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**OF** 

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ON BEHALF OF TRIGEN-KANSAS CITY ENERGY CORP.

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- 2 Q. Please state your name.
- 3 A. My name is Joseph A. Herz.
- 5 Q. Are you the same Joseph A. Herz who has previously filed direct testimony in this rate
- 6 proceeding?
- 7 A. Yes, I am.

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#### 9 KCPL Proposal for Equal Percentage Increase

- 10 Q. Do you have a position regarding KCPL's rate design proposal to increase all rates by the overall percentage increase granted in this case?
- 12 A. Yes. I have previously filed Direct Testimony opposing the company's proposal to
- increase all rates by the overall percentage rate increase because doing so will effectively
- increase the size<sup>1</sup> of the general service space-heating rate discounts.<sup>2</sup> KCPL's proposal
- for an across the board increase that is equal to the overall increase of 8.3% effectively
- will *increase* the size of the space-heating discounts because as each demand and energy
- rate component is increased by the same percentage, the difference between the proposed
- general service standard tariff rates and the general service space-heating discounted rates

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As noted in my Direct Testimony, by "size" I'm referring to the difference on the energy rate charges per kWh energy between standard general service rates and the corresponding discounted dollar amount of the space-heating customer's monthly billing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The discounted all electric general service tariff rates and the provisions for separately metered space-heating rate discounts are sometimes collectively referred to herein as "space-heating rate discounts", "discounted rates related to space-heating", or simply "discounted rates".

will be increased and be larger than the difference under current rates. This is shown by Schedule JAH-1 through Schedule JAH-4.

This is inconsistent with what was done in the last case. Also, it doesn't make sense that the space-heating rate discounts should be increased in light of the "concerns" of such discounts expressed by the Commission in KCPL's last rate case. Nor would increasing the space-heating discounts appear to be consistent with the Commission's restriction of discounted space-heating rates to "existing" customers (regardless of one's definition) until there is a comprehensive class cost of service study for commercial and industrial space-heating service. Finally, KCPL's proposal to increase the commercial and industrial space-heating discounts by the overall increase would potentially establish a bad precedent for future rate filings.

Accordingly, my Direct Testimony included a recommendation that the discounted rates related to space-heating be increased more than the standard general service rates so that the discounted rates and standard tariff rates reach parity over three KCPL rate cases (i.e., this rate case and the next two KCPL rate cases).<sup>3</sup>

#### Class Revenue Responsibility Shift Proposed by MPSC Staff and DOE-NNSA

- Q. Have any parties proposed to shift revenue responsibility between rate classes?
- Yes, Direct Testimony was filed on behalf of the Missouri Public Service Commission

  Staff (MPSC Staff) and the Department of Energy National Nuclear Security

  Administration (DOE-NNSA) that would change the revenue allocation between

  customer classes such that the revenue responsibility of some classes would increase, and

  the revenue responsibility of other rate classes would decrease. The MPSC Staff

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Refer to pages 5 and 6 of my Direct Testimony for a complete listing of my recommendations in this rate case.

proposes to increase the revenue responsibility of the residential class by \$3,536,542 from the medium general service class thereby reducing the revenue responsibility of the medium general service class by that same amount (see page 2 of MPSC staff witness Mr. Watkins Direct Testimony). DOE-NNSA believes, that because of discrepancies in the relative rates of return, the revenue responsibility of the residential and street light classes should be increased and the revenue responsibilities of the three general service classes (i.e., small, medium and large) and the large power class should be decreased in this rate case and the next two KCPL rate case filings so that all rate classes end up at a uniform rate of return (see the Direct Testimony of DOE-NNSA witness Mr. Price, and Table 1 at Page 5 and Table 2 at page 10.) Schedule JAH-5 summarizes the changes in revenue responsibility proposed by MPSC Staff and DOE-NNSA for this rate case. Schedule JAH-5 includes information that DOE-NNSA has marked as Highly Confidential; therefore, Schedule JAH-5 is marked as Highly Confidential.

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15 Q. How would the overall rate increase approved by the Commission in this rate case be 16 implemented under the MPSC Staff and DOE-NNSA proposals?

As I understand their proposals, MPSC Staff and DOE-NNSA would first adjust the revenue responsibilities of each of the rate classes by the amounts shown in Schedule JAH-5 before consideration of any overall revenue increase resulting from KCPL's rate case filing. While the shifting of revenue responsibility would require rate increases for some rate classes (for example a 1.8% residential rate increase under MPSC Staff proposal), other classes would require a rate decrease (such as a 5% medium general service rate decrease under MPSC Staff's proposal). In effect, the shifting of revenue

responsibility would be revenue neutral on an overall Company basis but not on a class basis. In order to generate the additional revenue approved by the Commission in this rate case filing, it is my understanding that the MPSC Staff and DOE-NNSA proposals would then increase the adjusted revenue responsibilities of each rate class by the overall percentage revenue increase approved by the Commission. Say for example the Commission were to approve an overall 6% increase in this rate case. Under MPSC Staff's proposal, the residential class would see a 7.8% increase (6% plus 1.8% for the shift of revenue responsibility) and the medium general service class would see a 1% increase (6% less the 5% shift in revenue responsibility); all other classes would see a 6% increase. On the other hand, KCPL's proposal under this hypothetical would increase all customer classes by 6%.

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How would the rates for each rate class be adjusted under MPSC Staff's and DOE-NNSA's proposals to accomplish the proposed revenue responsibilities by rate class?

DOE-NNSA's Direct Testimony does not address how rates within each rate class should be adjusted under its proposal. MPSC Staff proposes that each of the demand and energy charge components within the rate class would be adjusted by the overall percentage adjustment for that rate class. In other words, the MPSC Staff proposal is similar to the Company's proposal in that all rates within each rate class will increase the same percentage, although that percentage may differ by rate class under MPSC Staff's shifting of class revenue responsibility proposal versus the Company's proposal for a uniform percentage increase to all customer classes. The net effect however, is that increasing the general service standard tariff rates and the general service space-heating discounted rates

within each of the general service categories (i.e., small, medium and large) by the same percentage will increase the size of the space-heating discounts which will drive the magnitude of the differential in the wrong direction. As stated in my Direct Testimony, the general service space-heating rate discounts need to be decreased, not increased, within each of the general service categories. To do so, one needs to increase the general service space-heating discounted rates by a larger percentage than the standard tariff rates within each of the general service categories.

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#### 9 KCPL's Proposed Renaming of All-Electric Tariff to Space Heating

10 Q. Is KCPL proposing any changes to the general service all-electric tariffs?

Yes. Although not addressed in KCPL's Direct Testimony, it appears KCPL is proposing to rename the general service "All-Electric" tariffs as "Space Heating" tariffs. In the last rate case, KCPL proposed to rename its general service all-electric tariffs as space heating tariffs and to increase the availability of the general service space-heating discounted rates under those tariffs to customers that were not, nor would otherwise qualify, as all-electric general service customers. Trigen opposed KCPL's proposed renaming and expansion of the availability of KCPL's general service all-electric tariffs in the last rate case, and the Commission rejected KCPL's proposal to do so in its Report and Order. While KCPL is again proposing to rename the general service all-electric tariff in this rate case filing, it does not appear that KCPL is proposing in this case to revise or expand the availability of the general service all-electric tariffs to customers that are not all-electric.

- Q. Do you oppose KCPL's proposal to rename its general service all-electric tariffs?
- Yes, I do. The availability of the general service all-electric rate discounts is to be limited only to those commercial and industrial customers:

"For electric service through one meter and <u>using only electric</u> service for all lighting, cooking, water heating, comfort space heating (except aesthetic fireplaces), comfort cooling, general purposes, and any other purposes requiring energy. The customer must have electric water heating and electric space heating equipment. This equipment shall be of a size and design approved by the Company. Electric space heating and electric water heating equipment shall be permanently installed, connected and thermostatically controlled." (Underlining added for emphasis - see Availability section of KCPL's Small, Medium and Large General Service – All Electric tariffs)

Obviously, the criteria set forth in the general service tariffs for commercial and industrial customers to be eligible for the general service all-electric discounted rates requires more than the customer having electric space heating. Renaming the general service "All Electric" tariffs as "Space Heating" tariffs would be misleading and not consistent with the Availability section of the general service all-electric tariffs.

#### 21 Conclusion

- 22 Q. Does this conclude your rebuttal testimony?
- 23 A. Yes, it does.

#### Small General Service Increase in All-Electric Rate Discounts Due to KCPL's Equal Percentage Increase

KCPL's Proposed Increase to All-Electric Rate Discounts Current All-Electric Rate Discount Proposed All-Electric Rate Discount Current Proposed Standard All-Electric Discount Standard All-Electric Discount Line: Amount Percentage Tariff Rate Tariff (d - e)(f-c)(g/c)Winter Season (8 months) Rate (a - b)Rate (f) (h) 2 (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (g) Rate for Service at Secondary Voltage 3 Energy Charge (\$/kWh) 4 First 180 hours use per month 0.08579 0.06156 0.09290 0.06670 0.02620 0.00197 8.13% 0.02423 5 0.00026 9.15% 6 Next 180 hours use per month 0.04188 0.03904 0.00284 0.04540 0.04230 0.00310 0.03904 0.04090 0.04230 (0.00140)(0.00015)12.00% Over 360 hours use per month 0.03779 (0.00125)7 Rate for Service at Primary Voltage 8 Energy Charge (\$/kWh) 9 First 180 hours use per month 0.08383 0.06015 0.02368 0.09080 0.06510 8.53% 10 0.02570 0.00202 0.00023 8.30% Next 180 hours use per month 0.04092 0.03815 0.00277 0.04430 0.04130 0.00300 11 5.69% Over 360 hours use per month 0.03692 0.03815 0.04000 0.04130 (0.00130)(0.00007)12 (0.00123)

#### Medium General Service Increase in All-Electric Rate Discounts Due to KCPL's Equal Percentage Increase

KCPL's Proposed Increase

		Current All-	<u>Electric Ra</u>	te Discount	Proposed A	<u>ll-Electric R</u>	ate Discount	to All-Electric F	late Discounts
				Current			Proposed		
Line	:	Standard /	All-Electric	Discount	Standard	All-Electric	Discount	Amount	Percentage
1	Winter Season (8 months)	Tariff Rate	<u>Rate</u>	(a - b)	<u>Tariff</u>	Rate	<u>(d - e)</u>	(f-c)	(g/c)
2		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
3	Rate for Service at Secondary Voltage								
4	Demand Charge (\$/kW-mo)	1.4190	2.0100	(0.59100)	1.53700	2.17700	(0.64000)	(0.04900)	8.29%
5	Energy Charge (\$/kWh)								
6	First 180 hours use per month	0.06300	0.04050	0.02250	0.06820	0.04390	0.02430	0.00180	8.00%
7	Next 180 hours use per month	0.03780	0.02670	0.01110	0.04090	0.02890	0.01200	0.00090	8.11%
8	Over 360 hours use per month	0.03170	0.02440	0.00730	0.03430	0.02640	0.00790	0.00060	8.22%
9	Rate for Service at Primary Voltage								
10	Demand Charge (\$/kW-mo)	1.3860	1.9650	(0.57900)	1.50100	2.12800	(0.62700)	(0.04800)	8.29%
11	Energy Charge (\$/kWh)								
12	First 180 hours use per month	0.06150	0.03960	0.02190	0.06660	0.04290	0.02370	0.00180	8.22%
13	Next 180 hours use per month	0.03690	0.02610	08010.0	0.04000	0.02830	0.01170	0.00090	8.33%
14	Over 360 hours use per month	0.03100	0.02390	0.00710	0.03360	0.02590	0.00770	0.00060	8.45%

#### Large General Service Increase in All-Electric Rate Discounts Due to KCPL's Equal Percentage Increase

KCPL's Proposed Increase

		Current All-	<u>Electric Ra</u>	te Discount	<u>Proposed Al</u>	<u>l-Electric R</u>	ate Discount	to All-Electric F	Rate Discounts
				Current			Proposed		
Line	· ·	Standard /	\ll-Electric	Discount	Standard	All-Electric	Discount	Amount	Percentage
1	Winter Season (8 months)	Tariff Rate	Rate	<u>(a - b)</u>	<u>Tariff</u>	Rate	(d - c)	(f-c)	(g/c)
2		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	<b>(</b> f)	(g)	(h)
3	Rate for Service at Secondary Voltage								
4	Demand Charge (\$/kW-mo)	2.1720	2,0100	0.16200	2.35200	2.17700	0.17500	0.01300	8.02%
5	Energy Charge (\$/kWh)								
6	First 180 hours use per month	0.05450	0.04050	0.01400	0.05900	0.04390	0.01510	0.00110	7.86%
7	Next 180 hours use per month	0.03470	0.02670	0.00800	0.03760	0.02890	0.00870	0.00070	8.75%
8	Over 360 hours use per month	0.02970	0.02440	0.00530	0.03220	0.02640	0.00580	0.00050	9.43%
9	Rate for Service at Primary Voltage								
10	Demand Charge (\$/kW-mo)	2.1220	1.9650	0.15700	2.29800	2.12800	0.17000	0.01300	8.28%
11	Energy Charge (\$/kWh)								
12	First 180 hours use per month	0.05320	0.03960	0.01360	0.05760	0.04290	0.01470	0.00110	8.09%
13	Next 180 hours use per month	0.03390	0.02610	0.00780	0.03670	0.02830	0.00840	0.00060	7.69%
14	Over 360 hours use per month	0.02910	0.02390	0.00520	0.03150	0.02590	0.00560	0.00040	7.69%

#### Small, Medium and Large General Service Increase in Seperately Metered Space Heat Rate Discounts Due to KCPL's Equal Percentage Increase

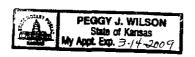
								KCPL's Prop	osed Increase
		Current Seperately Metered			Proposed Seperately Metered			to Seperately Metered	
		Space I	<u> Icat Rate</u> D	iscount	Space 1	Heat Rate D	<u>iscount</u>	Space Heat R	late Discounts
			Seperately			Seperately			
			Metered	Current		Metered	Proposed		
Line	2:	Standard	Space	Discount	Standard	Space	Discount	Amount	Percentage
1	Winter Season (8 months)	Tariff Rate	Heat Rate	<u>(a - b)</u>	<u>Tariff</u>	Heat Rate	( <u>d - e</u> )	(f-c)	(g/c)
2		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
3	Small General Service - Secondary Voltage								
4	Energy Charge (\$/kWh)								
5	First 180 hours use per month	0.08579	0.03968	0.04611	0.09290	0.04300	0.04990	0.00379	8.22%
6	Next 180 hours use per month	0.04188	0.03968	0.00220	0.04540	0.04300	0.00240	0.00020	9.09%
7	Over 360 hours use per month	0.03779	0.03968	(0.00189)	0.04090	0.04300	(0.00210)	(0.00021)	11.11%
8	Medium General Service - Secondary Voltag	ge							
9	Energy Charge (\$/kWh)								
10	First 180 hours use per month	0.06300	0.03330	0.02970	0.06820	0.03610	0.03210	0.00240	8.08%
11	Next 180 hours use per month	0.03780	0.03330	0.00450	0.04090	0.03610	0.00480	0.00030	6.67%
12	Over 360 hours use per month	0.03170	0.03330	(0.00160)	0.03430	0.03610	(0.00180)	(0.00020)	12.50%
13	Large General Service - Secondary Voltage								
14	Energy Charge (\$/kWh)								
15	First 180 hours use per month	0.05450	0.03120	0.02330	0.05900	0.03380	0.02520	0.00190	8.15%
16	Next 180 hours use per month	0.03470	0.03120	0.00350	0.03760	0.03380	0.00380	0.00030	8.57%
17	Over 360 hours use per month	0.02970	0.03120	(0.00150)	0.03220	0.03380	(0.00160)	(0.00010)	6.67%

# SCHEDULE JAH-5 THIS SCHEDULE HAS BEEN DEEMED HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL IN ITS ENTIRETY

### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Applicati City Power and Light Compa to Make Certain Changes in i Electric Service to Implemen	ny for Approval) ts Charges for )	Case No. ER-2007-0291				
Plan	)					
	AFFIDAVIT OF JO	SEPH A. HERZ				
STATE OF KANSAS	) ) ss					
COUNTY OF JEWEL )						

Joseph A. Herz, being of lawful age, on his oath states: that he has participated in the preparation of the attached Rebuttal Testimony in question and answer form and Schedules to be presented in the above case; that the answers in said Rebuttal Testimony were given by him; that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in such answers and schedules; and that such matters are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.



Joseph A. Herz

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  $29^{\frac{11}{2}}$  day of August, 2007.

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