

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Thomas E. Wright, Chairman
 Ward Loyd

In the Matter of a General Investigation Into)
KCP&L and Westar Generation Capabilities,) Docket No. 11-GIME-492-GIE
Including as These Capabilities May Be)
Affected by Environmental Requirements.)

PREHEARING OFFICER'S ORDER GRANTING KCP&L'S MOTION
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE COMMENTS

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. In its Order issued January 27, 2011, ¶ 19, the Commission designated Martha J. Coffman to act as Prehearing Officer in this proceeding. The Prehearing Officer summarizes the arguments of the parties and finds as follows:

1. Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a Petition on January 10, 2011, asking that a general investigation be opened (1) to determine how environmental upgrade requirements may affect the generation capabilities of (a) Kansas City Power and Light (KCP&L) and (b) Westar Energy, Inc., and Kansas Gas and Electric Company (collectively Westar), and (2) to establish criteria to be used when evaluating retrofit, decommission, or replacement decisions. Staff asked that the docket be opened immediately to address issues described in its Petition, that a procedural schedule be set, and that costs be assessed against KCP&L and Westar. The Commission granted Staff's Petition and, on January 27, 2011, entered an Order opening the investigation, granting intervention to the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB), and setting a schedule for KCPL, Westar and intervenors to file Initial Comments by February 18, 2011, and Responsive Comments by March 4, 2011. The Commission found it has jurisdiction over this proceeding under K.S.A. 66-101, K.S.A. 66-101b, K.S.A. 66-101g.

2. On February 16, 2011, KCPL filed a Motion for extension of time requesting a one-week extension for filing of Initial Comments and Responsive Comments due to the sudden and unexpected passing earlier that day of Curtis Blanc, KCP&L's Senior Director – Regulatory Affairs. KCPL noted that Mr. Blanc was integrally involved in preparing KCP&L's Comments and answers to questions posed in the Commission's Order. KCP&L noted that Staff and Westar did not object to its request.

3. The Prehearing Officer finds the request of a one-week extension to the deadlines for filing initial and responsive comments is reasonable in light of the sudden death of Mr. Blanc. KCP&L's Motion for an extension of time to file comments is granted. The deadlines for all parties to file comments will be extended by one week. Thus, the deadline for KCP&L, Westar, and any intervenors to file Initial Comments is extended to February 25, 2011, while the deadline for any party to file Responsive Comments is extended to March 11, 2011.

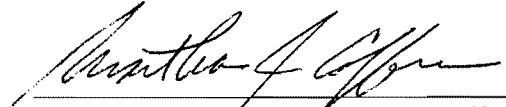
THEREFORE, the Prehearing Officer orders as follows:

(A) KCP&L's Motion for an Extension of Time to File Comments is granted. The deadline for KCP&L, Westar, and any intervenors to file Initial Comments is extended from February 18, 2011, to February 25, 2011. The deadline for any party to file Responsive Comments is extended from March 4, 2011, to March 11, 2011.

(B) 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 matter decided herein. 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.

Dated: 17 February 2011


Martha J. Coffman, Prehearing Officer

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Prehearing Officer's Order Granting KCP&L's Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments was placed in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered this 17th day of February, 2011, to the following:

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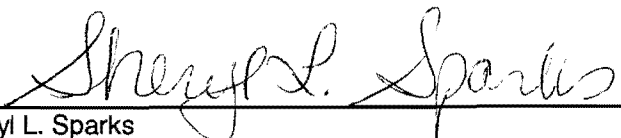
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