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For Approval To Make Certain Changes
In Its Charges For Services To
Continue The Implementation Of Its
Regulatory Plan

In The Matter Of The Application Of
KCP&L Greater Missouri Operation File No.: ER-2010-0356
Company For Approval To Make
Certain Changes In Its Charges For
Electrical Service

MORRIS WOODRUFF, Presiding
SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE
JEFF DAVIS
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Nevada, Missouri

November 30, 2010 6:00 p.m.

JUDGE WOODRUFF: First off, I'd like to thank all of you for coming. I'm Morris Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge for the Commission, I'll be presiding over the hearing tonight.

Do we have anyone in Jeff City right now?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Not at the moment, not yet.

JUDGE WOODRUFF: Well, as you see, we are linked by a communication device with the Commission Hearing Room in Jefferson City, and we believe a Commission will join us shortly, but we'll go ahead and get started while we're waiting for him. Let's start with taking entries of appearance from the attorneys who will be representing the parties.

MR. STEINER: My name is Roger W. Steiner, I'm an attorney for Kansas City Power and Light Company, and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company, 1200 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 64105.

JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Is there anyone here representing the Staff, Public Counsel.

MR. MILLS: On behalf of the Public Counsel and the public my name is Lewis Mills. My address is Post

1 Office Box 2230, Jefferson Ci ty, Mi ssouri 65102.

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And I believe we have one
3 other party here, Mr. Wagner.

4 MR. WAGNER: My name is Robert Wagner I'm
5 the Pro-se Intervener. My address is 9005 North Chatham,
6 Kansas Ci ty, Mi ssouri , 64154

7 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you very much. And
8 I believe that's all the attorneys who are here.

9 What I'm going to do is call the witnesses
10 who signed in, swear you in and take your testimony. We
11 have a court reporter here and she's going to be
12 transcribing, taking down whatever you say and we'll make
13 a copy so the Commi ssi oners who aren't able to be here
14 will be have a chance to review your testimony also. And
15 after you've made your statement, I may have some
16 questions for you and the attorneys may have questions,
17 follow up questions for you, just to clari fy your
18 testi mony.

19 Sounds like we have someone there in
20 Jefferson Ci ty.

21 MR. DAVIS: Yes, Judge, thi s is
22 Commi ssi oner Davi s, I'm here.

23 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Very good. Commi ssi oner
24 Jeff Davi s has just joi ned us.

25 Commi ssi oner, we've already taken entri es of

1 appearance and I call the first witness and that is Rex
2 Williams. Mr. Williams, if you'll come on forward here. Just
3 have a seat over there.

4 MR. WILLIAMS: Right here?

5 JUDGE WOODRUFF: That triangular thing
6 there is the mic. If you raise your right hand, I'll
7 swear you in.

8 REX WILLIAMS,
9 OF LAWFUL AGE, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE
10 WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
11 BY JUDGE WOODRUFF:

12 Q First of all, would you tell us your name.

13 A Rex Williams.

14 Q And are you a customer of KCP&L?

15 A Yes, sir. In two different locations.

16 Q What would you like to tell the Commission?

17 A Well, I don't know here. This is pretty
18 up-scale compared to what I'm used to.

19 I take this from a magazine here that just came
20 in the mail yesterday. Primarily what I'm talking about is
21 conservatism. Arnold Schwarzenegger, they got an article in
22 here, "He wasn't so bad baby." And a couple of paragraphs down
23 here that I have highlighted here. This year his spending
24 increased his average of 1.4 percent, much smaller than the
25 record for big spenders, Ronald Reagan, 13.6, and Jerry Brown,

1 12.7. The recession and fiscal crisis have contributed.

2 General fund expenditures dropped from 103
3 billion in 2008 to 86 billion in 2009. This year's general
4 fund spending is likely to be slightly smaller.

5 So, I think what they're saying here is, they're
6 starting to see him live as far as his fiscal responsibility is
7 concerned. And my statement here, number one, was that.

8 Number two is, we all enjoy out electric power.
9 When I was a small boy on the farm, Missouri Public Service
10 brought the lines to our country home in about 1947. We were
11 at the end of the line. We were so very happy to be able to
12 have a good light to read by and mother was so happy to have a
13 new electric iron, steam iron, to press the clothes with.

14 Up until five years ago I managed a small feed
15 and grain business and the annual income was usually about
16 three million, as the expenses were around 2.98 million which
17 left a very small or nil profit. I paid myself a small weekly
18 check and paid all IRS taxes and both sides of my social
19 security. That small business has been filing taxes returns
20 for 24 years and all the taxes and service suppliers have been
21 paid.

22 Now I would like to submit to this Commission
23 and KCP&L that our unemployment is higher than in recent
24 history. Many families are losing their homes and having
25 serious financial problems. Many of us are limited to our

1 social security income, which has given us no raise in the last
2 two years. That is understandable. Our government cannot keep
3 printing money and giving raises. We need to stop this coming
4 inflation and stop it now.

5 Now I understand, that I have been a small
6 company president and CEO, that the bottom line for net profits
7 can be manipulated for whatever the reasons. And various
8 companies do this on occasion. And I'm not saying that all do
9 that, but on occasion they do that and we all know that.
10 Ronald Reagan once said, "We need to tighten our belts." We
11 believe that the people in this country are doing just that.
12 The nation's credit card debt is way down, big companies that
13 have adequate reserves are not hiring, they're keeping their
14 money and keeping their overhead down. Businesses are all
15 moving from high taxation states to lower taxation states. The
16 people are trying hard to conserve on utilities, fuel and other
17 necessities.

18 I think it would be a very bad and wrong time to
19 raise utilities of any kind. I am appealing to the Commission
20 and KCP&L for no increase at this time unless the Commission
21 can be positive about it's need.

22 And I took a scripture from Matthew 11:15. "He
23 that have ears, let him hear."

24 So, this is all about conserving because we need
25 to stop inflation in it's tracks. And so I'm not against them

1 having a raise that they actually need, I'm hoping the
2 Commission will investigate them well, enough to know how much
3 they need to be adequate because we do appreciate our
4 electricity. Thank you.

5 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Just a moment.

6 Commissioner Davis, do you have any questions for
7 Mr. Williams.

8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No, sir.

9 Mr. Williams, thank you for your testimony. We appreciate
10 your coming tonight

11 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

12 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Questions from the
13 parties?

14 MR. STEINER: Just as a clarifying matter.
15 You said you have two accounts with KCP&L, are those with
16 KCP&L GMO or KCP&L itself?

17 MR. WILLIAMS: The old one.

18 MR. STEINER: Thank you, I just wanted that
19 clear on the record.

20 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. Mr. Williams
21 is the only one that signed my list to testify, but if
22 there's anyone else that would like to testify, please
23 come forward. I don't see anyone else. All right.

24 Mr. Davis, any final thoughts?

25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No, I just want to

1 thank everyone for coming tonight and I appreciate your
2 participation in the process and you can continue to watch
3 the hearings that will be held live on the internet. You
4 can watch them through our website www.psc.mo.gov. And
5 you can call our Consumer Hotline if you have any
6 questions about what's going on with the case or with any
7 of your other utilities services. There should be someone
8 on the end there to assist you if you need that number.

9 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you Commissioner.
10 Right, with that then we are adjourned. Thank you all for
11 coming.

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