

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 21st day of
December, 2016.

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

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO INTERVENE OUT OF TIME

Issue Date: December 21, 2016

Effective Date: December 21, 2016

On October 12, 2016,¹ Great Plains Energy Incorporated (GPE), Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCP&L), and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (GMO) (collectively, the Joint Applicants) filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking a limited variance or waiver from Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.015 regarding certain affiliate transactions that will occur between the KCP&L, GMO, and Westar operating companies after GPE completes its merger with Westar Energy, Inc. The Commission established October 26 as the date by which applications to intervene should be filed. Several entities filed timely applications and were allowed to intervene.

On December 7, the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission (MJMEUC) filed an application to intervene out of time. The motion explains that MJMEUC acted to intervene promptly after it learned that this matter would be a contested case and represents that it will accept the record as it currently stands. MJMEUC further represents that no party

¹ All dates are in 2016.

to this matter will be impacted or prejudiced by the granting of its application to intervene. On December 9, the Joint Applicants filed in opposition to MJMEUC's application to intervene. MJMEUC replied to that opposition on December 13.

Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(3) provides that the Commission may grant an application to intervene if it finds that the proposed intervenor has an interest in the case that differs from that of the general public and that may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case. In the alternative, the Commission may grant an application to intervene if it finds that granting the intervention would serve the public interest. In addition, 4 CSR 240-2.075(10) provides that the Commission may grant late-filed applications to intervene upon a showing of good cause.

After reviewing MJMEUC's application to intervene, the Commission concludes that MJMEUC has an interest in the case that differs from that of the general public in that it represents the interest of municipal electrical systems directly imbedded in KCP&L/GMO's transmission system that take transmission through SPP and municipal electrical systems that have wholesale power contracts with KCP&L/GMO. In addition, MJMEUC owns a share of the Iatan 2 power plant along with KCP&L/GMO. The Commission further finds that granting intervention will serve the public interest. MJMEUC has shown good cause for its delay in applying to intervene in that the scope and contested nature of this case was not immediately apparent. MJMEUC's application to intervene will be granted.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Application to Intervene Out of Time by the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission is granted.

2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law

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 21st day of December 2016.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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