# 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.

Case No. ER-2012-0174

In the Matter of KCP&L Greater Missouri ) Operations Company's Request for Authority ) to Implement General Rate Increase for ) Electric Service.

Case No. ER-2012-0175

# SECOND COMPLAINT REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission

("Commission") and, pursuant to the Commission's April 26, 2012, Order Consolidating

Cases for Hearing and Setting Procedural Schedule, and Amended Notice of Hearing,

states as follows:

1. On April 26, 2012, the Commission ordered, *inter alai*, that:

The Commission's Consumer Services Department shall prepare a report identifying and describing all complaints, formal or informal, filed against Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCPL") or KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company ("GMO") (together, "companies") or both. The First Complaint report shall address the period between approval of the companies' last rate increase through the filing this action. The Second Complaint Report shall address the period beginning with the filing of this action through filing of the Second Complaint report.

2. Such Second Complaint Report has been prepared, and is attached

hereto as Appendix A.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits, on behalf of certain parties, this

Second Complaint Report in compliance with the Commission's April 26, 2012, order.

Respectfully submitted,

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission

### <u>/s/ Sarah Lynne Kliethermes</u>

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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 this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

<u>/s/ Sarah Kliethermes</u>

## **REPORT OF THE STAFF**

- TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File Case No. ER-2012-0174 and ER-2012-0175
- FROM: Carol Gay Fred, Consumer Services Manager
- DATE: September 12, 2012

## <u>/s/ Carol Gay Fred / 09/13/12</u> /s/ Sarah Kliethermes/ 09/13/12 Consumer Services Department/Date Staff Counsel's Office/Date

On April 26, 2012, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued an *Order Consolidating Cases for Hearing and Setting Procedural Schedule, and Amended Notice of Hearing ("Order")*. The *Order* includes that, "[n]o later than September 13, 2012, the Commission's Consumer Services Department shall file its second report that identifies and describes all consumer complaints, formal and informal filed against Kansas City Power & Light Company ('KCPL') or KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company ("GMO") (together, "companies") or both.

## Executive Summary

KCP&L has a total of 270,171 customers and GMO has a total of 309,206 customers for a total combined number of 579,377 customers. The Commission's Consumer Services Unit (CSU) has received a total of 176 informal complaints, 7 inquiries, no formal complaints, and 260 quick hits for the companies combined since the May 15, 2012 through September 9, 2012.

Informal complaints are those complaints received by Staff that require communication between the utility and the customer, in an attempt to resolve the matter within the Commission Rules/Regulations and the utilities' Commission-approved tariff. An example of an informal complaint is where a customer calls upset with a high bill and would like to have their meter tested and an extension of time to make payment on their account.

Formal complaints are generally informal complaint that Staff has been unable to resolve to the customer's satisfaction, even after communication with the utility. Therefore, the consumer is advised of their opportunity to appeal their complaint through the Commission's formal complaint process in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.070.

Quick hits are any phone or electronic contact from an external entity that is referred to another agency or transferred to another MPSC staff member where the communication does not result in a complaint, inquiry or public comment and is provided education where able. An example of a quick hit is where a customer calls the Commission's hotline and inquires how many days does a company have to turn on new service or would like the utility to send out a disconnect notice for the full amount due on the account.

Inquiries are consumer contacts with Staff whereby Staff has been able to respond to the customer's inquiry and has been able to satisfy the customer's inquiry without the need to communicate with the utility. An example of an inquiry is where a customer calls the Commission's hotline and requests information regarding a late charge that appears on their bill or ask what is the current rate the utility can charge.

Commission complaints are generally broken down into five distinct complaint issues/categories: 1) Billing, 2) Rates and Tariff, 3) Rules and Regulations, 4) Service Quality and 5) Other Miscellaneous. Within those five categories there are a number of sub-complaint issues/categories that identify the complaint issue more specifically. In addition, there is a complaint resolution code that generally describes the resolution.

Informal complaints are generally considered confidential information given the consumer specific account information related to the complaint. For this reason consumer complaints are not available to the public. However, the Commission in its Order not only asked to identify consumer complaints but asked that Staff to describe all consumer complaints filed against KCPL and GMO. For this purpose Staff has created the attached matrix, Attachment A, that identified and describes all consumer complaints, broken out by company and demonstrates the general resolution for each type of complaint sub-issue/category.

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# **Overall Summary**

KCPL - Time Period from last rate case May 15 - Septebmer 9, 2012 GMO - Time Period from last rate case May 15 - Septebmer 9, 2012

	Number of	Informal						Formal	
Company	Customers	Complaints	Percentage	Inquiries	Percentage	Quick Hits	Percentage	Complaints	Percentage
KCPL	270,171	113	0.00041825	6	0.0000222	230	0.0008513	0	0
KCP&L-GMO	309,206	63	0.00020375	1	0.0000032	30	0.000097	0	0
	579,377	176		7		260		0	

# ER-2012-0174 KCPL

## **Informal Complaint Summary**

Billing	20
Rates/Tariff	0
Rules/Regulations	85
Service Quality	7
Other Misc.	1
Total	113

## **Complaint Sub-Issue**

### Billing

Auto-Pay	1
Billing in General	2
Budget Plan	3
Disputed Bill	3
High Bill	5
Rebill	4
Refunds	1
Transferred Bill	1
Total	20

#### Rates/Tariff

NONE	
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#### **Resolution Generally Found:**

Billing Sustained According to MPSC Rule 4 CSR 240-13 Education/Educational Material Provided Utility Resolved

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#### **Rules/Regulations**

Denial of Service	24
Discontinuance of Service	46
Discontinuance/Unauthorized Use	2
Discontinuance/Bill	12
Discontinuance/Deposit	1
Total	85

#### Service Quality

Safety	1
Installation Delay	2
Delay Restoral	1
Repair Service	1
Outages	2
Total	7

### **Other Miscellaneous**

Tree Trimming	1
	1

#### **Resolution Generally Found:**

Utility in Compliance with Tariff and/or Rules & Regulations CWR Payment Arrangement Reached Extension Granted Requested Service Provided

### **Resolution Generally Found:** Utility Resolved

**Resolution General Found:** 

Utility Resolved Matter

# ER-2012-0175 GMO

### **Informal Complaint Summary**

Billing	16
Rates/Tariff	2
Rules/Regulations	38
Service Quality	5
Other Misc.	2
Total	63

## **Complaint Sub-Issue**

### Billing

Billing in General	3
Budget Plan	3
Disputed Bill	3
High Bill	4
Rebill	2
Transferred Bills	1
Total	16

#### Rates/Tariff

Rates in General	2
Total	2

## Resolution Generally Found: Billing Sustained Billing Adjustment Given Utility in Complainance w/Tariff and/or Rules & Regulations

**Resolution Generally Found:** Utility Resolved

# ER-2012-0175 GMO

### **Rules/Regulations**

Denial of Service	10
Discontinuance of Service	24
Discontinuance of Service-Bill	4
Total	38

#### Service Quality

Low or High Voltage	1
Service in General	1
Service Outages	2
Street Lighting	1
Total	5

#### **Other Miscellaneous**

General Information	1
Possible Complaint	1
Total	2

### **Resolution Generally Found:**

Billing Sustained Requested Service Provided Utility in Compliance with Tariff and/or Rules & Regulations

### **Resolution Generally Found:**

Educational/Information Provided Utility Has Scheduled Repairs Utility Resolved Matter

#### **Resolution Generally Found:**

Utility in Compliance with Tariff and/or Rules & Regulations