BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company Application for Authority to File Tariffs Changing the Steam QCA for Service Provided to Customers in its Service Territory

<u>File No. HT-2011-0343</u> Tariff No. YH-2012-0339

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFF SHEET

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission), and for its Staff Recommendation To Approve Tariff Sheet states:

1. On January 26, 2012, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing* directing Staff to file is recommendation no later than February 8, 2012.

2. In the attached Memorandum (Appendix A), Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (GMO) filed on January 13, 2012, to become effective on March 1, 2012.

3. The tariff sheet reflects GMO's quarterly cost adjustment (QCA) for the fourth quarter of 2011. This adjustment is required by GMO's Quarterly Cost Adjustment Rider, which the Commission approved in Case No. HR-2005-0450, and modified in Case Nos. HR-2009-0092 and HR-2010-0028, for steam service on and after July 1, 2009.

4. Staff reviewed the tariff sheet and GMO's workpapers, and found that the quarterly cost adjustment for the fourth quarter of 2011 has been calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Quarterly Cost Adjustment Rider tariff. Staff found the tariff sheet to comply with the Commission's orders.

5. Staff has verified that GMO is not delinquent on any assessment and has filed its 2010 annual report. GMO is current on the reports as required in 4 CSR 240-20.090(10) and 4 CSR 240-3.161(5). Staff is not aware of any other matter pending before the Commission

that affects or is affected by this tariff filing. Staff's recommendation for approval of the QCA change in this case is solely based on the accuracy of GMO's calculations and is not indicative of the prudence of the fuel costs included in the QCA.

6. The Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving the tariff sheet to become effective March 1, 2012, as requested by GMO, or allow it to go into effect by operation of law.

WHEREFORE, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission recommends the Commission approve, to become effective March 1, 2012 or to go into effect by operation of law, the Tariff Sheet filed by GMO on January 13, 2012, to wit:

P.S.C. MO. No. 1

11th Revised Sheet No. 6.10 Canceling 10th Revised Sheet No. 6.10

Respectfully Submitted,

STAFF OF THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/ John D. Borgmeyer

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were served electronically to all counsel of record this 8th day of February, 2012.

/s/ John D. Borgmeyer

MEMORANDUM

- TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File Case No. HT-2011-0343, Tariff Tracking No. YH-2012-0339 KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company
- FROM: Leon Bender, Utility Regulatory Engineer I Michelle Bocklage, Rate & Tariff Examiner

/s/John Rogers 02/08/2012/s/John D. Borgmeyer02/08/2012Energy Unit / DateStaff Counsel Division / Date

- SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation For **Approval** Of Tariff Sheet To Add The Quarterly Cost Adjustment For The Fourth Quarter Of 2011 To The Quarterly Cost Adjustment Rider Of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations
- DATE: February 8, 2012

On January 13, 2012, KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (GMO) filed with the Commission one (1) tariff sheet bearing an issue date of January 13, 2012, and an effective date of March 1, 2012, to add the quarterly cost adjustment (QCA) for the fourth quarter of 2011. The adjustment is required by GMO's Quarterly Cost Adjustment Rider, which the Commission approved in Case No. HR-2005-0450, and modified in Case Nos. HR-2009-0092 and HR-2010-0028, for steam service on and after July 1, 2009.

GMO's filing included the proposed tariff sheet and workpapers consisting of four worksheets showing its calculation of the QCA for the fourth quarter of 2011.

The procedure for the calculation of the QCA for steam service sales occurring on and after July 1, 2009, is set out in Sheet Nos. 6.6 through 6.10 of GMO's tariff, which are entitled "Quarterly Cost Adjustment Rider – Steam."

Staff reviewed the data and mathematical calculations GMO provided in its workpapers and found GMO's calculations related to the fourth quarter 2011 QCA compliance tariff sheet to be correct, and that the calculations satisfy the standards set forth on Sheet Nos. 6.6 through 6.10 of GMO's tariff. The calculations are also consistent with previous GMO QCA filings.

Staff therefore recommends that the Commission **approve** the following proposed tariff sheet, as filed on January 13, 2012, to become effective on March 1, 2012, as requested by GMO.

<u>P.S.C. MO. No. 1</u> 11th Revised Sheet No. 6.10 Canceling 10th Revised Sheet No. 6.10

Staff has verified that GMO is not delinquent on any assessment and has filed its 2010 annual report. GMO is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring reports as required in

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4 CSR 240-20.090(10) and its monthly reports as required by 4 CSR 240-3.161(5). Staff is not aware of any other matter pending before the Commission that affects or is affected by this tariff filing. Staff's recommendation for approval of the QCA change in this case is solely based on the accuracy of GMO's calculations and is not indicative of the prudence of the fuel costs included in the QCA.

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AFFIDAVIT OF MICHELLE BOCKLAGE

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STATE OF MISSOURI)) ss COUNTY OF COLE)

Michelle Bocklage, of lawful age, on oath states: that she participated in the preparation of the foregoing Staff Recommendation in memorandum form, to be presented in the above case; that the information in the Staff Recommendation was provided to her; that she has knowledge of the matters set forth in such Staff Recommendation; and that such matters are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this $\underline{\mathscr{S}^{\prime\prime}}_{}^{\prime\prime}$ day of February, 2012.

SUSAN L. SUNDERMEYER Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Callaway County My Commission Expires: October 03, 2014 Commission Number: 10942086

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AFFIDAVIT OF LEON C. BENDER

STATE OF MISSOURI) ss **COUNTY OF COLE**

Leon C. Bender, of lawful age, on oath states: that he participated in the preparation of the foregoing Staff Recommendation in memorandum form, to be presented in the above case; that the information in the Staff Recommendation was provided to him; that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in such Staff Recommendation; and that such matters are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of February, 2012.

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