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In the Matter of Kansas City Power & Light)File No.
Company's Request for Authority to)ER-2014-0370
Implement a General Rate Increase for)
Electric Service)

MICHAEL BUSHMANN, Presiding
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: 6:41
3 p.m.)

4 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Good evening. Today is
5 April 28th, 2015. The Missouri Public Service
6 Commission has set this time for a Public Hearing
7 on ER-2014-0370. This is in the matter of Kansas
8 City Power & Light Company's request for authority
9 to implement a general rate increase for electric
10 service.

11 My name is Michael Bushmann, I'm a
12 Regulatory Law Judge, and sitting here with me
13 today is Commissioner William Kenney.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Good evening. It
15 was an easy drive down here today. I've been
16 living in Lee's Summit since 1981, so I didn't have
17 to come far to visit you tonight.

18 I am one of five Commissioners, and it's
19 a normal process that we have at least one
20 Commissioner present. We have the Court Reporter
21 over here on the side, and the Court Reporter will
22 be recording any commentation that you might be
23 bringing in the process that you make tonight.

24 This is the small process in the overall
25 making a decision. You have free representation by

1 the Office of Public Counsel, and I'm sure our
2 Staff additionally is here tonight, so we just
3 thank you for coming tonight and we look forward to
4 hearing what you might have to say.

5 JUDGE BUSHMANN: And I'd like counsel to
6 make their entries of appearance. For Kansas City
7 Power & Light Company?

8 MR. STEINER: Roger W. Steiner, and my
9 address is 1200 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri,
10 , representing the Kansas City Power & Light
11 Company.

12 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Commission Staff?

13 MS. DALE: Colleen M. Dale, Senior
14 Counsel, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City,
15 Missouri. I'm Counsel for Staff of Missouri Public
16 Service Commission.

17 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Office of the Public
18 Counsel?

19 MR. OPITZ: Appearing on behalf of the
20 Office of Public Counsel, my name is Tim Opitz and
21 my address is P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City,
22 Missouri, 65102.

23 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Ameren Missouri?

24 MS. GIBONEY: For Ameren Missouri, I'm
25 Sarah Giboney, Smith Lewis, LLP, 111 South 9th

1 Street, Columbia, Missouri, 65201.

2 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Any other counsel for
3 any of the other Intervenors present that I haven't
4 mentioned?

5 The process this evening is I'm going
6 call the names listed on the sign-up sheet, and
7 when I call your name, please step forward, raise
8 your right hand and I'll put you under oath, and
9 then you give your name and make your comments to
10 the Commission.

11 Also, some Commissioners express an
12 interest in sharing the rate case, assess between
13 them and the customers. So if you have any
14 opinions on an issue, please feel free to state it.
15 The first name on the sign-up sheet is Kathy Rolfe.

16 KATHY ROLFE, duly affirmed by Judge
17 Bushmann, testified as follows:

18 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Could you please state
19 your name and spell your last name?

20 MS. ROLFE: Kathy Rolfe, R-O-L-F-E.

21 JUDGE BUSHMANN: I need you to move that
22 microphone a little closer. And where are you
23 from?

24 MS. ROLFE: I'm from Raymore, Missouri.
25 I'm here mainly to talk about the fixed rate hikes.

1 I don't believe the fixed rate hikes are really
2 good for anything, for a few reasons. They hurt
3 the low income customers, a bigger percentage of
4 their bill is the fixed rate. For a kilowatt per
5 hour rate hike, they can do things different, they
6 can shut off lights more, they can do without extra
7 heat or air conditioning and find other ways to
8 reduce the energy cost. But with a fixed rate
9 hike, they can do nothing to avoid those energy
10 costs.

11 In addition to that, a fixed charge is
12 discouraging energy conservation and energy
13 efficiency will no longer have the, quite the
14 incentive it did before. So I think this sends the
15 wrong signals to the electric utility customers
16 that should be out there trying to conserve energy.
17 The fixed rate hike would lower the kilowatt per
18 hour rate and it sends the wrong signal. We should
19 all be out there trying to conserve energy, and
20 this rate request does just the opposite.

21 Fixed rate hikes take away choice and
22 control from the consumers. By increasing the
23 fixed charge portion of the customer's bill, it
24 will reduce their ability to take control of the
25 energy process, reducing those who don't have one.
So I think this move would serve to alienate
customers by taking away their control of their
household.

I understand that the fixed charge
increase comes with it, additional assistance for
those customers who can't pay, but why do that to
them? Now, you're going to make them act like
they're a charity case, and if you just don't do
that initial hike on the fixed charge in the first
place, you don't put them in a position to ask.

In addition, I object to the utility's
requesting a 10.3 percent return on equity. I
don't think that's justified in today's
environment. Nobody else gets a 10.3 percent
return on equity. I don't understand why the
utility company should.

Another thing, the LaCygne environmental
for the electric, I'd like to see all of our old
plants just shut down and not used. We can't do
that, because there would be complaints, so I'm all
on board that we're not going to shut them down.
So I don't object to them getting a rate increase,
I just object to the manner in which they're doing
it. I don't think it should be on our fixed charge
usage.

1 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Questions?

MR. OPITZ: No.

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Ms. Rolfe, do you
have any - the fixed charges individually?

3 MS. ROLFE: No.

COMMISSIONER KENNEY: But I want to thank
4 you for your testimony. I appreciate you coming
out here.

5 MS. ROLFE: Thank you.

JUDGE BUSHMANN: Now, there are no more
6 names on the sign-up sheet. Would anyone like to
testify? Is there anybody in the room now that
7 would like to testify now? I don't see anyone.

That concludes tonight's hearing. Thank
8 you for coming out.

(WHEREIN, the Hearing is concluded at
9 6:49 p.m.)

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