BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Working Case to)	
Consider Policies to Improve)	File No. EW-2016-0313
Electric Utility Regulation)	

MISSOURI DIVISION OF ENERGY'S RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ADDRESSING ELECTRIC UTILITY REGULATORY CHALLENGES

COMES NOW the Missouri Division of Energy ("DE"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its Response to Comments Addressing 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* ("Notice"), 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.
- 4. On July 8, 2016, numerous stakeholders filed comments addressing the various issues described in the Order and Notice.

5. DE has reviewed the stakeholder comments and provides its written reply in its Response to Comments Addressing Electric Utility Regulatory Challenges ("Response"), attached hereto as Attachment A and incorporated herein.

WHEREFORE, DE respectfully files its *Response to Comments Addressing Electric Utility Regulatory Challenges* for the Commission's and stakeholders' information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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