

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Assessment Against	)	
the Public Utilities in the State of Missouri	)	<u>Case No. AO-2005-0501</u>
for the Expenses of the Commission for the	)	
Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2005	)	

ASSESSMENT ORDER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

Issue Date: June 24, 2005

Effective Date: July 1, 2005

Pursuant to 386.370, RSMo Supp. 2004, the Commission estimates the expenses to be incurred by it during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2005. These expenses are reasonably attributable to the regulation of public utilities as provided in Chapters 386, 392 and 393, RSMo and amount to \$ 17,046,840. Within that total, the Commission estimates the expenses directly attributable to the regulation of the six groups of public utilities: electrical, gas, heating, water, sewer and telephone, which total for all groups \$9,519,772. In addition to the separately identified costs for each utility group, the Commission estimates the amount of expenses that could not be attributed directly to any utility group of \$7,527,068.

The Commission estimates that the amount of Federal Gas Safety reimbursement will be \$280,000. The unexpended balance in the Public Service Commission Fund in the hands of the State Treasurer on July 1, 2005, is estimated to be \$2,988,976. The Commission deducts these amounts and estimates its Fiscal Year 2006 Assessment to be \$13,777,864. The unexpended sum is allocated as a deduction from the estimated expenses of each utilities group listed above, in proportion to the group's gross intrastate

operating revenue as a percentage of all groups' gross intrastate operating revenue for the calendar year of 2004, as provided by law. The reimbursement from the federal gas safety program is deducted from the estimated expenses attributed to the gas utility group.

The Commission allocates to each utility group its directly attributable estimated expenses. Additional common, administrative and other costs not directly attributable to any particular utility group are assessed according to the group's proportion of the total gross intrastate operating revenue of all utilities groups. Those amounts are set out with more specificity in documents located on the Commission's web page at <http://www.psc.mo.gov>.

The Commission fixes the amount so allocated to each such group of public utilities, net of said estimated unexpended fund balance and federal reimbursement as follows:

Electric	\$ 4,818,852
Gas	\$ 3,866,442
Heating	\$ 78,427
Water	\$ 765,124
Sewer	\$ 311,782
Telephone	\$ 3,937,237
Total	\$13,777,864

The Commission allocates a proportionate share of the \$13,777,864 to each industry group as indicated above. The amount allocated to each industry group is allotted to the companies within that group. This allotment is accomplished according to the percentage of each individual company's gross intrastate operating revenues compared to

the total gross intrastate operating revenues for that group. The amount allotted to a company is the amount assessed to that company.

The Budget and Fiscal Services Department of the Commission is hereby directed to calculate the amount of such assessment against each public utility, and the Commission's Executive Director shall render a statement of such assessment to each public utility on or before July 1, 2005. The assessment shall be due and payable on or before July 15, 2005, or at the option of each public utility, it may be paid in equal quarterly installments on or before July 15, 2005, October 15, 2005, January 15, 2006, and April 15, 2006. The Budget and Fiscal Services Department shall deliver checks to the Director of Revenue the day they are received.

All checks shall be made payable to the Director of Revenue, State of Missouri; however, these checks must be sent to:

Missouri Public Service Commission
Budget and Fiscal Services Department
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO, 65102-0360

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the assessment for fiscal year 2006 shall be as set forth herein.
2. That the Budget and Fiscal Services Department of the Commission shall calculate the amount of such assessment against each public utility.
3. That, on behalf of the Commission, the Commission's Executive Director shall render a statement of such assessment to each public utility on or before July 1, 2005.
4. That each public utility shall pay its assessment as set forth herein.

5. That the Budget and Fiscal Services Department shall deliver checks to the Director of Revenue the day they are received.

6. That this order shall become effective on July 1, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Colleen M. Dale, Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of June, 2005.