BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations) Company's Request for Authority to Implement a) General Rate Increase for Electric Service)

MISSOURI DIVISION OF ENERGY'S MOTION REQUESTING LEAVE TO BE EXCUSED OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE TO PARTICIPATE BY TELEPHONE

COMES NOW the Missouri Department of Economic Development – Division of Energy ("DE"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Motion Requesting Leave to be Excused or in the Alternative to Participate by Telephone* ("Motion") respectfully requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") grant DE's Motion in the above-styled matter. For its Motion, DE states as follows:

1. On July 29, 2016, the Commission received an electronic filing entitled *Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement Regarding Revenue Increases Among the Various Customer Classes* ("Agreement"). The Agreement stated, amongst other things, that the signatories have reached an agreement that resolves among them, the issue of revenue increase allocations among the various customer classes. DE was a signatory to the Agreement.

2. At the August 4, 2016, pre-hearing conference, KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company ("GMO") and Midwest Energy Consumers Group ("MECG") stated that granting that request will facilitate the settlement of other issues, and asked for an expeditious ruling.

3. On August 5, 2016, in its *Order to Make Witnesses and Attorneys Available*, the Commission ordered that the signatories to the Agreement make available their witnesses and

attorneys on the issues addressed in the Agreement, or designate other witnesses and attorneys to appear for that purpose at the Commission's Agenda meeting on August 10, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

4. Due to a previously scheduled commitment counsel for DE will be out of town during the Commission's August 10th Agenda. Counsel for DE respectfully requests that he be excused from the Commission's August 10th Agenda meeting or that in the alternative the Commission allow him to participate by telephone.

5. DE has not filed testimony on the issue of revenue increase allocations among the various customer classes, but agrees with GMO and MECG that an expeditious approval of the Agreement will facilitate the settlement of other issues. Some of which include issues DE has an interest in resolving. While DE has not filed testimony on this issue DE will make a representative available at the August 10th Agenda meeting.

WHEREFORE, the Missouri Department of Economic Development – Division of Energy respectfully requests that its attorney be excused from the Commission's August 10th Agenda meeting or in the alternative that its attorney be allowed to participate by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been served electronically on all counsel of record this 9th day of August, 2016.

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