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RE: Case No. ES-99-581 - Kansas City Power & Light Company

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **NOTICE TO THE COMMISSION**.

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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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

NOTICE TO THE COMMISSION

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

1. The Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) established this case, pursuant to Sections 393.130.1 and 393.140(1), (2), (3), (5), (9) and (10) RSMo (Supp. 1999), for the purpose of receiving the Incident Report pertaining to the incident investigation of the February 17, 1999 Hawthorn Station explosion, involving Boiler No. 5 in which the boiler was completely destroyed.

2. Staff has pursued its investigation into the incident, but, for the reasons explained below, Staff's final report concerning the incident has been delayed.

3. According to Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL), KCPL had been investigating this explosion cooperatively with Crawford and Co. (Crawford), which is an investigator for KCPL's insurers. Crawford is investigating for the purpose of determining responsibility for the explosion and pursuing subrogation, if subrogation is appropriate. Crawford does not work for KCPL.

4. KCPL expected to write a joint report with Crawford and make that report available to Staff. KCPL had not independently begun preparing a final report. Since KCPL and its insurers

have greater resources than the Staff has, Staff relies on KCPL and/or its insurers to develop a report which the Staff would utilize in the Staff's report to the Commission.

5. Based on information from KCPL, Staff believed that a report from KCPL would be available on August 1, 2000. That was not the case. Crawford's report has been delayed pending completion of the transfer of half a million maintenance records from microfiche to CD-ROM. Crawford hired a contractor to transfer these records and the process is reported to be approximately 80% complete. Crawford does not have a date certain as to when this transfer of media will be completed, so it is no longer clear when the Crawford report will be completed. As a consequence, KCPL will be preparing a report separately from Crawford.

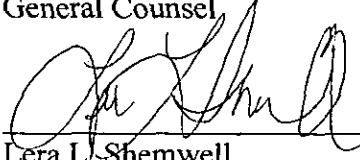
6. After meeting with KCPL representatives, Staff has been assured that a report from KCPL will be delivered no later than October 2, 2000. KCPL has hired a contractor to work on the report along with the KCPL Cause and Origin Team. As ordered by the Commission on June 25, 2000, Staff will file any report received from KCPL's or Crawford.

7. Staff will continue to work on its own investigation as much as possible until receipt of KCPL's report. Staff will file its final report to the Commission on or before January 25, 2001. Unless the Commission desires another interim report or believes an on-the-record conference involving the parties and the Commissioners would be beneficial, Staff does not plan to file further reports until the final report.

8. Staff has begun the investigation ordered by the Commission in the July 25, 2000 Report and Order in Case No. EC 99-553 concerning KCPL's safety training and procedures and whether there has been a decline in KCPL's performance over the past ten years. Staff will file that report concurrently with its final report regarding the explosion, but will file it under separate cover.

Respectfully submitted,

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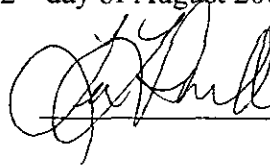


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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 22nd day of August 2000.



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