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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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In the Matter of the Application of Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. for Approval to Make Changes in Its Charges for Electric Service.

Docket No. 08-KEPE-597-RTS

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JOINT MOTION FOR PREHEARING CONFERENCE

COME NOW, the Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Staff and Commission, respectively), the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB), and the Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (KEPCo), and files their Joint Motion for Prehearing Conference. In support of their filing, joint movants state as follows:

1. On December 21, 2007, KEPCo filed an application with the Commission seeking approval to increase the rates it charges for electric service by \$5,410,938 to correct a revenue deficiency. As part of its application, KEPCo discussed the need for swift treatment of its application to address harm the company may face if the revenue deficiency is not corrected. Accordingly, KEPCo provided three mutually exclusive options it believed would address the revenue deficiency: 1) interim rate relief; 2) a temporary surcharge; and 3) expedited treatment of the rate application.

2. Prior to filing the application, Staff met with KEPCo to discuss the application and the apparent need for some type of expeditious treatment. At that meeting, Staff suggested KEPCo raise the three options discussed above in the application to provide sufficient procedural alternatives because Staff could not commit to accepting one proposal over another without first reviewing the substantive filing.

3. Staff understands the concerns giving rise to the three procedural alternatives, but has not had sufficient time to conduct a thorough review of the application or the three options

provided by KEPCo. In order to provide Staff sufficient time to thoroughly review and analyze the three options and decide which option to procedurally support, Staff and KEPCo request the Commission set this matter for prehearing conference on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the three options and establishing a procedural schedule. By that time, Staff will have had the opportunity to review the application and the procedural alternatives and make a recommendation as to which way to proceed.

WHEREFORE, Staff, CURB, and KEPCo request the Commission establish a prehearing conference in this matter on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

Jason T. Gray, being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and states that he is Litigation Counsel for the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas, that he has read and is familiar with the foregoing *Joint Motion* and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Jason T. Gray, #22619 Kansas Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas

Subscribed and sworn to before me this $\frac{15t}{2}$ day of January 2008.

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My Appointment Expires: August 17,2011

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Joint Motion For Prehearing Conference was placed in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered this 15th day of January, 2008, to the following:

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