

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 25th day of February, 2026.

In the Matter of the Petition for Rulemaking)
Regarding Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-) **Case No. OX-2026-0180**
10.035 Residential Advanced Meter or Hub)
Meter Opt-Out)

**ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR REVISION OR RECISSION OF
COMMISSION RULE 20 CSR 4240-10.035**

Issue Date: February 25, 2026

Effective Date: March 27, 2026

On January 14, 2026, Elizabeth Peterson filed a petition requesting that the Commission reconsider or revise the recently approved, but not yet effective, Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.035.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.035, Residential Advanced Meter or Hub Meter Opt-Out, as proposed, allows customers to opt-out of having an advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) meter. An AMI meter allows for remote reading without being present at the meter.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.035 authorizes customers to have a “traditional meter” as defined in Section 386.820, RSMo. A “traditional meter” is defined as a commercially available meter that is unable to transmit usage information and is only intended to be read through a visual display. A traditional meter is not designed or capable of transmitting usage data by using radio waves or broadband over power lines, allowing two-way communication between the meter and the utility or its agents, or allowing a utility

or its agents to control a customer's thermostat, appliance, or service. A traditional meter does not include an AMI meter that has certain functionality turned off or deactivated.

At the rulemaking hearing in Case No. OX-2026-0045 on November 13, 2025, Elizabeth Peterson commented that the draft rule is unclear and should specify that a traditional meter is an analog or mechanical meter. However, Section 386.820, RSMo, does not require that a traditional meter be mechanical or non-digital. The Commission has no authority to modify a Missouri Statute. Therefore, the Commission has no authority to change the definition of traditional meter.

The Commission issued its final order of rulemaking in Case No. OX-2026-0045, approving Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.035 on January 7, 2026. The order of rulemaking was filed with the Missouri Secretary of State on February 9, 2026, for publication. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.035 does not become effective until April 30, 2026.

After considering the criteria set forth in Section 536.041.4, RSMo, the Commission finds the rulemaking that Elizabeth Peterson seeks to initiate is premature as the rule she wants the Commission to reconsider or rescind is not yet effective. The proposed rulemaking also seeks to modify a definition that mirrors a Missouri Statute. The Commission has no authority to modify a statutory definition.

Therefore, the Commission will deny Elizabeth Peterson's proposed rulemaking.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Elizabeth Peterson's rulemaking petition for revision or rescission of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.035 is denied.

2. This order shall become effective on March 27, 2026.

BY THE COMMISSION



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

Hahn, Ch., Coleman, Kolkmeier,
and Mitchell CC., concur.

Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission,
at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 25th day of February 2026.



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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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