## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of an Investigation of the Cost to	)
Missouri's Electric Utilities Resulting from	) File No. EW-2012-0065
Compliance with Federal Environmental Regulations	)

## PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: August 18, 2014 Effective Date: August 18, 2014

The Commission established this working case to consider the potential impacts of current and future Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rules on the reliability and cost of the electric generation plant operated by Missouri's electric utilities. To that end, the Commission directed Missouri's investor-owned electric utilities to answer certain questions in writing by August 25, 2014. On August 15, Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCP&L) and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (GMO) filed a motion asking the Commission to issue a protective order. KCP&L and GMO explain that some of its responses to the Commission's questions will contain proprietary or highly confidential information that will need to be protected from public disclosure.

The Commission's rule regarding confidential information, 4 CSR 240-2.135, generally allows for the designation of discovery and testimony as confidential without the need for a protective order. Since KCP&L and GMO's responses to the Commission's questions would be neither discovery nor testimony, they would not fall within the general provision of the rule. Fortunately, the rule contemplates this situation through subsection (2), which allows for the issuance of a protective order to bring the information within the protections of the rule. KCP&L and GMO's motion complies with the procedural

requirements of the Commission's rule, and the Commission finds that the issuance of a protective order is appropriate.

The Commission wants to hear from all stakeholders and does not want the need to protect confidential information to be a barrier to full responses from any stakeholder. Therefore, the Commission will issue a protective order that will protect confidential information that may be submitted by any stakeholder.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.135(2), the Commission establishes a protective order to allow any stakeholder to designate any information they file in this working case as proprietary or highly confidential. Any information so designated shall be protected from disclosure as set out in sections (3)-(22) of Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.135.
  - 2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.