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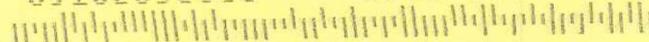
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**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 30th day of November, 2022.

In the Matter of a Working Case Regarding)
Utility Actions Related to Securing Funding)
from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs) File No. AW-2023-0156
Act of 2021 and the Inflation Reduction Act)
of 2022)

**ORDER OPENING A WORKING CASE TO CONSIDER UTILITY
ACTIONS RELATED TO SECURING FUNDING FROM THE
INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT OF 2021 AND THE
INFLATION REDUCTION ACT OF 2022**

Issue Date: November 30, 2022

Effective Date: November 30, 2022

The Office of the Public Counsel filed a motion on November 10, 2022, asking the Commission to open a working case to review and collect information about the availability to Missouri's investor-owned utilities of approximately \$920 billion in federal funding aimed at infrastructure modernization, acceleration of clean energy, and consumer-driven efficiency. Public Counsel asked the Commission to order the investor-owned utilities to file detailed reports by January 15, 2023, describing their efforts to obtain federal funding. Public Counsel also asked that the utilities be directed to file follow-up quarterly reports.

The Commission ordered its Staff to respond to Public Counsel's motion by November 22, 2022, and also offered any other stakeholder an opportunity to respond by that date. Staff filed a response on November 22, as did a group of utilities (Joint Utilities).¹

¹ The Joint Utilities are Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West; The Empire District Electric Company; The Empire District Gas Company; Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp.; Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC; Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc.; and Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri.

Staff supports Public Counsel's request. The Joint Utilities also support Public Counsel's request to open a working case, but take issue with some of the specifics of the information that Public Counsel would have the utilities provide. The Joint Utilities suggest that the working case process begin with a workshop meeting at which each utility would provide a presentation describing the applicability of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 to that utility. After hearing those presentations, the Commission would be in a better position to decide what additional information should be provided by the utilities.

The Commission will establish this working case as requested by Public Counsel. As suggested by the Joint Utilities, the working case can best begin with a workshop meeting. To that end, the Commission will direct the stakeholders to consult with each other, and to propose a date and location for such a meeting.

This file will serve as a repository for documents and comments. Using this file, anyone with an interest in this matter may view documents and may submit any pertinent responsive comments or documents. As this is not a contested case, anyone may file a comment without counsel and without *ex parte* constraints (arising from this matter). Intervention requests are not necessary to submit comments or view documents.

The public is welcome to submit comments by forwarding electronic communications through the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS) or by mailing written comments. You may submit electronic comments at the Commission's website at <http://www.psc.mo.gov>. (Click on the Access EFIS link on the right side of the page. Scroll down and click on the public comment link. Please refer to File No. AW-2023-0156). Written comments in hard copy should be addressed to the Commission at P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 and should also reference

File No. AW-2023-0156. The public can view the contents of the file by following the same link at <http://www.psc.mo.gov>.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. This case is established as a repository for documents and comments regarding the applicability of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 to Missouri's investor-owned utilities.

2. The Commission's data center shall provide a copy of this order to the following:

- Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri and all intervenors in its most recent general rate case, ER-2022-0337;
- The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty and all intervenors in its most recent general rate case ER-2021-0312;
- Evergy Metro Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and all intervenors in its most recent general rate case ER-2022-0129;
- Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West and all intervenors in its most recent general rate case ER-2022-0130;
- Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri and all intervenors in its most recent general rate case GR-2021-0241;
- Spire Missouri, Inc. and all intervenors in its most recent general rate case GR-2022-0179;
- Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. and all intervenors in its most recent general rate case GR-2018-0230;
- The Empire District Gas Company, d/b/a Liberty and all intervenors in its most recent general rate case GR-2021-0320;

- Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty and all intervenors in its most recent general rate case GR-2018-0013;
- Missouri-American Water Company and all intervenors in its most recent general rate case WR-2022-0303;
- Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company; and
- Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC d/b/a Liberty.

3. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly and to the news media serving the State of Missouri.

4. Stakeholders shall submit recommendations regarding the date and location of an initial workshop meeting by December 15, 2022.

5. 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

Silvey, Chm., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman, and
Kolkmeier CC., concur.

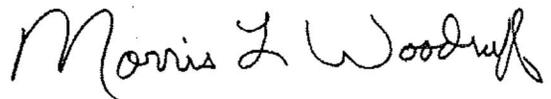
Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 30th day of November, 2022.



Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

November 30, 2022

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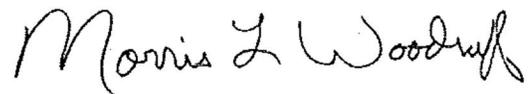
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