

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations ) File No. ER-2016-0156  
Company's Request for Authority to Implement a ) Tracking Nos. YE-2016-0223  
General Rate Increase for Electric Service ) and JE-2017-0007

## ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR FILING

Issue Date: September 8, 2016

Effective Date: September 8, 2016

Staff's *Motion for Extension of Time* ("motion")<sup>1</sup> asks for another day to file the issues list, sequence of witnesses, and sequence of cross examination due to the press of business, so the Commission will grant the motion. But the Commission does not intend to extend the time for filing position statements. Position statements are crucial for each commissioner to prepare for the evidentiary hearing for the following reasons.

Position statements are due on the Friday, September 9.<sup>2</sup> As the parties are aware, the Commission can lawfully discuss the issues only during an open meeting under a posted agenda.<sup>3</sup> The parties are also aware that the Commission's practice includes discussion of a memorandum, describing the parties' positions, from the regulatory law judge assigned to the action ("RLJ") at the last agenda before the evidentiary hearing. That agenda will be on Wednesday, September 14,<sup>4</sup> which is also

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<sup>1</sup> Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS") No. 273 (September 7, 2016).

<sup>2</sup> EFIS No. 85 (April 6) *Amended Notice of Hearing, and Order Establishing Procedural Schedule and Governing Procedure*, page 2.

<sup>3</sup> Sections 610.020.1 and 610.010(3) and (5), RSMo 2013.

<sup>4</sup> All dates are in 2016.

the day before the evidentiary hearing begins.<sup>5</sup> Thus, a late filing of position statements may allow time enough for the RLJ to prepare the memorandum, but not for the Commission to review and discuss the memorandum at agenda in preparation for hearing.

Therefore, the Commission will grant the motion, but it does not intend to extend the time for filing position statements.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Staff shall file the *Issues List, Sequence of Witnesses and Cross Examination* on September 8, 2016.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
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 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

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<sup>5</sup> EFIS No. 85 (April 6) *Amended Notice of Hearing, and Order Establishing Procedural Schedule and Governing Procedure*, page 2.