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Rule Number 4 CSR 240-28.050

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☐ Statement of Actual Cost
☒ Order of Rulemaking

Effective Date for the Order _____

☐ Statutory 30 days OR Specific date _____

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☐ YES—LIST THE SECTIONS WITH CHANGES, including any deleted rule text:

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Re: 4 CSR 240-28.050 Assessment Requirements

Dear Secretary Kander,

CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

I do hereby certify that the attached is an accurate and complete copy of the order of rulemaking lawfully submitted by the Missouri Public Service Commission.

Statutory Authority: sections 386.040, 386.250, 386.310, and 392.461, RSMo 2000 and 392.450, RSMo Supp. 2013

If there are any questions regarding the content of this proposed rulemaking, please contact:

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Enclosures

Title 4 – DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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ORDER OF RULEMAKING

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By the authority vested in the Public Service Commission under sections 386.040, 386.250, and 386.310 RSMo 2000, section 392.450 RSMo (Cum. Supp. 2013, and section 392.461, RSMo (Supp. 2014), the commission adopts a rule as follows:

4 CSR 240-28.050 Assessment Requirements is adopted.

A notice of proposed rulemaking containing the text of the proposed rule was published in the *Missouri Register* on May 1, 2015 (40 MoReg 559). No changes have been made in the text of the proposed rule, so it is not reprinted here. This proposed rule becomes effective thirty (30) days after publication in the *Code of State Regulations*.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS: The public comment period ended June 29, 2015, and the commission held a public hearing on the proposed rule on July 6, 2015. The commission received timely written comments from the Staff of the Commission (Staff); the Missouri Telecommunications Industry Association (MTIA); Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri (AT&T); CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, Embark Missouri, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink, Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, and CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas, d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink); the Missouri Cable Telecommunications Association (MCTA); Verizon; and Level 3 Communications (Level 3). In addition, the following people offered comments at the hearing: Kenneth A. Schifman, for Sprint Communications Company, LP (Sprint); Leo Bub for AT&T; William D. Steinmeier and Pamela Halleck for Level 3; Stephanie Bell for MCTA; Becky Owenson Kilpatrick for CenturyTel; Richard Telthorst for MTIA; Matthew Feil for Windstream; and Colleen M. Dale and John Van Eschen for Staff.

COMMENT #1: Staff filed a written comment explaining that the new rule identifies all assessment requirements applicable to companies offering telecommunications service or IVoIP service. Specifically, it pertains to the commission's operating assessment, the Missouri Universal Service Fund (USF) assessment, and the Relay Missouri assessment. No one else commented about this rule.

RESPONSE: The commission thanks Staff for its comment and will adopt the rule as proposed.

