

**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.                    )

**PREHEARING OFFICER ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. The Commission designated Melissa Doeblin, Advisory Counsel, to act as Prehearing Officer in this proceeding. Order Designating Prehearing Officer, October 5, 2011, paragraph 2 (October 5, 2011 Order, ¶ 2). Having reviewed the files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Prehearing Officer makes the following findings:

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. The following parties have been granted intervention in this docket: the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB), Kansas Gas and Electric Company d/b/a Westar Energy (Westar), Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (KEPCo), and Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCP&L).

3. Having reviewed the Application, the Prehearing Officer finds that a prehearing conference should be set to allow parties to present arguments, if any, regarding issues and to develop a procedural schedule to recommend to the Commission. During the Prehearing Conference, parties shall be prepared to discuss possible deadlines for filing of testimony, a Stipulation and Agreement if one is reached between the parties, and possible date for a hearing, if necessary. The Prehearing Officer was advised by counsel for the parties to the docket that they were available on October 20, 2011 in the afternoon to meet for a Prehearing Conference.

4. Having concluded that a prehearing conference is needed to discuss scheduling, the Prehearing Officer sets a Prehearing Conference for October 20, 2011, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and concluding by 3:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Hearing Room of the Commission's offices, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027. This Prehearing Conference will focus on issues that relate to development of a procedural schedule for this docket. Parties should be prepared to discuss discovery procedures and any other prehearing issues that will promote the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding. K.S.A. 77-517; K.A.R. 82-1-222. Any party who fails to attend or participate in the Prehearing Conference, hearing or other stage of this proceeding may be held in default under the KAPA. K.S.A. 77-516(c)(8); K.S.A. 77-520. At the prehearing conference, this proceeding, without further notice, may be converted into a conference hearing or a summary proceeding for disposition of the matter as provided by the KAPA. K.S.A. 77-516(c)(7).

5. 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).

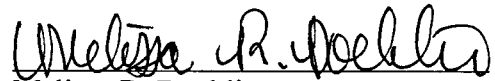
**WHEREFORE, THE PREHEARING OFFICER FINDS AND CONCLUDES AS FOLLOWS:**

A. The Prehearing Officer directs parties to attend the Prehearing Conference on October 20, 2011, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and concluding by 3:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Hearing Room of the Commission's offices, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027, as described above. Parties should be prepared to discuss deadlines for filing of testimony, a Stipulation and Agreement if one is reached between the parties, and possible date for a hearing, if necessary.

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 and proper.

Dated: October 12, 2011

  
Melissa R. Doeblin  
Prehearing Officer

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Prehearing Officer Order Setting Prehearing Conference was placed in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered this 12th day of October, 2011, to the following:

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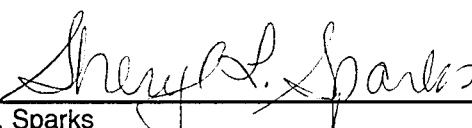
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