BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Kansas City Power & Light Company for)	
a Modification of Order Granting)	File No. EO-2014-0128
Variance in Case No. EO-91-224 for Good)	
Cause Shown)	

KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANYS CLARIFICATION OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCP&L" or "Company") and in response to the *Staff Recommendation to Approve Modification of Order Granting Variance* ("Recommendation") filed December 4, 2013 states:

- 1. On November 4, 2013, KCP&L filed an *Application* in the captioned matter requesting a modification to the Commission *Order Granting Variance* in Case No. EO-91-224. This 1991 order set the parameters for testing meters by KCP&L. KCP&L seeks a variance from complying with this *Order Granting Variance* as it undertakes its AMI Refresh¹ project. As part of the AMI Refresh project, virtually all of KCP&L's existing Cellnet meters in the metropolitan Kansas City area are being changed out during the 2014-2016 timeframe.
- 2. KCP&L appreciates the work of Staff in its *Recommendation* and agrees that the *Application* should be approved by the Commission. However, there are two statements in Staff's counsel's pleading which the Company believes need clarification. Page one of the *Recommendation*, numbered paragraph 1., states: "In this case KCP&L seeks to exempt <u>newly</u> <u>installed meters</u> from inclusion in the sampling during the three-year period in which they are installed, since the new meters are tested by the manufacturer and again by KCP&L before

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¹ New meters will utilize Landis+Gyr's GridStream Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI") Network. The project is referred to as the "AMI Refresh".

installation." Also, on page two of the *Recommendation*, numbered paragraph 4., the *Recommendation* states: "During that time, from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016, KCP&L requests to be relieved from complying with the requirements of the Order in Case No. EO-91-224 **for those new meters**." (emphasis added) Appendix A attached to Staff's *Recommendation* does not limit the variance to new meters.

- 3. KCP&L's *Application* request was intended to include all existing meters that are being replaced as well as newly installed meters. As stated in the November 6, 2013 *Order Directing Filing and Setting Intervention Deadline*, KCP&L "is requesting a two-year (later corrected to state "three-year") suspension of the meter testing requirement in the Commission's May 7, 1991 Order."
- 4. Since the Company is seeking relief from complying with the requirements of the Order in Case No. EO-91-224 for all meters, it requests that the Commission adopt Staff's *Recommendation* as outlined in Appendix A and state that the variance applies to all meters.
- 5. As it indicated in its *Application*, KCP&L will return to compliance with the Order Granting Variance in Case no. EO-91-224 in 2017 and beyond. KCP&L is not seeking a variance in any area of its service territory that is not included in the AMI Refresh project. In addition, throughout 2014-2016, KCP&L will continue to test meters free of charge upon the request of a customer.

WHEREFORE, KCP&L requests the Commission issue an order granting a variance from testing for all meters from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016 in the AMI Refresh project area.

Respectfully submitted,

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