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Kansas Corporation Commission
/S/ Susan K. Duffy

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Thomas E. Wright, Chairman

Michael C. Moffet Joseph F. Harkins

In the Matter of a Generic Investigation)	Docket No. 08-GIMX-1142-GIV
into Depreciation Issues)	

ORDER: 1) INITIATING INVESTIGATION; 2) GRANTING CURB INTERVENTION; & 3) ASSESSING COSTS

The above captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas for consideration and decision. Having examined its files and records, and being fully advised in all matters of record, the Commission finds and concludes:

- 1. On June 30, 2008, Staff filed a Motion to Open a Generic Investigation into Depreciation Issues. Attached to that Motion is Staff's supporting Report and Recommendation explaining, *inter alia*, the importance of and rationale for conducting such an investigation. Thereafter, CURB filed a petition to intervene.
- 2. At this time the Commission is only prepared to approve the opening of the docket to address the issues identified by Staff and makes all jurisdictional electric and natural gas utilities parties to this docket. These parties shall file a notice of appearance within 20 days of this order. CURB's petition to intervene is granted. Other interested parties may file a petition to intervene. Further orders setting a procedural schedule, providing for the type of pleadings, treatment of issues, etc. will follow.
- 3. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1502, the Commission finds that expenses reasonably attributable to this investigation will exceed \$100 and hereby assesses the expenses against all

jurisdictional electric and natural gas utilities. These expenses shall be assessed beginning three business days after the Commission gives the utilities notice of the assessment through service of this Order by United States Mail. These public utilities are hereby notified that they have an opportunity to request a hearing on this assessment in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedures Act, K.S.A. 77-501 *et. seq.*

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

- A. A generic investigation into depreciation issues is commenced as explained in paragraph 2 & 3 above, with further orders to follow.
 - B. CURB's petition for intervention is granted.
- C. All Kansas jurisdictional electric and natural gas utilities are made parties to this docket and shall file entries of appearance within 20 days. Other interested parties may file petitions to intervene.
- D. This is a procedural order. A party may file a petition for reconsideration of this Order within (15) days of the date of this order. If service is by mail, three additional days may be added to the fifteen (15) day time limit.
- E. 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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Wright, Chmn.; Moffet, Comm.; Harkins, Comm.

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Dated: AUG 1 3 2008

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Susan K. Duffy Executive Director