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

Sincerely,

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

# DEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of
Kansas City Power & Light Company for an
Order Authorizing the Transfer of Certain
Electrical Generation Assets Used to
Provide Electric Service to Customers in
Missouri and Other Relief Associated with
Kansas City Power & Light Company's Plan
to Restructure Itself into a Holding
Company, Competitive Generation Company,
Regulated Utility Company and Unregulated
Subsidiary

Case No. EM-2000-753

#### ORDER GRANTING LATE-FILED APPLICATION TO INTERVENE OF PRAXAIR, INC.

On September 28, 2000, PRAXAIR, Inc. (PRAXAIR) filed an application to intervene and become a party in this case. PRAXAIR's application indicates that it operates a major air liquefaction and constituent gas production facility in Kansas City, Missouri, and is a large industrial customer of Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL). PRAXAIR asserts that it has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding that is different from that of the general public and that cannot be adequately represented by any other party. PRAXAIR states that granting its request to intervene would serve the public interest.

PRAXAIR filed its application to intervene substantially after June 15, 2000, which was the date established by the Commission for intervention. PRAXAIR asserts that its delay in filing for intervention should be excused because its management operations are located in Connecticut and the relevant management personnel at PRAXAIR did not become aware of KCPL's restructuring proposals until the week of September 17. Upon becoming aware of the case, PRAXAIR took prompt steps to request

intervention. PRAXAIR also asserts that its delay in filing its application to intervene will not cause or contribute to any delay, nor will it prejudice or harm any party.

4 CSR 240-2.080(16) provides that a party is allowed not more than ten days from the date of filing to respond to any pleading unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. No party has filed a response to PRAXAIR's application to intervene.

The Commission has reviewed the application to intervene filed by PRAXAIR and finds that it is in compliance with Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(4) and that PRAXAIR has an interest in this matter that is different from that of the general public. The Commission also finds that PRAXAIR has shown good cause to grant it intervention out of time. The Commission concludes that the PRAXAIR's application for intervention should be granted.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That PRAXAIR, Inc.'s Late-Filed Application to Intervene is granted.
  - 2. That this order shall become effective on October 21, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Morris L. Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 11th day of October, 2000.

## **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 11th day of Oct. 2000.

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge