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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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In the Matter of the General Investigation into Billing Standards Related to Security Deposits))	Docket No.
for Residential and Nonresidential Cu Gas, Electric and Water Public Utilitie)	CT. GIMX- 446-GIV

ORDER ASSESSING COSTS

The above captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Commission") for consideration and decision. Having reviewed the files and being fully advised of all matters of record, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. The Commission issued an order opening the above docket to investigate Section III of the Commission's Billing Standards as it relates to security deposits for residential and nonresidential customers.

2. In the order opening the docket, the Commission made all Kansas jurisdictional gas, electric and water certificated public utilities parties to the investigation.

3. K.S.A. 66-1502(a) authorizes the Commission to assess the expenses of an investigation, opened on its own motion, against public utilities if the expenses reasonably attributable to such investigation exceed the sum of \$100. The Commission finds it will utilize members of its Staff in this investigation, and as deemed appropriate by the Commission, employ special assistants and consultants to investigate all matters connected with this proceeding. The Commission finds that the expenses reasonably attributable to this investigation will exceed \$100. The Commission concludes that the costs of this proceeding should be assessed to all jurisdictional gas, electric and water public utilities certificated in Kansas.

4. This Order constitutes notice of the assessment of costs and the assessment will begin three business days after the date this order is mailed. All gas, electric and water public utilities are hereby given notice that they may request a hearing as to the necessity of the investigation or the assessment of costs, in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act. K.S.A. 77-501, *et.seq*. and amendments thereto.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION THAT:

A. The costs of this proceeding shall be assessed to all jurisdictional gas, electric and water public utilities certificated in Kansas pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1502.

B. The parties have fifteen 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 of any issue or issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-1 18; K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

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

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BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Moline, Chr.; Krehbiel, Comm.; Moffet, Comm.

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Dated:

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Executive Director