: CEO compensation is in the

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1	millions per year, and the infrastructure and cost	
2	infrastructure is carried onto the consumer.	
3	JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you for that	
4	testimony. Hang on just a second while I see	
5	if there's any cross from the Applicant?	
6	MR. STEINER: No questions.	
7	JUDGE JORDAN: From Staff?	
8	MS. MERS: Thank you for your testimony.	
9	JUDGE JORDAN: From the Office of Public	
10	Counsel?	
11	CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. MAYFIELD:	
12	Q I do have a quick clarifying question.	
13	You indicated that you are a customer of Kansas City	
14	Power & Light, is that correct?	
15	A Correct.	
16	Q Have you heard of Greater Missouri	
17	Operations?	
18	JUDGE JORDAN: Sometimes called GMO, KCP&L	
19	GMO?	
20	MR. CASH:	
21	THE WITNESS: (Shakes head.)	
22	Q (By Ms. Mayfield) Would you please make it	
23	audible? She can't write a shaking of the head.	
24	A No.	
25	Q And what is it that you do, are you an	

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1	electrical service contractor?	
2	A Correct.	
3	Q So are you familiar with electric service	
4	providers in the area?	
5	A The electrical service provided in this	
6	area is KCP&L.	
7	Q Okay. And not GMO?	
8	A Correct. Our bill says, "KCP&L."	
9	MS. MAYFIELD: Thank you. No further	
10	questions.	
11	JUDGE JORDAN: Commissioner, anything?	
12	QUESTIONS BY COMMISSIONER COLEMAN:	
13	Q I'm not sure. Okay. For clarification,	
14	please. So you talked a little bit about the work	
15	that you do commercially, but at some point you also	
16	mentioned meter problems prior to the acquisition of	
17	Aquila. So were these problems since the the	
18	acquiring of Aquila by the company, or prior?	
19	A Both.	
20	Q Okay. And did you say that these were	
21	issues that you were having, or you mentioned	
22	another gentleman, I think?	
23	A These are for customers that I	
24	Q Do work for?	
25	A do work for. Correct.	

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1	Q Okay. Thank you.	
2	A Yeah.	
3	COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: Thank you for your	
4	testimony.	
5	JUDGE JORDAN: Yes. Thank you for your	
6	testimony.	
7	MR. CASH: Thank you.	
8	JUDGE JORDAN: I have one more name on the	
9	list, and that is Mike Ash, I believe?	
10	MR. AST: Ast.	
11	JUDGE JORDAN: Ast. A-S-T?	
12	MR. AST: A-S-T.	
13	JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you very much.	
14	(Witness sworn.)	
15	JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you. And I think	
16	we've got the spelling for the court reporter.	
17	Go ahead and tell the Commission what you would	
18	like it to know?	
19	THE WITNESS: I think a little bit of	
20	clarification on what Peery was talking about.	
21	With some of the problems back when Aquila and	
22	MoPub, you know, serviced our area, these	
23	things were taken care of by the utility	
24	company at that time, is that correct?	
25	MR. CASH: That's correct.	

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1	THE WITNESS: Whereas now, it's upon the	
2	customer. I think that wasn't made clear. My	
3	only comment is: Since KCP&L has taken over,	
4	every few years we end up, it seems like, with	
5	a rate increase. I can't say, you know as a	
6	consumer, I'm here both as for my company	
7	and as a residential user, um, you know, we	
8	have outages, just like we had before, we don't	
9	see, you know, it's hard for us to visually see	
10	with anywhere from a 24 to 48 percent	
11	increase I've got a couple of different	
12	figures, some that I've been told, some that	
13	I've read on the internet. So I'm not sure	
14	since they've taken over our area, but it is	
15	somewhere upwards of 24 percent we have a	
16	lot of people on fixed incomes. Where does it	
17	end? Um, when we had our question and answer	
18	session earlier, it sounded like some of the	
19	energy usage has gone down, the solar energy,	
20	solar things going into place, better	
21	efficiency equipment. So that's just a	
22	concern. We have a lot of people on fixed	
23	incomes, so it makes it very difficult in a	
24	short period of time to see this kind of	
25	increase.	

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1	JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you. Any questions	
2	from the Applicant?	
3	MR. STEINER: (Shakes head.)	
4	JUDGE JORDAN: Anything from Staff?	
5	MS. MERS: No. Thank you for your	
6	testimony.	
7	JUDGE JORDAN: Office of the Public	
8	Counsel?	
9	CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. MAYFIELD:	
10	Q I do have a question.	
11	A Yes.	
12	Q Sorry. Same question I asked of the other	
13	gentleman: Who's your service provider?	
14	A KCP&L.	
15	Q Have you heard of Greater Missouri	
16	Operations?	
17	A No. Nothing until it's been brought up	
18	here.	
19	MS. MAYFIELD: All right. Thank you. No	
20	further questions.	
21	JUDGE JORDAN: Commissioner?	
22	COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: No. Thank you,	
23	sir.	
24	JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you for your	
25	testimony. That's the last name that I have on	

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1	my list, but since we're all here together this	
2	would be a good time for anyone who feels like	
3	speaking on this issue to do so, and Commission	
4	is glad to hear what you have to say. Anyone?	
5	Please step forward. I'll hand you the	
6	microphone so everyone can hear you, and I'll	
7	begin by administering an oath.	
8	(Witness sworn.)	
9	JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you. Little	
10	introduction?	
11	THE WITNESS: My name's Patricia Pike and	
12	I'm the state representative for Vernon and	
13	Bates County, District 126.	
14	JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you. And what would	
15	you like the Commission to know about this?	
16	MS. PIKE:	
17	THE WITNESS: I came as a fact-finding	
18	opportunity today to learn about what this	
19	would mean for our citizens of this district.	
20	I will iterate, as the people before me have	
21	said, this is a fixed income area, and it's	
22	significant. Just a small amount each month is	
23	significant for many of the citizens that live	
24	in this area. So I really would ask that the	
25	Commission look seriously into any rate	

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1	increase and make sure it is simply justified.	
2	Because these small pieces in areas of utility,	
3	and everything else, that our citizens have to	
4	deal with on a monthly basis, add up for them.	
5	So I would really ask your consideration that	
6	this is absolutely needed before we would move	
7	forward with any rate increase. Thank you.	
8	JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you. Any questions	
9	for Representative Pike from Applicant?	
10	MR. STEINER: No.	
11	JUDGE JORDAN: From Staff?	
12	MS. MERS: No. Thank you.	
13	JUDGE JORDAN: From the Office of Public	
14	Counsel?	
15	MS. MAYFIELD: No.	
16	JUDGE JORDAN: Commissioner, any questions	
17	for our representative?	
18	COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: Thank you for	
19	testifying.	
20	JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you for your	
21	testimony. Anyone else before we go off the	
22	record?	
23	Well, thank you for coming by, thank you	
24	for speaking, and also if you didn't speak,	
25	thank you for listening. On behalf of the	

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1	Missouri Public Service Commission, we	
2	appreciate your participation in this part of	
3	the procedure. Parties have nothing else? We	
4	will adjourn this hearing and go off the	
5	record. Thank you.	
6	(WHEREUPON, the hearing concluded at 12:51	
7	p.m.)	
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1	CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER	
2	STATE OF MISSOURI)) ss.	
3	CITY OF SPRINGFIELD)	
4	I, Leah M. Durnell, Certified Court	
5	Reporter, Notary Public, do hereby certify that	
6	the witness whose testimony appears in the	
7	foregoing deposition was duly sworn by me; that	
8	the testimony of said witness was taken by me	
9	to the best of my ability and thereafter	
10	reduced to typewriting under my direction; that	
11	I am neither counsel for, related to, nor	
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16	thereto, nor financially or otherwise	
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