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Ms. Annette L. Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission
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Washington, DC 20555-0001

Re: *In the Matter of Kansas Gas and Electric Company*, Docket No. 50-482-LT

Dear Ms. Vietti-Cook:

Enclosed is a hard copy of the Joint Brief of the Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., and *Amicus Curiae* National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, which was filed with your office by electronic mail.

This brief is submitted in accordance with the Commission's Memorandum and Order of March 2, 1999, in this docket. The March 2 Order provides that reply briefs may be filed within twenty-one days of that order. The order further states: "No other pleadings in response to this order, or as authorized by Subpart M, shall be filed pending further order of the Commission."

On March 1, 1999, the applicants filed an answer to the petition to intervene and request for hearing of the Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("KEPCo") in this proceeding. Under Subpart M, "[u]nless otherwise specified by the Commission," a reply to an answer may be filed within five days. 10 C.F.R. § 2.1307(t). Because of the March 2 Order, KEPCo did not file a reply to this answer. Neither did KEPCo attempt in its brief to reply to matters contained in the answer or to address the factors in 10 C.F.R. § 2.1308. KEPCo respectfully requests that it be permitted to file such reply before the Commission disposes of KEPCo's petition to intervene and request for hearing in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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