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Q. Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Shawn E. Lange and my business address is Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Q. Are you the same Shawn E. Lange that filed direct testimony in this proceeding?

A. Yes, I am.

Q. What is the purpose of your surrebuttal testimony?

A. The purpose of my surrebuttal testimony is to respond to the rebuttal testimony of Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCP&L) witness George M. McCollister, PH.D, which asserts the Large Power (LP) customer class is significantly weather sensitive during the summer months and therefore should be weather normalized in this case. It is Staff's position that while the usage of the LP class increases in the summer months, it is more sensitive to seasonal changes in weather than it is to daily fluctuations in weather, and hence not appropriate for weather normalization.

Q. What types of customer are on the LP tariff?

A. As Dr. McCollister stated in his rebuttal testimony (p. 2, ln. 14), "*There are both industrial and commercial customers on this tariff.*"

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1 Q. Why does the Staff believe that the LP class billing data should not be weather
2 normalized?

3 A. There are several reasons why the Staff did not weather normalize the LP
4 class. First, this class includes the large customers that the Staff individually annualizes in its
5 case instead of applying a growth factor to. Please see Staff witness Kim Bolin's direct
6 testimony for more information regarding the annualization of the LP class. Second, the Staff
7 believes that the increase in the LP class load in the summer months is influenced more by the
8 time of the year (season) than by the day-to-day fluctuations that occur in the other customer
9 classes. Third, while the Staff believes that some customers in the LP class are weather
10 sensitive, the weather sensitive portion is a small percentage of the whole and the adjustment
11 to the class load that may be measured is within the error margin of the weather sensitivity
12 modeling. Lastly, if usage is weather normalized, the revenues for the class also need to be
13 weather normalized. Because the LP rate is complex, the weather normalization of these
14 revenues is extremely difficult, if not impossible to do correctly.

15 Q. Why doesn't Staff apply a growth factor to the LP class?

16 A. Typically, growth is applied to the weather normalized usage per customer.
17 The class usage is weather normalized and this is divided by the number of customers in that
18 class to get an average usage per customer. Growth in class usage is calculated by applying
19 an increased number of customers to the average customer weather normal usage. A more
20 detailed description of how growth is calculated can be found in the direct testimony of Staff
21 witness Bolin.

22 With that in mind, the LP tariff class contains the largest energy users and the lowest
23 number of customers. Because this small group of customers demands larger amounts of

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1 electricity and perform a variety of functions, e.g. hotels, office buildings, manufacturing,
2 hospitals, etc., it is very heterogeneous in how and when it demands electricity. As a result,
3 there is no usage that represents the average LP customer because there is not an average
4 customer. However, there may be, and usually are, seasonal sensitivities that correspond to
5 the industry of which each customer is a part.

6 Q. Do you adjust usage in order to reflect this seasonal sensitivity?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Why not?

9 A. Seasonal fluctuations need to remain in the usage because they are "normal",
10 i.e., they occur every year.

11 Q. Why does Staff believe that this class shows a seasonal response rather than a
12 weather sensitive response?

13 A. Seasonal sensitivity is when a company or industry experiences a change in the
14 amount of electricity used, because of a repeating yearly cycle. Examples of seasonal effects
15 include a July drop in automobile production as factories retool for new models and a
16 reduction in usage because motors run more efficiently in the winter when it is cooler.

17 Q. Does the LP class show seasonal sensitivity?

18 A. Yes. Schedule 1 shows the average daily usage of the weekdays in the test
19 year for a very weather sensitive class (KCP&L's residential class) and its LP class. Weather
20 sensitivity can be seen as the change in usage given a change in temperature, or the slope of
21 the load vs. temperature curve. Therefore a class that is not weather sensitive will have a flat
22 load vs. temperature curve, whereas a class with high weather sensitivity will have a steep
23 slope in the cooling season, heating season, or both (V shaped curve). The weather sensitivity

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1 in the residential class shown in the top graph is apparent because of the V shaped curve. It
2 shows a lot of weather sensitivity in the cooling season when the mean daily temperature
3 (MDT) is above 65°. In addition it shows some weather sensitivity in the heating season
4 when the mean daily temperature (MDT) is below 50°. In contrast, the lower graph shows the
5 LP class. The loads in the winter are relatively flat but there is a small increase in usage in the
6 summer. Staff contends that this increase is influenced by the season, not day-to-day
7 fluctuations in weather.

8 Q. What is the annual weather adjustment proposed by KCP&L for the LP class
9 and how does that compare with the adjustment to the residential class?

10 A. KCP&L's test year (January through December 2005) weather adjustment for
11 the LP class is -17,073 MWh, approximately -0.706% of the actual test year LP class usage of
12 2,417,751 MWh. In comparison, KCP&L's test year weather adjustment for the Residential
13 class is -71,951 MWh, approximately -2.66% of the test year actual Residential class usage of
14 2,700,920 MWh.

15 Q. Does the Staff weather normalize the LP class for any of the other electric
16 utilities?

17 A. No, it does not.

18 Q. How do you respond to Dr. McCollister's statement that: "*Any [t-statistic]*
19 *value above 2.0 is usually considered significant*" and therefore the class must be weather
20 sensitive?

21 A. Any set of values has a chance of being statistically significant in a model. For
22 example, using the random number generator in Microsoft's Excel®, I generated 365 random
23 values. When entered into KCP&L's model, a t-statistic of -2.095 was calculated for this set

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1 of values. The absolute value of this statistic is 2.095 and since it is the absolute value of the
2 t-statistic that indicates significance, this t-statistic suggests that the set of values is significant
3 in estimating the LP class usage. If all that is considered is the t-statistic of the parameter, it
4 could be said that the LP class usage is dependent upon this random number string. However,
5 this random string of numbers is obviously not at all related to the LP class's usage.

6 The t-statistic and all other statistical measures are important to consider when
7 developing a model, but all models should include a reasonableness review by the analyst.

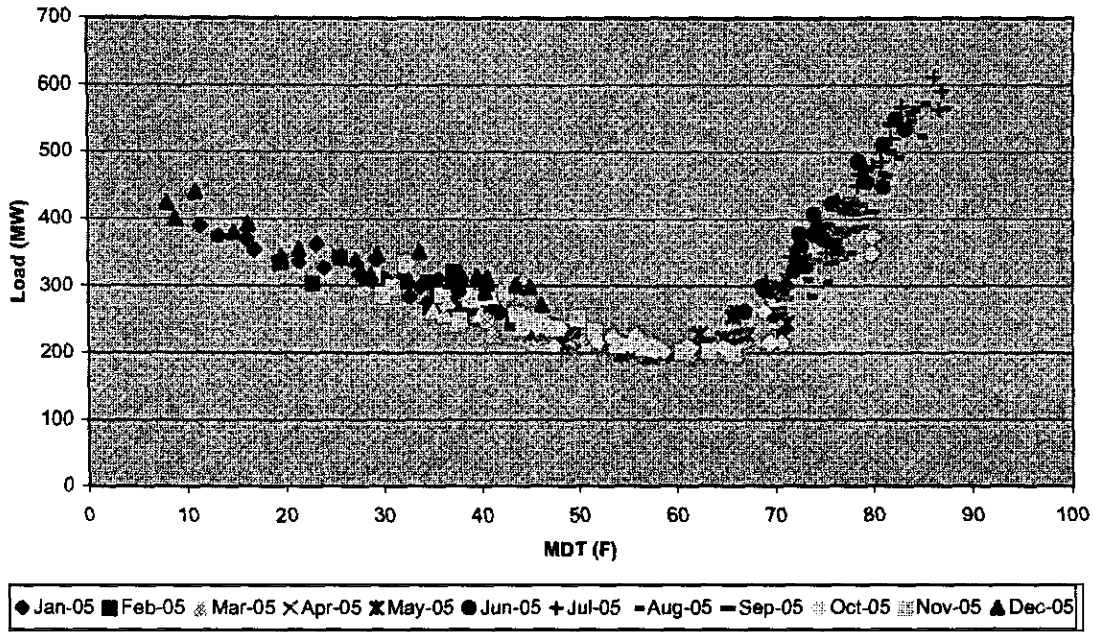
8 Q. What is your recommendation?

9 A. I recommend the Commission adopt the actual LP usage with annualization
10 adjustment as proposed by Staff witness Bolin.

11 Q. Does this conclude your surrebuttal testimony?

12 A. Yes, it does.

Average Residential Class Load vs. MDT



Average LP Class Load vs. MDT

