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**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 27th
day of June, 2000.

In the Matter of the Assessment)	
Against the Public Utilities in the)	
State of Missouri for the Expenses)	<u>Case No. 00-2000-846</u>
of the Commission for the Fiscal)	
Year Commencing July 1, 2000)	

ASSESSMENT ORDER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

Pursuant to the provision of Section 386.370, RSMo Supp. 1999, the Commission has made an estimate of the expenses to be incurred by it during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2000, reasonably attributable to the regulation of public utilities as provided in Chapters 386, 392 and 393, RSMo, and has also separately estimated the amount of such expenses directly attributable to such regulation of each of the following groups of public utilities: electrical corporations, gas corporations, heating corporations, water corporations, sewer companies and telephone corporations, as well as the amount of such expenses not directly attributable to any such group. The estimated amount of expenses directly attributable to all groups of public utilities is \$7,989,524. The estimated amount of expenses not attributable to any such group amounts to \$11,025,251. The Commission estimates that the amount of Federal Gas Safety reimbursement will be \$274,807. The

unexpended balance in the Public Service Commission Fund in the hands of the State Treasurer on July 1, 2000 is estimated to be \$2,947,238.

The Commission hereby deducts these amounts in estimating its need to be \$19,014,775. This estimated unexpended sum of \$2,947,238 is hereby allocated to each group of public utilities above enumerated in proportion to the respective gross intrastate operating revenue of the respective groups during the calendar year of 1999 as provided in the aforesaid laws.

The Commission has allocated to each group of public utilities the estimated expenses directly attributable to the regulation of such group, and an amount equal to such proportion of the estimated expenses not directly attributable to any group as the gross intrastate operating revenues of such group during the preceding calendar year bear to the total gross intrastate operating revenues of all public utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, as aforesaid, during such calendar year.

The Commission does hereby fix the amount so allocated to each such group of public utilities, in addition to said estimated unexpended sum as follows:

Electric	\$ 6,244,951
Gas	\$ 3,408,660
Heating	\$ 61,373
Water	\$ 1,058,549
Sewer	\$ 182,161
Telephone	\$ 4,837,036
Total	\$15,792,730

The Commission does hereby assess the amount of said \$15,792,730 so allocated to such groups of public utilities and to each public utility in each group in proportion to its respective gross intrastate operating revenues during the preceding calendar year. The Internal Accounting Department of the Commission is hereby directed to calculate the amount of such assessment against each public utility, and the Executive Director is hereby directed to render a statement on behalf of the Commission of such assessment to each public utility on or before July 1, 2000. Said assessment will be due and payable on or before July 15, 2000, or at the option of each public utility, same may be paid in equal quarterly installments on or before July 15, 2000, October 15, 2000, January 15, 2001, and April 15, 2001. The Internal Accounting Department will be directed to deliver checks to the Director of Revenue the day they are received.

All checks should be made payable to the Director of Revenue, State of Missouri; however, these checks are to be sent to the Missouri Public

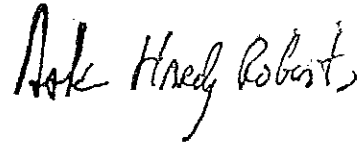
Service Commission, Internal Accounting Department, P.O. Box 360,
Jefferson City, MO 65102.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the assessment for fiscal year 2001 shall be as set forth herein.
2. That the Internal Accounting Department of the Commission shall calculate the amount of such assessment against each public utility.
3. That the Executive Director shall render a statement on behalf of the Commission of such assessment to each public utility on or before July 1, 2000.
4. That each public utility shall pay its assessment as set forth herein.
5. That the Internal Accounting Department shall deliver checks to the Director of Revenue the day they are received.

6. That this order shall be effective on July 1, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dale Hardy Roberts", written in a cursive style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Drainer, Murray, Schemenauer,
and Simmons, CC., concur

Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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