

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

Midwest Energy Consumers Group,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	File No. EC-2017-0107
	)	
Great Plains Energy, Inc.	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION**

Issue Date: November 9, 2016

Effective Date: November 9, 2016

The complaint charges that Great Plains Energy, Inc. (“Great Plains”) violated an order of the Commission. The order at issue required Great Plains to request approval before acquiring a public utility.<sup>1</sup> The complaint alleges that Great Plains failed to comply with that order in regards to the impending acquisition of Westar Energy, Inc., by Great Plains.

Consumers Council of Missouri (“Consumers Council”) filed a timely application to intervene (“motion”).<sup>2</sup> The Commission received no response within the time set by regulation.<sup>3</sup> The Commission’s regulation on intervention includes the following standard:

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<sup>1</sup> File No. EM-2001-464, *In the Matter of the Application of Kansas City Power & Light Company for an Order Authorizing its Plan to Reorganize Itself Into a Holding Company Structure*, Electronic Filing Information System (“EFIS”) No. 36 (August 15, 2001), *Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement and Closing Case*, page 13 paragraphs 3 to 4. That action is filed in EFIS under File No. EM2001464xxx. All other citations to EFIS refer to this File No. EC-2017-0107.

<sup>2</sup> Electronic Filing Information System (“EFIS”) No. 3 (October 23, 2016) *Application to Intervene by the Consumers Council of Missouri*.

The commission may grant a motion to intervene . . . if—

(A) The proposed intervenor . . . has an **interest** which is **different** from that of the general public and which may be **adversely affected** by a final order arising from the case; or

(B) Granting the proposed intervention would serve the **public interest**.<sup>4</sup>

Emphasis added.

The motion alleges that Consumers Council educates, advocates for, and empowers residential electric customers.<sup>5</sup> That allegation describes an interest different from the general public. The motion also argues that Consumers Council's intervention on behalf of residential electric customers will enhance a just, reasonable, and transparent review of the merger,<sup>6</sup> which describes a furtherance of the public interest. Therefore, the Commission will grant the motion.

#### **THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The *Application to Intervene by the Consumers Council of Missouri* is granted.

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<sup>3</sup> 4 CSR 240-2.080(13).

<sup>4</sup> 4 CSR 240-2.075.

<sup>5</sup> EFIS No. 3 (October 23, 2016) *Application to Intervene by the Consumers Council of Missouri*, first page, paragraph 1.

<sup>6</sup> EFIS No. 3 (October 23, 2016) *Application to Intervene by the Consumers Council of Missouri*, page 2, paragraph 4.

2. This order shall be effective when issued.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



*Morris L Woodruff*

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and  
Coleman, CC concur.

Daniel Jordan, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,

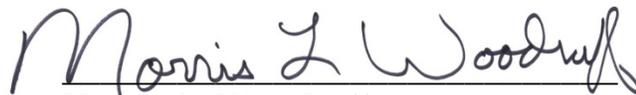
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**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016.



  
Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).**

*Sincerely,*



**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

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