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### THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Mark Sievers, Chairman Thomas E. Wright Shari Feist Albrecht

In the Matter of the Application of Kansas City Power & Light Company to Make Certain Changes in Its Charges for Electric Service.

Docket No. 14-KCPE-272-RTS

### PREHEARING OFFICER ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. The Commission has designated Brian G. Fedotin, Advisory Counsel, to act as Prehearing Officer in this proceeding.<sup>1</sup> Having examined the files, the Prehearing Officer finds:

1. On December 9, 2013, Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCP&L) filed its Application for an abbreviated rate case to include costs associated with construction of environmental upgrades at the La Cygne Generating Station in its rates, update its costs to reflect the completion of certain components of the La Cygne Environmental Project and construction work in progress, and incorporate updates to certain regulatory amortizations into KCP&L's rates.<sup>2</sup>

2. At a prehearing conference on December 16, 2013, the parties submitted a proposed procedural schedule to the Prehearing Officer.

3. After reviewing the parties' recommended schedule, the Commission adopts the following procedural schedule:

<sup>1</sup> Order Designating Prehearing Officer, Protective and Discovery Orders, Dec. 17, 2013, ¶ 3. <sup>2</sup> Application, Dec. 9, 2013, ¶ 3.

Date	<u>Time</u>	Action
March 14, 2014		KCP&L Updated Financial Information to Staff and Intervenors due
March 24, 2014	6:00 p.m.	Public Hearing (location TBD)
April 18, 2014		Staff and Intervenor Direct Testimony due
April 25, 2014		Staff and Intervenor Cross-Answering Testimony due
April 28, 2014	TBD	Technical/Settlement Conference
May 2, 2014		KCP&L Rebuttal Testimony due
May 5, 2014		Settlement Conference/ Discovery Cutoff
May 8, 2014		Motion cutoff and Settlement/Contested Issues due
May 9, 2014	9:00 a.m.	Prehearing Conference (3d Floor Hearing Room)
May 12, 2014		Deadline for Public Comments/ Objections to Settlement due
May 13-15, 2014	9:00 a.m.	Evidentiary Hearing (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Hearing Room)
May 30, 2014		KCP&L Initial Post-Hearing Brief due
June 13, 2014		Staff and Intervenor Briefs due
June 23, 2014		KCP&L Reply Brief due
August 6, 2014		Order due

4. The Discovery Order and Protective Order issued on December 17, 2013, remains in force. All discovery issued to KCP&L shall be served upon <u>Regulatory.Affairs@kcpl.com</u> in addition to:

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5. The Commission approves the use of electronic service of all testimony, briefs, and orders, without requiring provision of follow-up hard copies as required by K.A.R. 82-1216(a)(6). Confidential papers will be served either electronically if confidentiality can be retained or by some other method such as providing information on a compact disc. Testimony and briefs must be served electronically by 3:00 p.m., on the date due, without requiring service among the parties of a follow-up hard copy, but the original and at least seven paper copies of

testimony and briefs must still be filed for use by the Commission.<sup>3</sup> Any electronic service of Commission Orders without follow-up hard copies will specifically state in the electronic message serving the Order that the electronic message constitutes service of the attached Commission Order, and that no hard copy will follow. The Commission directs electronic service of testimony and briefs include service on the Prehearing Officer at b.fedotin@kcc.ks.gov.

6. Parties' conduct and decorum are subject to the provisions of K.A.R. 82-1-228.<sup>4</sup> Counsel appearing before the Commission are bound by the Kansas Rules of Professional Conduct.<sup>5</sup> As such, all parties shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the decorum and dignity of the Commission and abide by the Commission's rules and practices.<sup>6</sup> The Commission has the statutory power to regulate its hearings<sup>7</sup> and to do all things necessary and convenient in the exercise of its duties, including prohibiting a party to appear at a hearing based on a party's improper conduct.<sup>8</sup>

7. Pre-filed documents shall conform to the requirements of K.A.R. 82-1-219.

8. The Commission's rules regarding presentation and distribution of evidentiary exhibits are described in K.A.R. 82-1-221. Absent a Commission order to the contrary, all evidentiary exhibits, including those on rebuttal, that parties intend to offer as evidence shall be pre-marked (*e.g.*, Staff's Exhibit #1).<sup>9</sup> Exceptions may only be granted if a party shows good

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> K.A.R. 82-1-215(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> K.A.R. 82-1-228(f)(1) ("The conduct of attorneys and other representatives during a hearing shall be the same as the conduct required of attorneys in the district courts of Kansas.").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> KRPC 3.5(d); KRPC 3.6; KRPC 4.1; KRPC 8.2; KRPC 8.4(c)-(e).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> K.A.R. 82-1-225; K.A.R. 82-1-228; K.A.R. 82-1-229; K.A.R. 82-1-230.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> K.S.A. 66-106.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> K.S.A. 74-602; K.A.R. 82-1-228(f)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> K.A.R. 82-1-221(b).

cause.<sup>10</sup> If the parties are represented by multiple attorneys, only one copy need be provided. PowerPoint slides or other visual aids used in opening statements shall be marked as an exhibit and entered into the record.

9. Information must conform to the requirements of K.A.R. 82-1-221a in order to be treated confidential. Specifically, a party must explain the reasons the information should be confidential and the potential harm caused by non-confidentiality.<sup>11</sup> The Commission reserves the right to poll the parties at the beginning of any hearing in order to identify potential confidentiality issues.<sup>12</sup>

10. The Commission may take administrative notice of its regulations, files, records, and orders concerning the legal arguments parties make.<sup>13</sup> The Commission may also take administrative notice of matters that are required or permitted to be judicially noticed by K.S.A. 66-409.<sup>14</sup> Instead of offering such documents into evidence, the parties may simply cite to them with sufficient detail to allow the Commission to readily locate the decision or order.

## WHEREFORE, THE PREHEARING OFFICER FINDS AND CONCLUDES:

A. The Prehearing Officer adopts the procedural schedule set forth in paragraph 3.

B. Parties have 15 days from the date of electronic service of this Order to petition the Commission for reconsideration.<sup>15</sup>

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties for purposes of entering such further orders as it deems necessary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> K.A.R. 82-1-221a(a)(5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> K.S.A. 74-602.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> K.A.R. 82-1-230(h).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

Dated: 12/26/13

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Brian G. Fedotin 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 Setting Procedural Schedule was served by electronic mail this <u>267</u> day of December, 2013, to the following parties who have waived receipt of follow-up hard copies:

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