BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Kansas City Power & Light Company's Request for Authority to Implement A General Rate Increase for Electric Service) File No. ER-2012-0174) Tracking No. YE-2012-0404)
and	
In the Matter of)
KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company's) File No. ER-2012-0175
Request for Authority to Implement) Tracking No. YE-2012-0405
General Rate Increase for Electric Service	j

ORDER SETTING SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

Issue Date: April 19, 2012 Effective Date: April 19, 2012

The Missouri Public Service Commission is setting a conference to discuss certain matters related to the *Proposed Procedural Order*¹ ("motion").

The motion is unopposed by any party, includes the only proposed order that the Commission received within the time prescribed,² and plainly contemplates the scheduling challenges of the concurrent litigation in File No. ER-2012-0166. In File No. ER-2012-0166, the evidentiary hearing will occur in the last full week of September and the first two weeks of October. Immediately following those weeks are the two weeks for the evidentiary hearing in this action as currently scheduled.

Nevertheless, the motion proposes to schedule certain crucial items in the four business days immediately before the evidentiary hearing, which may seriously reduce the usefulness of those items. Those items include lists of issues, reconciliations, the

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¹ Filed by Staff on March 13. All dates are in 2012.

² Order dated February 28.

deadline for serving data requests, a discovery conference, and position statements. For example, as proposed, parties must file lists of issues before responses to data requests are due, and those responses are due on the third day of the evidentiary hearing.

The resolution of those matters could occur through an order departing from the motion's proposal, a motion to amend the schedule, and further orders. But these matters involve multiple interconnected considerations, on several sides, and so are unsuited to a conversation on paper. The conversation on these matters is better suited to a conference.

Therefore, the Commission will convene a conference to explore alternatives before ordering a procedural schedule.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. On April 24, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., the Commission will convene a conference, as described in the body of this order, in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. That building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person requiring additional accommodations to participate in any hearing shall call the Missouri Public Service Commission's Hotline at 800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.
- 2. The conference shall be on the record and transcribed. Any party may participate in any conference by telephone. Any party participating by telephone shall call 526-5712 or 866-630-9350 at the time set for the conference.

3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

(SEAL)

Steven C. Reed Secretary

Daniel Jordan, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 19th day of April, 2012.