

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

Before Commissioners: Pat Apple, Chairman
Shari Feist Albrecht
Jay Scott Emler

In the Matter of Kansas City Power & Light)
Company Seeking Commission Approval to)
Implement Changes in their Transmission) Docket No. 17-KCPE-440-TAR
Delivery Charges Rate Schedules.)

ORDER APPROVING TRANSMISSION DELIVERY CHARGE

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and determination. Having reviewed the pleadings and records and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings and conclusions:

I. BACKGROUND

1. On March 20, 2017, Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCP&L) filed an updated Transmission Delivery Charge (TDC) tariff to recover costs associated with KCP&L's transmission of electric power.¹ The tariff KCP&L filed cites to K.S.A. 66-1237 as the authority for the recovery of the TDC.² KCP&L requests the proposed TDC rates become effective on May 1, 2017.³

2. On April 10, 2017, KCP&L amended its proposed TDC.⁴ KCP&L explained the TDC true-up calculation erroneously excluded some 2016 TDC revenue, which after discussions with Commission Staff, KCP&L revised the current TDC filing to reflect the additional revenue

¹ Tariff for Kansas City Power & Light Company, p. 1 (March 20, 2017).

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ See Amended TDC Tariff for Kansas City Power & Light Company (April 10, 2017).

in the amended TDC 2016 true-up calculation and the 2017 TDC filing.⁵ The April 10, 2017, TDC filing revises KCP&L's March 20, 2017, TDC filing to reflect a correction for this inadvertent exclusion of a part of the 2016 TDC revenue.⁶

3. On April 18, 2017, the Commission granted intervention to the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) and issued a Protective and Discovery Order.

4. On April 27, 2017, the Commission issued its Order Acknowledging Effective Date in this matter permitting KCP&L's TDC, as filed March 20, 2017, and as revised April 10, 2017, to go into effect with an effective date of May 1, 2017.⁷ The Commission indicated KCP&L's TDC could be subject to further Commission review, possible changes to the charge and subject to appropriate remedies, including refunds.⁸

5. On July 24, 2017, Commission Staff filed a Report and Recommendation in this matter.⁹ Staff indicated it had performed an audit of KCP&L's TDC tariff and recommended the Commission approve the amended tariff as filed.¹⁰

II. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

6. Staffs Report and Recommendation is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference into this Order. In its Report and Recommendation, Staff reported it had performed an audit of KCP&L's TDC tariff filing and recommended the Commission approve the amended tariff as filed.¹¹

⁵ See *id.* at p. 1.

⁶ See *id.*

⁷ Order Acknowledging Effective Date of Transmission Delivery Charge Subject to Refund Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1237, p. 4 (April 27, 2017).

⁸ See *id.*

⁹ Notice of Filing of Staffs Report and Recommendation (July 24, 2017) (Report and Recommendation).

¹⁰ See *id.*

¹¹ See *id.*

7. KCP&L amended its TDC filing in this docket to reflect additional revenue that the TDC true-up calculation erroneously excluded in the March 20, 2017 filing. The April 10, 2017, amendment lowered the initial TDC request from \$41,411,808 to \$41,123,455.¹²

8. KCP&L's amended TDC request is \$41,123,455, which represents an increase of \$6,954,579.¹³

9. Any electric utility subject to the Commission's regulation may seek recovery of its costs associated with the transmission of electric power through a separate TDC included in customers' bills.¹⁴

10. An electric utility shall submit a report to the Commission at least 30 business days before changing the utility's TDC.¹⁵

11. The Commission may issue an order setting the TDC rates subject-to-refund.¹⁶

12. If the Commission subsequently determines all or part of the TDC rate does not comply with K.S.A. 66-1237, the Commission may require changes in the TDC charge and may impose appropriate remedies, including refunds.¹⁷

13. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-101 *et seq.*, the Commission is given full power, authority and jurisdiction to supervise and control electric public utilities doing business in Kansas, and is empowered to do all things necessary and convenient for the exercise of such power, authority and jurisdiction.

14. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117, a public utility over which the Commission has jurisdiction cannot make effective any changed rate, joint rate, toll, charge or classification or

¹² See *id.* at p. 1.

¹³ See *id.* at p. 1.

¹⁴ K.S.A. 66-1237(a).

¹⁵ K.S.A. 66-1237(c).

¹⁶ *Id.*

¹⁷ *Id.*

schedule of charges, or any rule or regulation or practice pertaining to the service of a public utility except by filing with the Commission.

15. The Commission finds that KCP&L is a regulated public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction and regulation. Upon review of Staffs Report and Recommendation, the Commission adopts Staffs Report and Recommendation and finds KCP&L's March 20, 2017, TDC filing and the amendment of April 10, 2017, accurately reflects the nature of the costs KCP&L incurs to provide transmission service, and KCP&L's TDC charges were calculated correctly in its amended tariffs. Therefore, the Commission finds KCP&L's TDC, as filed March 20, 2017, and as revised April 10, 2017, should be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Kansas City Power & Light Company's Transmission Delivery Charge, as filed March 20, 2017, and as revised April 10, 2017, is hereby approved.

B. Parties have 15 days, plus three days if service is by mail, from the date of service of this Order to petition the Commission for reconsideration or request a hearing, as provided in K.S.A. 77-542.¹⁸

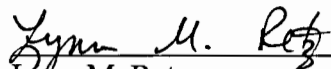
C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it may deem necessary and proper.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Apple, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner, Emler, Commissioner

Dated: AUG 15 2017

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Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission

¹⁸K.S.A. 77-537(b); K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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