

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

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

In the Matter of the 2011 Wolf Creek )  
Decommissioning Cost Study as Provided by )  
Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation on ) Docket No: 12-WCNE-136-GIE  
August 31, 2011 in Accordance with the )  
Commission's Order in Docket Number )  
163,561-U on December 9, 1992. )

**ORDER DESIGNATING PREHEARING OFFICER**

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed the files and being fully advised of all matters of record, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. On August 31, 2011, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (Wolf Creek) filed its 2011 Decommissioning Cost Analysis (Decommissioning Report) with the Commission in accordance with the Commission's December 9, 1992 Order in Docket No. 163,561-U, which directed the filing of Wolf Creek decommissioning cost study update every three years after September 1, 1993. Wolf Creek stated that the filing was made on behalf of Kansas Gas and Electric Company, Kansas City Power & Light Company, and Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. Wolf Creek noted that there are emerging issues concerning whether the federal government will be able to remove all spent fuel from the Wolf Creek site before the plant is decommissioned. Application, August 31, 2011 (Application).

2. Although the Commission will conduct the evidentiary hearing as needed in this docket, the Commission designates a prehearing officer to conduct any prehearing conferences that might be needed in this proceeding and to address any matters that are appropriately

considered in a prehearing conference, including all items listed in the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (KAPA) at K.S.A. 77-517(b). These items include, for example, conversion of the proceeding to another type; exploration of settlement possibilities; preparation of stipulations; clarification of issues; rulings on identity and limitation of the number of witnesses; objections to proffers of evidence; determination of the extent to which direct evidence, rebuttal evidence, or cross-examination will be presented in written form, and the extent to which telephone or other electronic means will be used as a substitute for proceedings in person; order of presentation of evidence and cross-examination; rulings regarding issuance of subpoenas; discovery orders and protective orders; and such other matters as will promote the orderly and prompt conduct of the hearing. The Commission designates Melissa Doeblin, Advisory Counsel, telephone number 785-271-3186, email address [m.doeblin@kcc.ks.gov](mailto:m.doeblin@kcc.ks.gov), 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027, to act as Prehearing Officer in this proceeding. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 77-514; K.S.A. 77-516; K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 77-551. The Commission, as it deems necessary, may designate other staff members to serve in this capacity.

3. The attorney designated to appear on behalf of the agency in this proceeding is Judy Jewsome, telephone number 785-271-3181, email address [j.jewsome@kcc.ks.gov](mailto:j.jewsome@kcc.ks.gov), 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 77-518(c)(2); K.S.A. 77-516(c)(2).

**IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:**

A. The Commission appoints Melissa Doeblin to act as Prehearing Officer in this proceeding, as set forth above.

B. This is a procedural order and constitutes nonfinal agency action. K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2). Parties have 15 days, plus three days if service of this Order is by mail, from the date of service of this Order in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

C. 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.

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Sievers, Chairman; Loyd, Commissioner; Wright, Commissioner

Dated: OCT 05 2011



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Patrice Petersen-Klein  
Executive Director

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