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1 **Q: Please state your name and business address.**

2 A: My name is Kevin Countryman. My business address is 2800 Rockcreek Parkway,
3 Kansas City, MO 64117.

4 **Q: By whom and in what capacity are you employed?**

5 A: I am employed by Cerner Corporation as Senior Facility Manager.

6 **Q: What are your responsibilities?**

7 A: My general responsibilities include all facilities related operational functions for Kansas
8 City area owned and leased properties, support of national and global leased properties
9 and construction management for Cerner Corporation.

10 **Q: Please describe your education, experience and employment history.**

11 A: High school graduate with multiple industry specific certifications. I have been involved
12 in property operations and management on multiple levels for 27 years. 10 years in
13 Kansas City for Cerner Corporation and 17 years in high rise commercial property
14 management in Minneapolis Minnesota. More than half of this time has involved energy
15 related responsibilities including rate negotiations, energy management, and energy
16 efficiency review.

17 **Q: Have you previously testified in a proceeding at the MPSC or before any other**
18 **utility regulatory agency?**

19 A: No, I have not.

1 **Q: What is the purpose of your testimony?**

2 A: The purpose of my testimony is to describe the impact on my company of the
3 Commission's decision to limit the availability of KCPL's general service all-electric
4 tariffs and separately-metered space heating rates ("All-Electric/Space-Heating Rates") to
5 those customers receiving service under that rate as of January 1, 2008.

6 **Q: Was your company receiving electric service under KCPL's All-Electric/Space-**
7 **Heating Rates on January 1, 2008?**

8 A: Yes, it was

9 **Q: Absent the Commission's decision to limit the availability of KCPL's All-**
10 **Electric/Space-Heating Rates would your company qualify for such rates?**

11 A: Yes, we would. In fact, we made financial decisions based on our qualification for
12 KCPL's All-Electric/Space-Heating Rates.

13 **Q: Please describe the financial decisions or commitments your company made based**
14 **upon the assumed availability of KCPL's All-Electric/Space-Heating Rates.**

15 A: Based upon previous successful projects of this nature and a recognized savings impact,
16 we completed a specific study to prove savings between an all electric rate and
17 gas/electric service when designing a daycare facility near our new South Campus.
18 Based on this study, it was decided to remove existing gas service, re-size existing
19 electrical service based on the outcome of this information. Decisions were also made in
20 equipment selection and type of equipment based on this assumed service rate. This
21 change will also cause us to re-assess future decisions of this nature since the all electric
22 rate has become a standard to work towards based on multiple projects previously
23 completed.

1 **Q: Has revoking the availability of KCPL's All-Electric/Space-Heating Rates altered**
2 **the financial impact of your commitments?**

3 A: Yes, it has. As stated, the current example is a company daycare facility. The daycare is
4 provided as a service to Associates working for the company and Associates pay a cost of
5 operation of the daycare. The remaining costs are absorbed by the company as overhead
6 expense which is a financial impact company wide.

7 **Q: What would you recommend that the Commission do?**

8 A: The Commission should grant KCPL's request for a waiver to permit my company to
9 receive service under KCPL's All-Electric/Space-Heating Rates. In this particular case,
10 KCPL inadvertently missed this rate commitment prior to end of 07 even though service
11 was in place and as a result we are paying a penalty for this mistake. It is further
12 recommended that an all electric rate credit be applied retroactive to the promised service
13 start date.

14 **Q: Does this conclude your testimony?**

15 A: Yes, it does.