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#### THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Mark Sievers, Chairman Ward Loyd Thomas E. Wright

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In the Matter of the 2011 Wolf Creek Decommissioning Cost Study as Provided by Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation on August 31, 2011 in Accordance with the Commission's Orders in Docket Number 163,561-U on December 9, 1992.

Docket No. 12-WCNE-136-GIE

#### PREHEARING OFFICER ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION TO KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. On October 5, 2011, the Commission designated Melissa Doeblin, Advisory Counsel, to act as Prehearing Officer in this proceeding. Order Designating Prehearing Officer, October 5, 2011, paragraph 2 (October 5, 2011, Order ¶ 2). Having reviewed the files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Prehearing Officer makes the following findings:

1. On August 31, 2011, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (Wolf Creek) filed its 2011 Decommissioning Cost Analysis (Decommissioning Report) in accordance with the Commission's December 9, 1992 Order in Docket No. 163,561-U which directed the filing of a Wolf Creek decommissioning cost study update every three years after September 1, 1993. Wolf Creek stated that the filing was made on behalf of Kansas Gas and Electric Company, Kansas City Power & Light Company, and Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. Wolf Creek noted that there are emerging issues concerning whether the federal government will be able to remove all spent fuel from the Wolf Creek site before the plant is decommissioned. Application, August 31, 2011 (Application).

2. The Wolf Creek site is located approximately 3.5 miles northeast of the town of Burlington, in Coffey County, Kansas, approximately 75 miles southwest of Kansas City, Kansas. Application, § 1.2. The Commission has jurisdiction over any licensee operating a nuclear power generating facility located in the state. K.S.A. 66-128*l* et seq.

3. Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCP&L) filed a Petition to Intervene with the Commission on September 28, 2011, requesting leave to intervene in this proceeding. Petition to Intervene, September 28, 2011 (KCP&L Petition). In its petition, KCP&L stated that it is a co-owner of the Wolf Creek Generating Station, and that it has an interest in this docket which cannot be represented by any other party. KCP&L Petition, ¶ 3.

4. The Commission has broad discretion to grant a petition for intervention if it is in the interests of justice, if the intervention will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding, and if the party has stated facts demonstrating its legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other legal interests may be substantially affected by the proceeding. K.S.A. 77-521(b); K.A.R. 82-1-225(b). At any time during a proceeding, the Commission may impose limitations on an intervener's participation. K.S.A. 77-521(c).

5. The Prehearing Officer finds and concludes that KCP&L has met the requirements of K.A.R. 82-1-225 and should be granted intervention. KCP&L will be added to the mailing list, service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should be delivered to counsel of record, as follows:

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6. In addition to the counsel of record for KCP&L listed above, the service of notices, pleadings, and correspondence should be delivered to KCP&L's other designee:

Mary Turner Director, Regulatory Affairs Kansas City Power & Light Company 1200 Main Street, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor Kansas City, Missouri 64105 (816) 556-2874 <u>Mary.Turner@kcpl.com</u>

# WHEREFORE, THE PREHEARING OFFICER FINDS AND CONCLUDES AS FOLLOWS:

A. The Kansas City Power & Light Company is granted intervention in the abovecaptioned proceeding. Counsel of record for the petitioner, and its other designee, shall receive service of all pleadings in this matter, as set forth above.

B. Parties have 15 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. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

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

Dated: October 12,2011

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Melissa R. Doeblin Prehearing Officer

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Prehearing Officer Order Granting Intervention to Kansas City Power & Light Company was placed in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered this 12th day of October, 2011, to the following:

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