

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

In the Matter of a General Investigation of)
Kansas City Power & Light Company's All) Docket No. 16-GIME-576-GIE
Electric Residential Rates.)

STAFF'S STATUS UPDATE

COMES NOW, the Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Staff and Commission, respectively), and files this *Status Update* regarding Staff's preparation of its report. In support of its *Status Update*, Staff states as follows:

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On June 21, 2016, the Commission issued an *Order Opening General Investigation* to examine Kansas City Power & Light Company's (KCP&L) all-electric residential heating rates.¹

2. On September 22, 2016, the Commission issued a *Procedural Order* directing interested parties to file with the Commission written reports which analyze alternatives to traditional cost of service methodologies for determining benefits residential all-electric space heating customers provide to the KCP&L system and KCP&L's residential non-all-electric heating customers.² The Commission presented a number of questions parties preparing reports were directed to answer.³

3. The Commission granted interested parties 45 days from the date of the *Procedural Order* to submit a proposed date when parties could submit their respective reports to

¹ Order Opening General Investigation (Jun. 21, 2016).

² See Procedural Order, p. 2 (Sep. 22, 2016).

³ See *id.* at pp. 2-3.

the Commission.⁴ The deadline to submit the initial report was November 7, 2016.⁵ At that time, the Commission would then issue an Order Setting Procedural Schedule.⁶

4. On October 17, 2016, the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) filed a *Motion to Extend Filing Deadline for Thirty Days*.⁷

5. On November 7, 2016, Staff filed a Status Update requesting permission to file its forthcoming report concurrently with CURB.⁸ In the event CURB was unable to retain a consultant, Staff would continue to research and prepare its report independently.⁹

6. On November 8, 2016, the Commission granted CURB's *Motion to Extend Filing Deadline for Thirty Days*.¹⁰

7. On December 6, 2016, CURB filed its *Submission of Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board of Proposed Filing Deadline for Report of Rate-Design Methodologies*.¹¹ CURB indicated it was in the process of obtaining approval of a contract with a consultant to prepare and file a report as directed by the Commission's *Procedural Order*.¹² CURB proposed a deadline of July 1, 2017, for parties to submit their respective reports and testimony as set out in the *Procedural Order*.¹³ CURB had no objection to Staff's request to file its own report concurrently with CURB's report.¹⁴

8. On December 6, 2016, KCP&L submitted its *Notice of Proposed Deadline for Reports to be Filed with the Commission*. KCP&L indicated it was evaluating whether it would

⁴ See *id.* at p. 4.

⁵ Forty-five days from September 22, 2016, is November 6, 2016. Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-1-217(a), the date parties were to file initial reports was November 7, 2016.

⁶ See Procedural Order, p. 4.

⁷ See Motion of CURB to Extend Filing Deadline for Thirty Days (Oct. 17, 2016).

⁸ See Staff's Status Update, p. 2 (Nov. 7, 2016).

⁹ See *id.* at pp. 2-3.

¹⁰ Order Granting CURB's Motion to Extend Filing Deadline (Nov. 8, 2016).

¹¹ Submission of Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board of Proposed Filing Deadline for Report of Rate-Design Methodologies (Dec. 6, 2016).

¹² See *id.* at p. 4.

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ See *id.* at pp. 4-5.

perform the work in-house or hire a consultant and had not yet made a decision. KCP&L agreed with CURB and recommended a July 1, 2017, report submission deadline.¹⁵

II. STATUS UPDATE

9. Staff's previous *Status Update* requested permission to file its report concurrently with CURB.¹⁶ In the event CURB could not retain a consultant, Staff would continue to work independently and anticipated it could submit a report to the Commission on April 25, 2017.

10. Staff agrees with both CURB and KCP&L that a July 1, 2017, report deadline is a reasonable deadline in this docket. It is still Staff's preference to file its report concurrently with CURB. Accordingly, Staff is working towards completing its report by July 1, 2017. In the event any party requests permission to extend the report filing deadline, Staff anticipates it will seek Commission approval to make use of any such extension.

11. Staff is submitting this *Status Update* to inform the Commission and the parties to the proceeding of Staff's intended report filing date of July 1, 2017.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission accept this Status Update, and for any other relief as the Commission may deem appropriate.

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¹⁵ See Kansas City Power & Light Company Notice of Proposed Deadline For Reports to be Filed With the Commission, p. 3 (Dec. 6, 2016).

¹⁶ See Staff's Status Update, p. 2.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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