BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Working Case to)Consider Policies to Improve)Electric Utility Regulation)

File No. EW-2016-0313

MISSOURI DIVISION OF ENERGY'S POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS ELECTRIC UTILITY REGULATORY CHALLENGES

COMES NOW the Missouri Division of Energy ("DE"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Policy Recommendations to Address Electric Utility Regulatory Challenges*, states

- 1. On June 8, 2016, the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), in its *Order Opening a Working Case to Consider Policies to Improve Electric Utility Regulation* ("Order"), opened a working case to facilitate stakeholder discussions regarding possible policies intended to improve the way in which the Commission regulates Missouri's investor-owned electric utilities.
- In its Order, the Commission invited interested stakeholders to submit written comments by July 8, 2016.
- 3. On June 22, 2016, Chairman Hall, in his Notice of Policy Initiatives for Stakeholder Consideration, submitted draft language regarding electric utility rate case adjustment procedures, grid modernization incentives, low-income utility rates, and rate case expense sharing for stakeholder consideration.
- DE has reviewed the aforementioned documents and provides its written response in its *Policy Recommendations to Address Electric Utility Regulatory Challenges*, attached hereto as Attachment A and incorporated herein.

5. DE has also provided additional resources in its response, consisting of documents on the topics discussed in its recommendations.

WHEREFORE, DE respectfully files its *Policy Recommendations to Address Electric Utility Regulatory Challenges* for the Commission's and stakeholders' information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been served electronically on all counsel of record this 8th day of July, 2016.

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