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STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Local Public Hearing  
July 31, 2018  
Sedalia, Missouri  
Volume 6

In The Matter Of Kansas City Power & Light )  
Company's Request For Authority )  
To Implement A General Rate Increase For )  
Electric Service )  
File No. ER-2018-0145

In The Matter Of KCP&L Greater Missouri )  
Operations Company's Request For Authority )  
To Implement A General Rate Increase For )  
Electric Service )  
File No. ER-2018-0146

JOHN CLARK, Presiding  
DEPUTY CHIEF REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

MAIDA J. COLEMAN,  
COMMISSIONER

REPORTED BY:  
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1 JUDGE CLARK: Today is July 31st, 2018,  
2 and the current time is 12:25 p.m.

3 The Missouri Public Service Commission has  
4 set aside this time for a local public hearing  
5 in File Nos. ER-2018-0145 and ER-2018-0146,  
6 which are respectively captioned as: In the  
7 Matter of Kansas City Power & Light Company's  
8 Request For Authority To Implement A General  
9 Rate Increase For Electric Service, and, In the  
10 Matter of KCP&L's Greater Missouri Operation  
11 Company's Request For Authority To Implement A  
12 General Rate Increase For Electric Service.

13 My name is John Clark, regulatory law  
14 judge that's been assigned to preside over this  
15 hearing. With me today is Commissioner Maida  
16 Coleman. Commissioner Scott Rupp is on his  
17 way. My understanding is we had kind of a  
18 sparse turnout for this, and because of such,  
19 and because we appreciate you coming out, we  
20 decided to go ahead and start.

21 Commissioner Coleman, would you like to  
22 make any opening remarks?

23 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: I would. So hi.  
24 First of all, I'd like to say that there's been  
25 a change in plans. I suggested to Commissioner

1 Rupp that he not continue his travels here, as  
2 he's driving in from a meeting out of state and  
3 was rushing here to get to it, so I will be  
4 representing the office today.

5 There are five commissioners. And even  
6 when we don't have a full contingency of all  
7 five of us, the information is always provided  
8 to the four commissioners in order for them to  
9 get all of the same information that I would  
10 hear at this hearing.

11 The judge will explain that in just a  
12 little bit more detail, but I would like to say  
13 thank you for coming out today and  
14 participating. I look forward to the questions  
15 or the comments that will be offered.

16 So thank you. Thank you, Judge.

17 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Commissioner.  
18 I'm going to begin by asking counsel to enter  
19 their appearances for the record, starting with  
20 KCP&L Company.

21 MR. STEINER: Let the record reflect Roger  
22 W. Steiner, appearing on behalf of the company.  
23 My contact information has been given to the  
24 court reporter.

25 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Steiner. Are

1 you also appearing for KCP&L GMO?

2 MR. STEINER: That's correct.

3 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Commission staff?

4 MS. PAYNE: Whitney Payne, on behalf of  
5 the staff of the Missouri Public Service  
6 Commission. I previously provided my  
7 information to the court reporter.

8 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Ms. Payne. For  
9 the Office of the Public Counsel?

10 MS. SHEMWELL: Good afternoon. Lera  
11 Shemwell and John Clizer from the Office of  
12 Public Counsel. We've given our information to  
13 the court reporter.

14 JUDGE CLARK: Ms. Shemwell, Mr. Clizer,  
15 thank you so much.

16 Are there any intervenors here?

17 (No response.)

18 JUDGE CLARK: I don't see any hands. The  
19 Commission has already scheduled these matters,  
20 these files, for an evidentiary hearing in  
21 September, I believe the 17th through the 28th,  
22 to take evidence regarding KCP&L and KCP&L  
23 GMO's application for a rate increase, but it's  
24 also scheduled local public hearings in some  
25 counties affected to give members of the public

1 a chance to comment about the application.

2 That's the purpose of today's hearing.

3 Now, I've been told that nobody signed up  
4 to offer comments. I'm going to say for those  
5 who might change their mind and would like to  
6 offer testimony today, what I'll do is I will  
7 give you an opportunity. I'll ask that you  
8 come down front. I'll place you under oath,  
9 because I take testimony under oath, and then  
10 I'll give you the opportunity to make your  
11 comment.

12 This is an opportunity for you to tell the  
13 Commission what you think. So at this time is  
14 there anybody who would like to make a comment  
15 for the Commission?

16 (No response.)

17 THE COURT: I see no hands, so that's  
18 going to make the rest of this fairly short. I  
19 will say you showed up for a question and  
20 answer session today. For those of you that  
21 did, I hope you got your questions answered.  
22 The Commission and I are not here to answer  
23 your questions today, and that's because  
24 commissioners have to remain impartial until  
25 after the evidentiary hearing.

1 I can't think of anything else that I need  
2 to say. If you get home today and you decide  
3 that you do, in fact, want to make a comment,  
4 but you didn't want to make it in the  
5 surrounding, you are free to contact the Office  
6 of the Public Counsel or to go to the Public  
7 Service Commission's webpage, and there's a  
8 spot for you to click on to leave a public  
9 comment if you would like to do so.

10 If you get home and you decided that you  
11 wish you would have made a comment, or if  
12 you're talking to a friend or neighbor and they  
13 realize that they would like to make a comment,  
14 that's how you go about doing that.

15 With all that said, this hearing is now  
16 adjourned. Thank you so much for showing up,  
17 and we'll go off the record.

18 (Hearing adjourned.)

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