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In the Matter of the Application of)
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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SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (Starting time of the Hearing: 6:27
3 p.m.)

4 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good evening. Thank you
5 for coming out to this evening's Local Public
6 Hearing in Case Number ER-2010-0355.

7 I am Ron Pridgin, I am a Regulatory Law
8 Judge assigned to preside over tonight's pre-
9 hearing conference, the Local Public Hearing. Just
10 being known that the beginning time was 6:30 p.m.,
11 December 13, 2010, in Carrollton, Missouri.

12 With me this evening is Commissioner
13 Terry Jarrett. Do we have entries of appearance
14 from counsel, please, beginning with the Company?

15 MR. STEINER: Let the record reflect
16 Roger W. Steiner, and I'm appearing for Kansas City
17 Power & Light Company and KCP&L Greater Missouri
18 Operations Company. Address is 1200 Main Street,
19 Kansas City, Missouri 64105.

20 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Steiner, thank you.
21 On behalf of the General Counsel's Office, please?

22 MS. HERNANDEZ: Good evening. May it
23 please the Commission, my name is Jennifer
24 Hernandez and I'm appearing on behalf of the Staff
25 of the Missouri Public Service Commission. Our

1 address is P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri
2 65102.

3 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Hernandez, thank you.
4 Office of the Public Counsel?

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

9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Mills, thank you.
10 And Mr. Wagner?

11 MR. WAGNER: Robert Wagner, pro se
12 Intervener, 9005 North Chatham, Kansas City,
13 Missouri 64154.

14 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Wagner, thank you.
15 Is there any other counsel wishing to enter an
16 appearance? Alright, hearing none. I understand
17 we've had a question and answer session, and I
18 certainly want to encourage you, if you have any
19 more questions or more concerns that you'd like to
20 take up with the Company or with Staff or with
21 Public Counsel, you may do so after we've concluded
22 with testimony.

23 What I'd like to do now is go on and see
24 if we have anyone who's like to testify. I do have
25 some people who have signed up. If you've changed

1 your mind and you do not want to testify, you
2 certainly don't have to. If you have not signed up
3 and you do wish to testify, we'll certainly allow
4 you. I'm just going to go by the list here, just
5 go through them in order.

6 When I call your name, it's up to you,
7 if you please would come to the podium or the
8 table, and I'll ask you to be sworn in and then
9 I'll ask you a few preliminary questions such as
10 your name, and if you're a customer of Kansas City
11 Power & Light, and then I'll ask if you have any
12 statement for the Commission. When you're
13 finished, if you'll please not leave until you're
14 excused, I may have some questions for you,
15 Commissioner Jarrett might or one of the lawyers
16 might.

17 Are there any questions about the
18 procedure? Alright. Seeing no questions, and I
19 apologize if I mispronounce or misread a name, but
20 I believe the first name I see is Dale Grim?

21 MR. GRIMPO: Po.

22 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I'm sorry?

23 MR. GRIMPO: Po, Grimpo.

24 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I'm very sorry, sir. Did
25 you wish to come forward to testify, sir?

1 MR. GRIMPO: Yes, sir.

2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Alright.

3 DALE RAY GRIMPO, being first duly sworn
4 by Judge Pridgin, testifies as follows:

5 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you, sir. It's up
6 to you, you can stand or sit, and if you'll please
7 state your name and spell it for the Court
8 Reporter.

9 MR. GRIMPO: Dale Ray Grimpo, G-R-I-M-P-
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11 JUDGE PRIDGIN: And are you a customer of
12 Kansas City Power & Light?

13 MR. GRIMPO: Yes, I am.

14 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Alright. Do you have a
15 statement for the Commission, sir?

16 MR. GRIMPO: Yes. It kind of irritates
17 me that we sit out here in a rural community and
18 we've pinched our pennies and pinched our pennies,
19 and as farmers trying to get by, all costs that we
20 get that are passed on to us, we have no choice,
21 and one of those is Kansas City Power & Light, that
22 they come up with a rate increase, that their cost
23 has to be passed on to the customer, but yet I see
24 like in the presentation we had before, that they
25 are not very prudent themselves.

1 I sold two acres of ground to the water
2 district out here that came down and drilled two
3 wells on my property. I had two trucks and three
4 men from Kansas City Power & Light show up at 9:00
5 in the morning and sit there and did nothing until
6 noon that day. They got paid, the trucks, whatever
7 it costs to run them. Nothing was done, but yet
8 the water district got charged over \$18,000 to set
9 a couple poles and a couple of transformers.

10 The same water district, when they had
11 Kansas City Power & Light go across the highway
12 with three phase, out here where they put their
13 plant, and put a transformer and set four poles,
14 making \$52,000 plus. And I believe that is
15 ridiculous charges by Kansas City Power & Light,
16 and part of this, now they're willing to pass on to
17 me to help pay for it, and it was an overcharge of
18 theirs from the beginning.

19 They need to be more prudent. We just
20 talked about, they come around and read the meters,
21 they do so in a three-quarter ton pickup. That's
22 not efficient use. They want to cut costs, it's
23 going to be a little, but yet, we out here in the
24 rural community are doing everything we can to cut
25 our costs, but yet Kansas City Power & Light

1 doesn't. I believe that's all I have.

2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Grimpo, thank you.

3 Let me see if we have any questions. Commissioner
4 Jarrett?

5 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: Yeah, I just had
6 one. Sir, you mentioned a couple of figures here,
7 18,000 and 52,000. Where did you get those
8 figures?

9 MR. GRIMPO: From the Secretary of the
10 water district.

11 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: Thank you. I
12 don't have any further questions. I appreciate
13 your testimony.

14 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Anything from counsel?
15 Sir, thank you very much for your time and your
16 remarks this evening. We appreciate it. The next
17 name I have on the list is Larry Harmon.

18 MR. HARMON: I have no questions.

19 JUDGE PRIDGIN: No testimony tonight,
20 sir? Alright, thank you. The next name I have is
21 - I believe that's - is it Ron Linneman? I hope I
22 pronounced that correctly, sir.

23 MR. LINNEMAN: You did.

24 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you. If you'll
25 come forward and be sworn.

1 (WHEREIN, a discussion was held off the
2 record.)

3 RONALD R. LINNEMAN, being first duly
4 sworn by Judge Pridgin, testifies as follows:

5 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you very much, sir,
6 and where ever you're comfortable, you can stand or
7 sit. And if you'll please state your name and
8 spell it for the Court Reporter.

9 MR. LINNEMAN: My name I use - my name is
10 Ron Linneman. I go sign everything with Ronald R.
11 Linneman. So R-O-N-A-L-D, R., L-I-N-N-E-M-A-N.

12 JUDGE PRIDGIN: And are you a customer of
13 Kansas City Power & Light?

14 MR. LINNEMAN: Yes, I am.

15 JUDGE PRIDGIN: And do you have a
16 statement for the Commissioners?

17 MR. LINNEMAN: Yes.

18 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Whenever you're ready.

19 MR. LINNEMAN: In reference to the
20 previous testimony, I have two years ago, put in
21 two brand new grain bins out on a piece of ground
22 that I bought just out east of town, and it happens
23 to be right across from the Show Me Ethanol, which
24 they just put in a whole bunch of new facilities
25 out there, and it had three phase power there, so

1 that's - I have felt very fortunate to get that.

2 So I went to see about getting my
3 electricity, and I don't have the option of getting
4 competitive bids because Kansas City Power & Light
5 is the one that has the electricity there. So I
6 went to them and they came over and met, and I told
7 them what I wanted to do. I needed a transformer
8 and what we needed to do, where I was going to set
9 things up. The representative came over, said,
10 "Well, I'll go back and figure it up," and I
11 received a bill for \$26,000 to set one pole, the
12 pole had to be changed, and run 30 foot worth of -
13 or maybe it's about 50 foot worth of cable into the
14 transformer, and all of the conduit and everything
15 for running everything, I had to pay that myself
16 because that was not included in the \$26,000.

17 To shorten the story, after it was all
18 done, I went and asked Kansas City Power & Light
19 for a detailed description of just exactly the work
20 that was done. I have a degree in accounting from
21 the University of Missouri that I used for many
22 years doing income tax returns, so I'd like to have
23 details to see where all the money went. I knew
24 that there had only been three days that there was
25 people there; one day to set a pole, one day to run

1 the wires, and I think one day was to look at what
2 they had to do. That was the most.

3 Representative from Kansas City Power &
4 Light told, when I complained about the bill being
5 so high, he said, "Well, that's what the computer
6 says. I can't do anything about this, what's
7 computer generated." So after it was all said and
8 done, I went and asked for the detailed description
9 of what all the bills were, how much they charged,
10 but I wanted to know what the transformer costs,
11 which I knew it was an expensive item, I wanted to
12 know what the transformer costs and everything
13 else.

14 I received a minimal breakdown, hardly
15 anything whatsoever to show me any costs, and I
16 went down and complained and said, "I want to know
17 what the transformer costs. I want to know what
18 the labor is. I want to know." They wouldn't -
19 they called somewhere or another and were told,
20 that they referred to me, "We don't have to give
21 you that." And that's my biggest complaint, is
22 that I tried to do, and for my own thing and
23 orderly thing, I want to know how my money was
24 spent and I couldn't get it from the Commission.
25 And now, I'm being charged a demand charge and I

1 haven't figured out yet why this is coming down.
2 I'm going to check it out later this evening, but
3 on this.

4 This prudence of bills, when I asked -
5 if I'm running a business or if I was some type of
6 other business other than an individual farmer, I
7 would expect anybody to give me a detailed listing
8 of what the costs were to accomplish what I did.
9 Kansas City Power & Light, I know, has a detailed
10 listing of whatever every contractor spent to put
11 this new facility up, but when I ask for one, "We
12 don't have to give you one."

13 So that's my biggest complaint with
14 Kansas City Power & Light and where they were, yes.

15 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Did you have anything
16 further, Mr.-

17 MR. LINNEMAN: No.

18 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Jarrett, any
19 questions?

20 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: I just wanted to
21 clarify one thing, Mr. Linneman. Did you say that
22 - did you ask - did you talk to our Staff about
23 this at all?

24 MR. LINNEMAN: About what?

25 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: About getting the

1 detailed costs-

2 MR. LINNEMAN: I went to the Marshall
3 office and they checked - they said they would
4 check it out, and they finally called me back a day
5 later and said that, "We don't have to give you any
6 more of a detailed" - they broke it down into two,
7 I think, two categories. That's all I got a
8 breakdown of. I still don't have any idea what
9 that transformer, that three phase transformer cost
10 me. I don't know.

11 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: But that was,
12 again, that was - you asked the Company for that?

13 MR. LINNEMAN: I went to Marshall, to the
14 office in Marshall, and asked for this detailed
15 description of what was spent for, you know, man
16 hours spent, the trans - I just wanted it broke
17 down.

18 It's like, I'm an accountant. You've
19 got an auditor back here; he knows what I'm talking
20 about, you know. If I had known I could have got a
21 hold of him, I would have talked to him, but I was
22 never given any choice of where I could go to get
23 anything.

24 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: Thank you, sir. I
25 appreciate your testimony.

1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you. Anything from
2 counsel? Alright, thank you. Mr. Linneman, thank
3 you for your time and your remarks.

4 And I have one more name on the list,
5 and I'm sorry, it looks like the first name is Bob.
6 I'm not sure about the last name. Nobody is
7 claiming, Bob, somebody from Dalton, Missouri? I'm
8 sorry, sir, I couldn't read your last name.

9 BOB REISCHE, JR., being first duly sworn
10 by Judge Pridgin, testifies as follows:

11 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Alright. Thank you, sir.
12 You can either stand or sit. And if you'll please
13 state your name and spell your name for the Court
14 Reporter.

15 MR. REISCHE: Sure. My name's Bob
16 Reische, Jr. It's R-E-I-S-C-H-E.

17 JUDGE PRIDGIN: And are you a customer of
18 Kansas City Power & Light?

19 MR. REISCHE: Yes, sir.

20 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Alright. Do you have a
21 statement for the Commission, sir?

22 MR. REISCHE: Yes, sir. I know all this
23 is about revenue, you know, they want more revenue
24 to stay at the power plant, stuff like that, but
25 what I'm saying is, back in the 50's and 60's

1 whenever I was a kid, there would be people lining
2 up for bonds. How come they couldn't do a four or
3 five percent bond out here when they do their
4 expansion, and you know, they'd sell bonds in a
5 heartbeat and a lot of people have got a half a
6 percent or one percent interest laying in the bank,
7 and they'll jump on a four percent bond in a
8 heartbeat, lined up for it. They had plenty of
9 money, I guess.

10 Also, we had a greenhouse for production
11 there, and we turned one fan on in the greenhouse
12 to keep it cool, had tomatoes in it, and anyway,
13 when we got the bill, the bill had already doubled
14 and we had to shut the greenhouse off because we
15 asked the chain stores for more money and they said
16 they wouldn't produce more money, so took the
17 tomatoes to Farmer's Market to try to get more
18 money out of it, and we couldn't get no more money
19 out of it, so we had to let it rot out there in
20 that greenhouse.

21 And I'd say food, there's already been a
22 jump I've notice in the stores of about thirty
23 percent now, the electric, you know, increase, and
24 I'd say it will double in the next twelve months
25 with the Power & Light and a few that's going up.

1 If you go to the store, you might expect more.

2 That's all I've got to say.

3 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you, sir. Let me
4 see if we have any questions. Commissioner
5 Jarrett?

6 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: I don't have any
7 questions, but I thank you for coming out tonight.
8 Thank you for your testimony.

9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Anything from counsel?

10 MS. HERNANDEZ: None, but-

11 JUDGE PRIDGIN: She's thanking you for
12 your testimony.

13 MR. REISCHE: I'm hard of hearing.

14 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Sorry.

15 MR. REISCHE: Sure.

16 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you very much, sir.
17 We appreciate it. I don't see anyone else who has
18 signed up. Is there anyone else who wishes to
19 testify? Seeing no volunteers, is there anything
20 from counsel?

21 MS. HERNANDEZ: No.

22 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Commissioner Jarrett,
23 anything in closing?

24 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: I'd just like to
25 say on behalf of all of the Commissioners, I want

1 to thank you for coming out tonight. These Local
2 Public Hearings are very important to us. It's
3 really our only opportunity as Commissioners to
4 hear directly from rate payers like yourselves,
5 hear your concerns, your thoughts, your issues,
6 your opinions.

7 Thanks for all those who testified. I
8 hope the question and answer session was fruitful
9 for those of you that came. A few months ago, we
10 revamped it and sort of expanded that, included the
11 presentation that our Staff prepared. I understand
12 we've gotten a lot of positive comments about it,
13 and if you have any comments, I know there's survey
14 sheets out there you can fill out.

15 We appreciate your feedback on that
16 because we want to make sure that - we try to take
17 the mystery out of what we do as the Commission,
18 and we want to make sure we give you information so
19 that you understand the process. So again, thank
20 you for coming out. We appreciate it.

21 JUDGE PRIDGIN: And I have nothing else
22 in closing other than to thank you for coming out
23 on such a cold evening and giving us your opinions
24 and asking questions. This is a very important
25 part of the process, and we appreciate it.

1 With that, being nothing further, we
2 will go off the record in tonight's Local Public
3 Hearing, Case Number ER-2010-0355. Thank you very
4 much.

5 (WHEREIN, the Hearing is concluded at
6 6:43 p.m.)

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