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THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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

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

Docket No. 15-KCPE-116-RTS

ORDER DESIGNATING PREHEARING OFFICER; ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION TO THE CITIZENS' UTILITY RATEPAYER BOARD

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and determination. Having reviewed the pleadings and record, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. On September 15, 2014, Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCP&L) filed its Petition Initiating Docket to make certain changes in its charges for electric service and requesting a Discovery Order and Protective Order to allow the advance audit process to commence. KCP&L requested the Discovery and Protective Order be limited to matters related to the audit of the La Cygne Environmental Project only until such time as KCP&L files its application in this docket, at which point full discovery would be permitted.

2. On September 23, 2014, the Commission granted KCP&L's request to initiate the docket and issued a limited Discovery and Protective Order.

3. The Commission may designate a prehearing officer to conduct prehearing conferences to address any matters appropriately considered in a prehearing conference, including all items listed in K.S.A. 77-517(b) of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act

(KAPA). Accordingly, the Commission designates Brian G. Fedotin, Assistant General Counsel, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, KS 66604-4027, telephone number (785) 271-3105, b.fedotin@kcc.ks.gov to serve as Prehearing Officer in this proceeding.¹ The Commission may designate other staff members to serve in this capacity.

4. On September 22, 2014, the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board CURB filed a Petition to Intervene, citing its statutory authority to represent the interests of Kansas residential and small commercial ratepayers in any utility proceeding before the Commission under K.S.A. 66-1223, *et seq.*² CURB requests permission to intervene as the rates paid by those customers will or may be affected by any Commission order or activity in this proceeding.³

5. The Commission has broad discretion to grant a petition for intervention if it is in the interest of justice, if the intervention will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings, and if the party has stated facts demonstrating its legal rights, duties and privileges, immunities or other legal interests may be substantially affected by the proceeding.⁴ Furthermore, at any time during a proceeding, the Commission may impose limitations on an intervenor's participation.⁵

6. The Commission finds and concludes that CURB has met the requirements of K.A.R. 82-1-225 and K.S.A. 77-521 and should be granted intervention in this Docket. CURB will be added to the mailing list, service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should be delivered to counsel of record, as follows:

¹ K.S.A. 77-514; K.S.A. 77-516; K.S.A. 77-551.

² Petition to Intervene, Sept. 22, 2014, \P 2, 3.

³ *Id.*, ¶¶ 5, 7.

⁴ K.S.A. 77-521; K.A.R. 82-1-225.

⁵ K.S.A. 77-521(c).

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7. In addition to counsel of record for CURB listed above, service of electronic

notices, pleadings, and correspondence should be delivered to CURB's other designees:

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THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. Brian G. Fedotin is designated as Prehearing Officer in this proceeding.

- B. The Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board is granted intervention.
- C. The parties have fifteen days from the date this order was served, plus three days

if served by mail, to petition for reconsideration.⁶

D. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties for the

purpose of entering such further orders as it deems necessary.

⁶ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Apple, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: 0CT 0 2 2014

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