

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Kansas City Power & Light)
Company's Request for Authority to) **File No. ER-2016-0285**
Implement a General Rate Increase for)
Electric Service)

**SIERRA CLUB REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED FROM PORTIONS OF THE
EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

Sierra Club, by and through counsel, respectfully requests to be excused from portions of the evidentiary hearing in this case currently scheduled to begin on February 6, 2017.

As reflected in its testimony filed in this docket, Sierra Club has only taken a position on two discrete issues – Rate Design/Class Cost of Service (Issue XXI) and Clean Charge Network (Issue XXII) – and on those closely related Commission Raised Issues (Issue I(B) and I(C)) which are scheduled to be heard in tandem at the evidentiary hearing. Issues XXI and XXII are currently scheduled to be taken up on February 22 and 23. Sierra Club respectfully requests to be excused from those portions of the hearing that it deems to be not material to advancing its position. Sierra Club further respectfully requests that its counsel be excused from entering an appearance until such time as they appear to present testimony from and/or cross-examine witnesses on the aforementioned issues.

In addition, Sierra Club respectfully requests that its counsel be allowed to make brief opening statements on February 22, 2017 (concerning Issues I(C) and XXI) and

February 23, 2017 (concerning Issues I(B) and XXII). The brief opening statements would be intended to summarize and explain Sierra Club's position with respect to the noted issues. In the alternative, if its request for delayed opening statements with respect to Issues I(B), I(C), XXI, and XXII is denied, Sierra Club will waive its right to make an opening statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct PDF version of the foregoing was filed on EFIS and electronically mailed to all counsel of record on this 2nd day of February, 2017.

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