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

EARTH ISLAND INSTITUTE d/b/a	)	
RENEW MISSOURI, et al.,	)	
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Complainants,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. EC-2013-0379, et al.
KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT	)	
COMPANY	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

# JOINT MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND JOINT MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

Under authority of, and in accordance with, 4 CSR 240-2.080 and 4 CSR 240-2.090, and for good cause shown, Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCP&L), KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company ("GMO"), Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri"), the Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), Earth Island Institute d/b/a Renew Missouri ("Renew Missouri"), the Missouri Coalition for the Environment ("MCE"), the Missouri Solar Energy Industries Association ("MOSEIA"), Wind on the Wires, The Alternative Energy Company, LLC, StraightUp Solar, and Missouri Solar Applications (all hereafter collectively referred to as "Joint Movants"), through their undersigned attorneys, hereby move the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") for an order modifying the procedural schedule previously for the above-captioned consolidated cases. In addition, because a quick decision on the motion to modify the current procedural schedule is critical to the orderly and timely processing of those cases, the Joint Movants further move for expedited

consideration of the motion to modify the current procedural schedule. The Joint Movants state the following in support of their motions:

1. On April 9, 2013, the Commission issued its *Order Consolidating Cases*, which consolidated Case Nos. EC-2013-0379, EC-2013-0380, EC-2013-0381, and EC-2013-0382 and also its *Order Adopting Procedural Schedule*, which adopted a procedural schedule for the consolidated cases. Critical filing dates established by the *Order Adopting Procedural Schedule* included the following:

Complainants' Direct Testimony	June 28, 2013
Data Request Time Changes to 15	
Calendar Days to Respond and	
Calendar Days to Object or Notify	
Parties Additional Time is Necessary.	June 28, 2013
Respondents' Rebuttal Testimony	August 9, 2013
Data Request Time Changes to 15	
Calendar Days to Respond and	
Calendar Days to Object or Notify	
Parties Additional Time is Necessary.	August 9, 2013
Dispositive Motions	August 23, 2013
Answers to Dispositive Motions	September 6, 2013
Complainants' Surrebuttal Testimony	September 30, 2013
List of Issues, List of Witnesses, Order	
of Cross, Order of Opening Statements	October 10, 2013
Position Statements	October 15, 2013
Hearing	October 22, 2013, 8:30 a.m.
Initial Post-Hearing Briefs	November 19, 2013
Reply Post-Hearing Briefs	December 3, 2013

2. Following the filing of parties' dispositive motions and answers to such, the Joint Movants commenced discussions regarding possible changes to the procedural schedule that would change the focus of that schedule from testimony and evidentiary hearings to resolving the purely legal issues underlying the four complaints. The legal issues involved are those identified and explained by the parties' respective dispositive motions, filed on August 23, 2013 and answered on September 6, 2013.

- 3. To effectuate the change in focus referenced in the preceding paragraph, the Joint Movants respectfully request that the Commission schedule oral argument of the dispositive motions, to be held as soon as practicable. Joint Movants propose the following date(s) for oral argument on the dispositive motions: October 22, 2013, the date currently reserved for the evidentiary hearing. The Joint Movants further propose that the balance of the current procedural schedule in the consolidated cases be suspended until the Commission issues a ruling on the dispositive motions. If such a ruling fails to resolve the cases, a prehearing conference among the parties can then be convened to establish the balance of the modified procedural schedule to address the remaining issues in the complaints.
- 4. Prior to the filing of this motion, Joint Movants consulted with the other parties to the consolidated cases the Commission Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, and the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers and each of those parties has authorized the Joint Movants to represent to the Commission that those parties do not object to the changes to the procedural schedule that are proposed in this motion.
- 5. Because the current procedural schedule requires respondents to file surrebuttal testimony on September 30, 2013, there is a need for the Commission to expedite its consideration of this motion. If the Commission grants the motion, the parties can re-focus their efforts toward resolution of the legal issues that underlie the consolidated complaints through oral argument on the dispositive motions. If the Commission denies the motion, the parties can move forward with the deadlines prescribed in the current schedule. Because time is of the essence, good cause exists for the Commission to grant the request for expedited treatment. And also because no party objects to the changes to the procedural schedule proposed by the Joint Movants, expedited treatment of the motion to modify the procedural schedule should not

impose an undue burden on the Commission. Consequently, Joint Movants request the Commission to issue a decision on the pending motions by Friday, September 26, 2013, if possible.

WHEREFORE, for all of the reasons stated above, Joint Movants ask the Commission to grant the motion to suspend the procedural schedule and set oral argument in consolidated Case Nos. EC-2013-0379, EC-2013-0380, EC-2013-0381, and EC-2013-0382, to grant the request for expedited treatment of that motion, and to further grant Joint Movants such other relief as the Commission deems appropriate.

## Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that an electronic copy of the foregoing was served, via e-mail, on counsel for each of parties of record on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

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