

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY**

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CASE NO: ES-99-581

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

Uncertified Copy:

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Kansas City Power & Light)
Company Regarding an Incident at the Hawthorn) Case No. ES-99-581
Station, Kansas City, Missouri, on February 17,)
1999.)

ORDER ESTABLISHING CASE

On June 1, 1999, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a Motion to Open Docket. Staff states that Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL) is an electric company subject to Commission jurisdiction as a public utility under Sections 386.020(15), 393.130.1, and 393.140, (1)-(3), (5), (9) and (10), RSMo Supp. 1998. Staff further states that on February 17, 1999, at approximately 12:30 a.m., an explosion occurred at Hawthorn Station's Boiler No. 5.

Staff states that no one was seriously injured as a result of the explosion, but that the boiler was destroyed and other structures were damaged. Staff states that it has initiated a formal investigation into the incident and that, due to the quantity of debris, that the investigation may require six or more months for completion.

Staff requests that the Commission establish a case for the purpose of receiving information, including an incident report relating to the incident at Hawthorn Station, and for the purpose of ordering an appropriate response to the information.

The Commission determines that a case should be established to receive information relevant to the above-described incident and to determine what, if any, action by the Commission is warranted. Thus, the Commission will establish Case No. ES-99-581.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Case No. ES-99-581 is hereby established for the purpose of receiving the Staff incident report and the response of Kansas City Power & Light Company thereto pertaining to the incident which occurred on February 17, 1999, at Hawthorn Station in Kansas City, Missouri.

2. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its incident report within one hundred twenty (120) days of the effective date of this order. If the incident report cannot be filed at that time, an interim report shall be filed.

3. That this order shall become effective on June 15, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation
of authority pursuant to 4 CSR
240-2.120(1), (November 30, 1995)
and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 4th day of June, 1999.

ALJ/Sec'y: Thompson/Pope
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Date Circulated Return by 3 p.m.
10:00 a.m.

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STATE OF MISSOURI
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson
City,

Missouri, this 4TH day of JUNE, 1999.

[Signature: Dale Hardy Roberts]
Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge