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

In the Matter of the Application of KCP&L	)	
Greater Missouri Operations Company for	)	Case No. ER-2010-0356
Approval to Make Certain Changes in its	)	Consolidated in: EO-2010-0259
Charges for Electric Service.	)	

## <u>APPLICATION FOR INTERVENTION</u> OF NORTH KANSAS CITY HOSPITAL

North Kansas City Hospital ("NKC" or "Hospital"), retail customer of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company ("GMO" or "Company") (including retail customers of the former entity, Aquila, Inc.) petitions the Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri ("PSC" or "Commission") for an order permitting NKC to intervene in this proceeding. If permitted to intervene, NKC's intervention will be as part of the Hospital Intervenors and it respectfully requests the right of Intervention and full participation permitted under applicable law. In support of its Application to the PSC for Intervention as a member of the Hospital Intervenors, NKC states and alleges the following:

1. The Hospital Intervenors currently consists of the following hospitals:

Lee's Summit Medical Center
Liberty Hospital
Research Belton Hospital
Saint Luke's East - Lee's Summit
St. Mary's Medical Center
Saint Luke's Northland Hospital - Smithville Campus

2. North Kansas City Hospital is a Missouri corporation, in good standing in all respects with its principal office and place of business located at 2800 Clay Edwards Drive, North Kansas City, MO 64116-3220. The Company is a public non-profit hospital, created for the benefit of a political subdivision under Chapter 206 of the Revised Statutes of

Missouri. The character of business is to provide hospital and related medical services. Communication and orders of the Commission are to be sent to applicant's legal counsel listed in this Application. There is no pending action, final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against NKC from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service rates, which action, judgment or decision has occurred within three (3) years of the date of the Application. No annual report or assessment fees are overdue. This Application is verified by counsel for the applicants and counsel verifies that he is so authorized.

- 3. North Kansas City Hospital, retail customer of GMO, petitions the Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri, for an Order permitting NKC to intervene as a member of the Hospital Intervenors in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of its Application for Intervention to the PSC, NKC and Hospital Intervenors state and allege the following:
- 2. By its Application dated June 4, 2010 in this Docket, GMO requested approval of the Commission to make changes to its retail electric service charges. The Company proposes increases of these charges of approximately 14.43 percent. The Company further proposes to amend the terms and conditions under which retail electric service is offered to GMO customers. The claimed reasons for the filing include additions to GMO generating capacity, specifically the latan II coal fired generation facility, and the Company's share of environmental control equipment associated with latan 1 and latan Common plant. GMO further cites increased non-fuel operating costs in support of its proposed rate increase.

- 3. North Kansas City Hospital and Hospital Intervenors are ratepayers in the State of Missouri, and are retail customers of GMO. The provision of reliable supplies of electric energy at reasonable prices, is critical to the business operations of Hospital Intervenors.
- 4. The Application of GMO, if granted by the PSC, would substantially increase the rates for retail electric energy as charged by GMO to all Hospital Intervenors, and would also change the terms and conditions of service pursuant to which GMO offers retail electric service to Hospital Intervenors.
- 5. For purposes of 4 CSR 240-2.075(2), Hospital Intervenors state that they are opposed to discriminatory pricing of electricity and related utility services, are opposed to increases that are not reasonable and are not related to prudent costs that are incurred by the utility in providing utility service, and are opposed to a utility being permitted to earn what may be an unreasonably high rate of return. Hospital Intervenors are presently unable to state their position relating to the relief sought by GMO. Hospital Intervenors are continuing to review GMO's filing and reserve the right to take positions on specific issues as this case proceeds.
- 6. Hospital Intervenors are directly affected by the described Application of GMO and their operations in the State of Missouri may be substantially impacted based on any decision by the Commission with regard to the Application of GMO.
- 7. No other party to this proceeding adequately represents the interests of North Kansas City Hospital and Hospital Intervenors in this Docket, and granting of the requested intervention to NKC will advance the interests of justice and will in no way impair the prompt consideration and resolution of this Application by the Commission.

8. North Kansas City Hospital's intervention through the Hospital Intervenors will

serve the public interest by assisting the record for the Commission's decision in this case.

9. Because of the voluminous nature and complexity of the Application in this

Case as well as the need to appropriately consider the effect of the Application on the

operation of the numerous hospitals, the present Application for Intervention has been

delayed to this time. Counsel for Hospital Intervenors has contacted counsel for the

Applicants and represented to the Commission that GMO has no objection to the

Intervention of Hospital Intervenors so long as Hospital Intervenors agree to accept the

current state of the record and orders issued in this Case prior to this requested Application

for Intervention. NKC and Hospital Intervenors state that they accept the state of the

record and all orders issued in this case prior to this requested Application for Intervention.

10. Correspondence or communications regarding this application, including

service of all notices and orders of this Commission, should be addressed to:

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WHEREFORE, North Kansas City Hospital respectfully requests Intervention, as a member of the Hospital Intervenors, with full rights of participation under applicable Missouri law, in this Proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF KANSAS )		
COUNTY OF JOHNSON )		
I, James P. Zakoura, being first duly sworn, state that the above and foregoing Application for Intervention is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.		
James P. Zakoura		
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 30 <sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.		
Notary Public		
My Appointment Expires:		
08-31-2010		
DIANE M. WALSH  STATE OF KANSAS  My Appt. Exp. 08-31-20/8		

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail this  $30^{\text{th}}$  day of June, 2010, to:

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