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Greater Missouri Operations)
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to Implement a General Rate) ER-2016-0156
Increase for Electric Service)

Daniel Jordan, Presiding
Senior Regulatory Law Judge

William P. Kenney
Commissioner

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE JORDAN: And we're on the record.
3 The commission calls the action in file number
4 ER-2016-0156. This relates to the pending tariffs
5 proposing a rate increase for KCP&L Greater Missouri
6 Operations Company which I will refer to as GMO for
7 short.

8 My name is Daniel Jordan. I'm the
9 regulatory law judge assigned to this action. I
10 preside over this and similar proceedings. My job
11 is to conduct an orderly procedure. I will
12 eventually draft an order which will go to the full
13 commission for a vote at an open meeting. Also,
14 with us tonight is commissioner Bill Kenney.
15 Commissioner?

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Thank you, Judge,
17 I appreciate it. It's nice to see everybody here
18 tonight. Again, my name's Bill Kenney. I'm one of
19 five Public Service Commissioners. We are appointed
20 by the governor and confirmed by the Senate. We
21 have a court reporter here tonight so the other four
22 commissioners will get an opportunity to review your
23 transcripts and what's spoken here tonight, so I
24 appreciate it. And I will give you a little note,
25 I've been a Lee's Summit resident since 1981 so

1 whatever decisions that we make affect me, also.

2 But thank you for being here.

3 JUDGE JORDAN: We'll go straight to
4 entries of appearance for parties. We'll start with
5 the applicant.

6 MR. HACK: For Kansas City Power &
7 Light Greater Missouri Operations Company, Robert
8 Hack. I've provided my contact information earlier.

9 JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you. And for the
10 staff.

11 MR. JOHNSON: On behalf of the staff of
12 Public Service Commission, Mark Johnson. I've
13 provided my contact information to the court
14 reporter.

15 JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you. For the
16 Office of the Public Counsel.

17 MR. OWEN: Thank you, Judge. My name
18 is James Owen. I'm the Acting Public Counsel for
19 Office of the Public Counsel and I provided my
20 information to the court reporter previous in the
21 day.

22 JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you. And any
23 intervenors?

24 MS. FINDLEY: My name is Beth Findley
25 and I'm here for Ameren Missouri.

1 JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you. Any other
2 intervenors with us this evening?

3 All right then. Let's talk about
4 testimony. The purpose of this local public hearing
5 is at least in this phase to hear your testimony.
6 That is sworn testimony, I'll administer an oath, or
7 affirmation if you prefer, just tell me, and the
8 court reporter will record what you say so that as
9 the commission referred to earlier the other
10 commissioners can review it when it's time for them
11 to make their decision.

12 If you want to testify, well, I've got
13 some names here on my signup sheet, I will call your
14 name, come on up to the podium, make sure you use
15 the mic, speak clearly, everybody wants to hear what
16 you have to say. I will get you started by asking
17 you a few questions to make sure we have the
18 spelling of your name right, your relationship with
19 the company GMO, things like that. Out of respect
20 for everyone's time do be concise. Say what you
21 want to say but try to be concise. And if you just
22 want to agree with something someone has said
23 earlier, tell us that's, that's all you have to say
24 is you agree with the previous speaker, but we do
25 want to hear that so please feel free to do that.

1 When you are done with your testimony
2 hang on at the podium for a while because the
3 parties may have a few questions, I may have a
4 question, the Commissioner may have a question, just
5 to clarify what you've said. And after that's done
6 then you'll be excused from the podium.

7 Remember that if you think of something
8 or your neighbors who are not here have something
9 they want to contribute they can contact staff or
10 the Office of the Public Counsel after this
11 proceeding is done.

12 Any questions about this phase of the
13 proceedings? Not seeing any I'll go ahead and start
14 with my list. I have my first name Allie A.
15 Robbins. Please raise your right hand.

16 ALLIE A. ROBBINS,
17 having been first duly sworn by Judge Jordan,
18 testified under oath as follows:

19 MS. ROBBINS: I am a
20 bottom-of-the-chain consumer like most everyone else
21 here. We received the utility increase as a
22 consumer, then we go out into the community and we
23 make purchases, go to the movie theater, go to Pizza
24 Hut, go to Wal-Mart, whatever it might be, and they
25 in turn pass that rate increase down to us again.

1 So how many times do we have to pay for this
2 increase? We're paying for it multiple times just
3 because we happen to be a bottom-of-the-chain
4 consumer. That's all I have to say.

5 JUDGE JORDAN: Well, thank you for
6 saying that. Questions from counsel? The Office of
7 Public Counsel.

8 MR. OWEN: Yes, thank you, Judge.
9 Ma'am, can you hear me all right?

10 MS. ROBBINS: Yes.

11 MR. OWEN: I wanted to ask you, can you
12 tell me who your electric utility provider is?

13 MS. ROBBINS: KCP&L.

14 MR. OWEN: Have you ever heard of the
15 utility provider KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations?

16 MS. ROBBINS: No.

17 MR. OWEN: Okay. Thank you.

18 JUDGE JORDAN: Questions from any other
19 counsel?

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Thank you very
21 much, ma'am.

22 JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you for your
23 testimony. The next name on my list is David Eller.
24 Would David Eller like to come up and testify? Not
25 seeing Mr. Eller I'll go on to the next name. I

1 have Paul Campo. Is there a Paul Campo?

2 MR. CAMPO: Your Honor, I'll forego my
3 testimony.

4 JUDGE JORDAN: Very good. Thank you
5 for coming by and listening. And the last name I
6 have looks like Levi Woodson is it, or Wilburn?

7 MR. WILBURN: I'll forego as well, Your
8 Honor.

9 JUDGE JORDAN: Well, that's all the
10 names I have on my list, but while we're here is
11 there anyone else who feels like giving testimony?
12 Not seeing anyone. Closing remarks.

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Just this process
14 takes a total of 11 months, and just because the
15 company makes a request does not mean that that's
16 what is the final outcome. We have several
17 intervenors like the Office of Public Counsel,
18 consumers' counsels, industrial groups, hospital
19 associations, and then we will have a hearing. I
20 think we're scheduled for seven days beginning in
21 the middle of September. That is available to watch
22 on the internet, and then after that within a couple
23 months after that we get together and hash out the
24 details. A lot of times the groups all get together
25 and present us as the Commission a stipulation and

1 agreement that they had come to an agreement and
2 that's sides representing each party. So this
3 process will play out over the next five months or
4 so. But, again, I appreciate you coming out tonight
5 and your comments and being available for us. Thank
6 you.

7 JUDGE JORDAN: And with that we thank
8 you for coming out on behalf of the Public Service
9 Commission and we will -- thank you for speaking,
10 those who spoke, and those who didn't speak thank
11 you for coming out and listening. With that we will
12 adjourn and we are off the record.

13 (The Evidentiary Hearing was concluded.)
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