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BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIOMISS. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY EC 120-0097-00 DOCKET NO. <u>15-UN-</u>008

IN RE: APPLICATION OF MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITS JURISDICTIONAL COST OF

SERVICE STUDY

<u>DESIGNATION</u>: APPLICANT DESIGNATES THIS FILING AS A MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATION UNDER COMMISSION RULE 10.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: JANUARY 1, 2015, AND FOR USE IN RATE AND OTHER FILINGS FOR REGULATORY YEAR 2015 IN WHICH COST OF SERVICE ALLOCATIONS ARE A COMPONENT.

## **APPLICATION**

COMES NOW Mississippi Power Company ("MPC" or the "Company"), pursuant to RP 10 of the Commission's Public Utilities Rules of Practice and Procedure and previous orders of the Mississippi Public Service Commission's ("Commission"), and would show unto this Commission the following:

- 1. The Company is a public utility as defined in Section 77-3-3(d)(i) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and is engaged in the business of providing electric service to and for the public for compensation in twenty-three (23) counties of southeastern Mississippi, having its principal place of business at Gulfport, Mississippi. The Company's mailing address is Post Office Box 4079, Gulfport, Mississippi, 39502.
- 2. The Company holds a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Docket U-99, as supplemented, authorizing its operations in a specified area of the twenty-three (23) counties of southeastern Mississippi and is rendering services in accordance with its service

rules and regulations and in accordance with a schedule of rates and charges, all of which are a part of its tariff that has been previously approved by the Commission.

- 3. The Company is a Mississippi corporation. A copy of its corporate charter, articles of incorporation, the names and addresses of its board of directors and officers, and the name of all persons owning fifteen percent (15%) or more of its stock are on file with the Commission and are hereby incorporated by reference.
- 4. By Order of the Commission in 1981-UA-4078, the Company was directed to file within one year of the date of the order, and no later than every two years thereafter a Cost-of-Service study allocating expenses and investments between the various regulatory jurisdictions. In accord with this order and other related orders, the Company hereby files for approval its Cost of Service Study based on the twelve (12) month period ended December 31, 2012 ("2012 Study").
- 5. The Company proposes that the 2012 Study be used by the Commission and the Company in connection with all regulatory matters beginning January 1, 2015, and in connection with rate and other matters filed after the date of this Application for Regulatory Year 2015 in which cost of service allocations are a component.
- 6. The Company also proposes making revisions to its Performance Evaluation Plan (PEP) so that the allocators developed in the 2012 Study will be appropriately applied for retail rate making during 2015.
- 7. In support of this Application, the Company simultaneously files herewith and relies upon the pre-filed direct testimony and exhibits of Ms. Donna H. Van Loon, Regulatory Research and Analysis Manager, Mississippi Power Company. Exhibit (DVL-1) presents the 2012 Study which is incorporated herein by reference.

- 8. This filing does not constitute a change in revenue to the Company but is a miscellaneous application under RP 10 of the Rules.
- 9. The 2012 Study conforms to the Commission's requirements, and produces jurisdictional allocation factors that are just and reasonable and appropriate for use in retail ratemaking.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Mississippi Power Company hereby requests that this Application be received and filed; that the 2012 Study filed herein be approved for use by the Commission and Company in connection with all of the Company's regulatory matters beginning January 1, 2015, and in connection with rate and other matters filed after the date of this Application for Regulatory Year 2015 in which cost of service allocations are a component; and that the Commission grant such other relief as it deems appropriate.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, this the day of January, 2015.

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## STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

## COUNTY OF HARRISON

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said County and State, within my jurisdiction, the within named BEN H. STONE, who after being duly sworn on oath acknowledged that he is Attorney for MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY and that for and on behalf of the said MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY and as its act and deed, he signed and delivered the above and foregoing instrument of writing for the purposes mentioned on the day and year therein mentioned, after first having been duly authorized by said MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY so to do, and that the statements contained in the foregoing instrument are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the day of January, 2015.



## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, BEN H. STONE, counsel for Mississippi Power Company in the foregoing filing on even date herewith do hereby certify that in compliance with Rule 6.112 of the Mississippi Public Service Commission Public Utility Rules of Practice and Procedure:

(1) An original and twelve (12) copies of the filing have been filed with the Commission by delivery of the same to:

Katherine Collier, Esq. Executive Secretary Mississippi Public Service Commission 501 North West Street, Suite 201A Jackson, MS 39201

(2) An electronic copy of the filing has been filed with the Commission via e-mail to the following address:

efile.psc@psc.state.ms.us

(3) A copy of the filing was served by hand delivery or United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, to:

Virden Jones Executive Director Mississippi Public Utilities Staff 502 North West Street, Suite 301B Jackson, MS 39201

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(4) MPC has complied with or requested a waiver of all other requirements of the Commission's Rules.

This the

day of January, 2015.

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