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1 **Q: Please state your name and business address.**

2 A: My name is Burton L. Crawford. My business address is 1200 Main Street, Kansas City,
3 Missouri 64105.

4 **Q: Are you the same Burton L. Crawford who pre-filed Direct, Rebuttal and**
5 **Surrebuttal Testimony in this matter?**

6 A: Yes, I am.

7 **Q: What is the purpose of your True-Up Rebuttal Testimony?**

8 A: The purpose of my testimony is to rebut two issues with Missouri Public Service
9 Commission ("Commission") Staff's ("Staff") true-up case related to fuel and purchased
10 power costs. These issues are the wholesale market prices Staff used as an input to its
11 fuel and purchased power modeling and Staff's inclusion of revenues and costs from
12 wholesale contracts that expire on September 30, 2015, the day after rates from this case
13 are expected to take effect. In addition, I will address an adjustment Staff makes for
14 Transmission Congestion Rights ("TCR") margins.

15 **Q: Please summarize the wholesale market price issue.**

16 A: Wholesale market prices are one of many input assumptions to the production cost model
17 used by Staff in this case to normalize fuel and purchased power expense. Staff's
18 assumed market prices in its true-up filing are too high. This results in understating
19 Kansas City Power & Light Company's ("KCP&L" or the "Company") costs included in

1 Staff's cost of service determination by approximately \$14.9 million (total Company
2 basis).

3 **Q: Please summarize the wholesale contracts issue.**

4 A: In Staff's cost of service, they included annualized revenues and costs from two
5 wholesale contracts that expire on September 30, 2015. Since these contracts expire the
6 day after the anticipated rate effective date in this case, Staff has overstated the revenues
7 that KCP&L will get from these contracts. This results in understating the Company's
8 cost of service by approximately \$1.4 million (total Company basis). These contract
9 expiration dates and the resulting impact on cost of service are known and measurable
10 and should therefore be reflected in KCP&L's revenue requirement in this case.

11 **Wholesale Market Price Issue**

12 **Q: How do wholesale market price assumptions impact the Company's cost of service?**

13 A: The production cost models used by both Staff and the Company to determine the
14 normalized fuel and purchased power costs included in the Company's cost of service use
15 hourly wholesale market prices as an input. The models use these prices when simulating
16 the operation of the Company's generating fleet. When economic to do so, sales of
17 excess generation (e.g., generation above that needed to serve native load and firm
18 obligations) are made at these hourly wholesale market prices. Also when economic to
19 do so, purchases are made from the wholesale market to meet Company load obligations.
20 Therefore, at a minimum these wholesale market prices impact both the normalized
21 purchase power costs and normalized wholesale sales revenues.

22 **Q: How does Staff develop the wholesale market prices used in their modeling?**

23 A: Page 96 of Staff's Cost of Service Report (Ex. 200) in this case describes Staff's process.

1 The Staff analyzed hourly Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Integrated
2 Market (IM) power prices beginning with the start of the IM on March 11,
3 2014, through the end of November 2014. Staff developed hourly average
4 prices weighted by the actual day-ahead generation sales made at the
5 Kansas City Power & Light locational marginal price nodes during each
6 hour in this period. The IM was only active for part of the test year;
7 therefore the resulting 8,760 hourly prices developed as input to the
8 production cost model were adjusted to reflect a full year of IM operation.
9 Staff will continue to review purchased power prices through the true-up
10 period, and will update the inputs as necessary.

11 **Q: Did Staff update these prices for the true-up period?**

12 A: Based on Company discussions with Staff, it is our understanding that Staff's wholesale
13 market price assumptions were updated for its true-up case.

14 **Q: Have you reviewed the wholesale market prices included in Staff's true-up case?**

15 A: Yes.

16 **Q: Are these wholesale market prices reasonable?**

17 A: No.

18 **Q: How did you reach this conclusion?**

19 A: Based on Staff's true-up work papers, I calculated the monthly average wholesale sales
20 price from Staff's production cost model results. I also calculated the monthly average
21 wholesale sales price based on Staff's hourly wholesale sales volume (e.g., MWh) and
22 KCP&L's hourly wholesale sales prices included in the Company's true-up case. In
23 addition, I calculated the actual monthly wholesales sales prices based on actual sales
24 during the 12-month period ending May 31, 2015 (the true-up period in this case) and for
25 January through May 2014. The results of these calculations are included in the table
26 below.

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Table 1: Average Monthly Non-Firm Wholesale Sales Prices (\$/MWh)

Month	Staff True-Up	KCPL True-Up	12 Months Ended 5/31/15	Actual 2014	Actual 2015
Jan	\$ 27.49	\$ 21.36	\$ 23.42	\$ 29.62	\$23.42
Feb	\$ 34.70	\$ 22.16	\$ 26.10	\$ 35.91	\$26.10
Mar	\$ 33.16	\$ 22.57	\$ 19.69	\$ 37.24	\$19.69
Apr	\$ 30.72	\$ 21.97	\$ 16.66	\$ 34.98	\$16.66
May	\$ 26.19	\$ 22.17	\$ 20.13	\$ 30.01	\$20.13
Jun	\$ 25.25	\$ 25.96	\$ 28.89	\$ 28.89	\$20.83
Jul	\$ 30.06	\$ 30.83	\$ 28.89	\$ 28.89	
Aug	\$ 30.50	\$ 31.09	\$ 27.78	\$ 27.78	
Sep	\$ 26.36	\$ 27.26	\$ 26.94	\$ 26.94	
Oct	\$ 22.88	\$ 22.75	\$ 28.51	\$ 28.51	
Nov	\$ 27.09	\$ 25.03	\$ 31.63	\$ 31.63	
Dec	\$ 21.84	\$ 22.35	\$ 26.32	\$ 26.32	
Jan-April	\$ 31.17	\$ 22.00	\$ 23.10	\$ 34.44	
May-Dec	\$ 27.18	\$ 26.69	\$ 27.30	\$ 28.62	

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I make several observations from this data. First, in the May-December time period, Staff's True-Up average (\$27.18/MWh), KCP&L's True-Up average (\$26.69/MWh), and the actual 12 Months Ended 5/31/15 average (\$27.30/MWh) are reasonably close. In the January-April time period, KCP&L True-Up and the actual 12 Months Ended 5/31/15 prices are reasonably close, however Staff's True-Up prices for this same time period (\$31.17/MWh) are significantly higher than both the KCP&L True-Up (\$22.00/MWh) and 12 Months Ended 5/31/15 actuals (\$23.10/MWh). Staff's January-April average is much closer to what actual prices were in 2014 (\$34.44/MWh) which is outside the true-up period.

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In addition, note that the highest average monthly sales price included in Staff's true-up case occurs in February. Typically prices are higher during the peak summer months than during the winter. Note that this was not the case in 2014. The unusually cold weather that occurred in early 2014, sometimes referred to as the "polar vortex", resulted in the highest average actual prices for the year occurring in March.

1 **Q: Do you have any indication of what may have caused these anomalous looking**
2 **prices in Staff's true-up case?**

3 A: Yes. In discussions with Staff, Staff has indicated to the Company that it believes there is
4 an error in Staff's wholesale market prices, resulting in prices that are too high.

5 **Q: Has KCP&L estimated what it believes the impact from Staff's higher wholesale**
6 **market prices has on Staff's cost of service results?**

7 A: Yes, it has.

8 **Q: How has KCP&L made this estimate?**

9 A: Staff true-up case work papers included the hourly non-firm wholesale energy sales from
10 KCP&L resources. These hourly energy sales are from the Staff's production cost model
11 run. I calculated the amount of off-system sales revenues the Company would receive
12 from these wholesale sales based on the KCP&L true-up prices and compared this
13 revenue to the revenue include in Staff's true-up case based on Staff's assumed wholesale
14 market prices. This was done on an hourly basis for the true-up period. Using the
15 Company's hourly wholesale prices instead of Staff's, Staff's off-system sales revenues
16 would be reduced by approximately \$15.9 million (total Company basis).

17 Staff's true-up case work papers also included the hourly energy purchase results
18 from their production cost model run. Since lower wholesale market prices would
19 decrease purchased power costs, I calculated purchased power costs based on Staff's
20 hourly energy purchases and the Company's hourly market prices. This resulted in
21 reducing Staff's modeled purchased power costs by approximately \$1 million (total
22 Company basis).

1 **Q: What adjustment should be made to Staff's cost of service if the Commission were**
2 **to decide to exclude these two contracts from the Company's cost of service?**

3 A: Staff has some corrections to make to the wholesale contract revenues in its true-up case.
4 To the extent Staff corrects its contract revenues as anticipated, Staff's cost of service
5 should be adjusted upwards by \$1.453 million (total Company basis). This reflects the
6 estimated net impact on the Company's cost of service from removal of these two
7 contracts.

8 TCR Margin Adjustment

9 **Q: What is a TCR Margin adjustment?**

10 A: During the true-up period in this case, KCP&L received more revenue from the
11 Southwest Power Pool related to TCRs than it incurred in estimated transmission
12 congestion costs. The net gain in revenue is reflected in both Staff's case and the
13 Company's case.

14 **Q: What is the issue with the TCR Margin adjustment?**

15 A: KCP&L's true-up case included an error in the net gain from TCR-related activity during
16 the true-up period. Staff discovered the error and has the correct TCR margin adjustment
17 to fuel and purchased power costs included in their true-up case. KCP&L supports the
18 \$1,765,578 TCR margin included in Staff's true-up case.

19 **Q: Does that conclude your True-Up Rebuttal Testimony?**

20 A: Yes, it does.

