

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of)
Pro Builders since 1994 LLC)
for Change of Electric Supplier)

File No. EO-2019-0061

STAFF RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER REQUESTING ADDITIONAL TIME

COMES NOW Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through Staff Counsel’s Office, and files its Response to the October 2, 2018, Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) Order Directing Notice, Adding Parties, And Directing Responses To Application requesting that the date for filing its recommendation be extended to November 15, 2018. On October 2, 2018, the Commission, directed Staff to file its recommendation no later than Thursday, November 1, 2018, the same date for which it directed Kansas City Power & Light Company (“KCP&L”) and Platte-Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“Platte-Clay”) to file responses no later than. In response to said Order, Staff states as follows:

1. On September 4, 2018, Pro Builders since 1994 LLC (“Pro Builders”) filed an Application with the Commission requesting that its electric supplier be changed from Kansas City Power & Light Company (“KCP&L”) to Platte-Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“Platte-Clay”). On September 6, 2018, the Commission issued a *Notice of Deficiency* to Pro Builders.

2. On September 28, 2018, Pro Builders filed a corrected Application. The Commission made KCP&L and Platte-Clay parties to the proceeding and directed that each file a response to the Application for change of supplier no later than November 1, 2018. The Commission also directed that Staff should file its recommendation no later than November 1, 2018.

3. On October 9, 2018, the Commission received the Response Of Platte-Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc. To Application Of Pro Builders Since 1994, LLC. Platte-Clay stated that, after meeting with Pro Builders on or about October 5, 2018 and being fully informed of the desired size of service requested, a revised cost estimate of \$9,055.00 of providing service was provided to Pro Builders. Platte-Clay affirmed that it anticipates construction of such three-phase service would take approximately four weeks; it has existing three-phase power routed across Pro Builders' property and along 45 Highway and that is capable of providing the three-phase service desired by Pro Builders; and if Pro Builders' Application is approved, Platte-Clay has sufficient ability to become Pro Builders' electric supplier.

4. As previously related, Staff has until November 1, 2018, to provide a recommendation, and KCP&L has until November 1, 2018, to provide a response to the Application. Typically, Staff is directed to file a recommendation after the date the two utilities file their responses to the Application for a change of electric suppliers. Before Staff renders a recommendation to the Commission, Staff would like to see KCP&L's responses to the representations made in the Applicant's Change of Electric Service Provider Application regarding KCP&L's cost to serve the Applicant; the amount of time it would take KCP&L to provide service to the Applicant; whether KCP&L is willing to forego serving the Applicant, which would be a customer in KCP&L's service territory; and on what basis KCP&L would be willing to forego serving the Applicant. Thus, Staff requests that the date for the filing of its recommendation be extended to November 15, 2018.

5. The Staff notes that Pro Builders' in its Application identified KCP&L as its current provider of one-phase service and its potential provider of three-phase service other than Platte-Clay. Based upon Pro Builders' location, Staff believes that Pro Builders is

actually a customer of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company ("GMO").

WHEREFORE Staff of the Commission files its Response to the October 2, 2018, Commission Order Directing Notice, Adding Parties, And Directing Responses To Application and requests that the date for filing its recommendation be extended to November 15, 2018.

Respectfully submitted

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record in File No. EO-2019-0049 this 1st day of November, 2018.

/s/ Steven Dottheim