BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)	
Great Plains Energy Incorporated, Kansas)	
City Power & Light Company, and KCP&L)	Case No. EE-2017-0113
Greater Missouri Operations Company for)	
a Variance from the Commission's Affiliate)	
Transaction Rule, 4 CSR 240-20.015)	

OPPOSITION OF JOINT APPLICANTS TO SIERRA CLUB'S APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

Great Plains Energy Incorporated ("GPE"), Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCP&L"), and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company ("GMO") (collectively, "Joint Applicants") state the following in opposition to the Application to Intervene of Sierra Club ("Sierra Club"):

- 1. Sierra Club's Application to Intervene fails to set forth facts required by Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075 ("Intervention Rule") that would allow the Commission to grant its request.
- 2. Sierra Club has failed to state facts demonstrating that it "has an interest which is different from that of the general public and which may be adversely affected by a final order" in this proceeding. Such facts are required by Subsection (3)(A) of the Intervention Rule. Sierra Club's unverified application presents no facts indicating what specific interest Sierra Club may have in this particular proceeding which is different from that of the general public.
- 3. The Joint Applicants recognize that Sierra Club and its members are interested in environmental protection and the "investments in efficiency and renewable energy" made by the Joint Applicants. See Sierra Club Intervention Application, ¶¶ 2, 4. However, the Application filed by the Joint Applicants does not seek to modify any of the commitments that KCP&L and GMO have made regarding these issues, or to change any of the rates, terms or conditions of

service under which they operate. Consequently, there is no basis for the Commission to conclude that Sierra Club's interest is any different from that of the general public.

- 4. Secondly, Sierra Club has failed to demonstrate under Subsection (3)(A) of the Intervention Rule that it has any interest "which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case." The Stipulation and Agreement ("Stipulation") agreed to by the Joint Applicants and the Staff of the Commission ("Staff") proposes to resolve issues raised by the Joint Application which seeks a limited variance from the Commission's Affiliate Transactions Rule. Given that nothing proposed in the request of the Joint Applicants or in the Stipulation agreed to by the Joint Applicants and Staff would cause a change to any rate, tariff or charge of KCP&L or GMO, or to modify any of their environmental commitments, Sierra Club's interests will not be adversely affected by a final order in this matter.
- 5. Finally, Subsection (3)(B) of the Intervention Rule states that intervention may also be granted by the Commission if it "would serve the public interest." Sierra Club presents no facts showing why its intervention would serve the public interest. Because Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel will be full participants in this proceeding, there is no reason for the Commission to grant Sierra Club intervention in this proceeding.
- 6. To the extent that the Sierra Club wishes to continue its involvement in efficiency and renewable energy issues, those matters, as well as other issues related to the rates charged to customers and the tariffs under which they take service will be decided in future general rate cases filed by KCP&L and GMO in which the Sierra Club would have an opportunity to intervene.

WHEREFORE, the Joint Applicants request that the Commission deny the Application to Intervene of the Sierra Club as it has failed to make the proper showing under 4 CSR 240-2.075(3).

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