

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Voluntary Docket to)
Study the Benefits of and to Encourage)
Utilities' Efforts to Procure Goods and)
Services from Diverse Suppliers)

File No. AO-2011-0332

ORDER REQUESTING EXCLUSIONARY DATES AND ENCOURAGING FURTHER INPUT

Issue Date: August 10, 2011

Effective Date: August 10, 2011

In April of 2011, the Missouri Public Service Commission issued an order opening this file and requesting input regarding diversity procurement efforts on the part of Missouri's investor-owned utilities. The Commission has received input from the Missouri Energy Development Association,¹ AT&T, Atmos Energy Corporation, Dogwood Energy, LLC, the National Association of Minority & Women Owned Law Firms, Aladdin Capital Response, and the law firm of Gonzalez, Saggio & Harlan. All of the responses encouraged efforts toward diversity procurement. Dogwood went further to suggest that the Commission should broaden the scope of this inquiry by examining all aspects of the purchasing practices of regulated entities. Dogwood opines that this would create opportunities for diverse suppliers.

The Commission has not received any input opposing or setting out any negative effects of efforts toward minority procurement. The Commission's intention is to gather as much information as possible so that it might make informed decisions or take appropriate

¹ The Missouri Energy Development Association includes, Ameren Corporation, Kansas City Power & Light Company, KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company, Laclede Gas Company, Missouri-American Water Company and Missouri Gas Energy.

courses of action. To that end, the Commission seeks to gather opinions from all perspectives and will continue to accept input in this docket.

Concurrently, the Commission will hold a round table discussion and will request that those who wish to attend submit exclusionary dates for the month of September.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Those who would attend a round table discussion in September of 2011, shall submit exclusionary dates no later than August 19, 2011.
2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of August, 2011.