

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners:                    Mark Sievers, Chairman  
    Ward Loyd  
    Thomas E. Wright

In the Matter of a General Investigation of )  
Energy-Efficiency Policies for Utility )        Docket No. 12-GIMX-337-GIV  
Sponsored Energy-Efficiency Programs.    )

**PREHEARING OFFICER ORDER TAKING ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE OF  
CHRISTENSEN ASSOCIATES ENERGY CONSULTING'S RATE DESIGN PROJECT**

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. The Commission has designated Melissa Doeblin, Advisory Counsel, to act as Prehearing Officer in this proceeding. Order Opening Docket, Setting Prehearing Conference and Appointing Prehearing Officer, November 9, 2011, paragraph 5 (November 9, 2011 Order, ¶ 5). Having reviewed the files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Prehearing Officer makes the following findings:

1.        The Commission opened this general investigation docket to investigate the need for further clarification of the Commission's orders in Docket Nos. 08-GIMX-441-GIV and 08-GIMX-442-GIV (441/442 Dockets). November 9, 2011 Order. Commission Staff requested the Commission open this docket and submitted a Report and Recommendation to the Commission, noting the need to clarify the 441/442 Dockets.

2.        In 2009, Christensen Associates Energy Consulting (Christensen) began working with the Commission to explore a comprehensive redesign of electric rate structures in Kansas. Summary of the Rate Design Project, April 11, 2012 page 1 (Summary, p. 1). The Rate Design Project was completed and presented to the Commission on April 11, 2012, in four parts:

(1) Summary of the Rate Design Project, (2) Residential Rate Study, (3) The Effects of Critical Peak Pricing for Commercial and Industrial Customers, and (4) Electric Vehicle Rate Issues.

3. The purpose of the study was to ensure compliance with a signed assurance by then Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius for funds distributed to the Kansas Energy Office in accordance with Section 410 of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act:

The applicable State regulatory authority will seek to implement, in appropriate proceedings for each electric and gas utility, under its ratemaking authority a general policy that ensures that utility financial incentives are aligned with helping their customers use energy more efficiently and that provide timely cost recovery and a timely earnings opportunity for utilities associated with cost-effective measurable and verifiable efficiency savings, in a way that sustains or enhances utility customers' incentives to use energy more efficiently.

Summary, p. 1, fn. 1.

4. The Commission may take official notice of technical matters within its specialized knowledge, as set forth in K.S.A. 77-524(f)(4). The Prehearing Officer finds that the Christensen Rate Design Project Information will benefit the Commissioners in the above-captioned matter by providing verifiable analysis of various rate designs. The material will not be mailed to the parties to this proceeding, but is available on the Commission's website at: [http://kcc.ks.gov/electric/rate\\_design\\_project.htm](http://kcc.ks.gov/electric/rate_design_project.htm). Parties are afforded an opportunity to contest or rebut the material noticed by this order, and if they choose to do so, must do so on or before June 6, 2012, when Direct Testimony is scheduled to be filed. K.S.A. 77-524(f).

**WHEREFORE, THE PREHEARING OFFICER FINDS AND CONCLUDES AS FOLLOWS:**

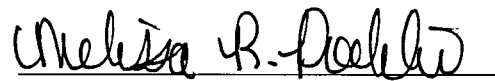
A. The Prehearing Officer takes official notice of Christensen Associates Energy Consulting's Rate Design Project, available on the Commission's website at: [http://kcc.ks.gov/electric/rate\\_design\\_project.htm](http://kcc.ks.gov/electric/rate_design_project.htm).

B. Parties are afforded an opportunity to contest or rebut the material noticed by this order, and if they choose to do so, must do so on or before June 6, 2012, when Direct Testimony is scheduled to be filed. K.S.A. 77-524(f).

C. Parties have 15 days from the date of electronic service of this Order in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

D. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary and proper.

Dated: May 17, 2012

  
Melissa R. Doebelin  
Prehearing Officer

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Prehearing Officer Order Taking Administrative Notice of Christensen Associates Energy Consulting's Rate Design Project for the Kansas Corporation Commission was served by electronic mail this 17th day of May, 2012, to the following parties who have waived receipt of follow-up hard copies:

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