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**RE: Case No.ES-99- 58 - Kansas City Power & Light, Hawthorn Station Incident**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a **MOTION TO OPEN DOCKET**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Missouri Public  
Service Commission

In the Matter of Kansas City Power & )  
Light Company Regarding an Incident at )  
the Hawthorn Station, Kansas City, )  
Missouri on February 17, 1999. )

Case No. ES-99- 581

**MOTION TO OPEN DOCKET**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for this Motion to Open Docket states:

1. The Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) has the authority to establish a docket for the purpose of receiving information from public utilities under its jurisdiction pursuant to Sections 393.130.1 and 393.140(1), (2), (3), (5), (9) and (10) RSMo (Cum. Supp. 1998). Kansas City Power & Light (KCPL) is an electric company as defined in section 386.020 (15) RSMo (Cum. Supp. 1998), and, as such, is a public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Chapters 386 and 393 RSMo (Cum. Supp. 1998).

2. KCPL provides electric service generally in the Kansas City, Missouri area.

3. On February 17, 1999, there was an explosion at KCPL's Hawthorn Station involving boiler number 5. Boiler 5 was shut down for maintenance at the time. The incident occurred at approximately 12:30 am and resulted in destruction of the boiler, as well as less substantial damage to other buildings. There were no fatalities or serious personal injuries.

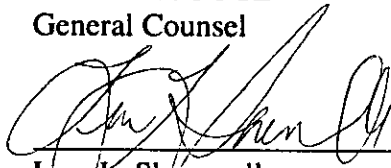
4. The Staff has initiated an investigation into the incident, but, among other things, because of the amount of debris removal involved and the extensive damage, it is estimated that it may be six months or more before the investigation is complete.

5. Staff will make a final report to the Commission in 120 days, if possible. It is likely, however, that the investigation will not be complete and a final report will not be possible at that time. In that case, an interim report will be submitted that contains as much analysis as the Staff is able to provide at that time and that gives an estimate as to the date the investigation may be complete.

WHEREFORE the Staff requests that the Commission open an investigatory docket into the February 17, 1999 incident at the Hawthorn station of Kansas City Power and Light Company.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the service list below this 1<sup>st</sup> day June, 1999.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. G. Riggins", is written over a horizontal line.

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