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# STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

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

# ORDER OPENING A WORKING CASE TO CONSIDER POLICIES TO IMPROVE ELECTRIC UTILITY REGULATION

Issue Date: June 8, 2016 Effective Date: June 8, 2016

The Commission is opening this 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. To that end, the Commission will invite interested stakeholders to submit written suggestions for policy changes by July 1, 2016. The suggestions should be as detailed as possible and should include explanatory and supporting documentation. Thereafter, stakeholders are invited to respond to the submitted suggestions by August 1, 2016. After reviewing the submitted suggestions, the Commission's Staff may choose to schedule one or more workshop meetings with stakeholders to discuss the issues raised in those submissions.

Staff shall submit a written report to the Commission no later than October 17, 2016, describing and evaluating the submitted suggestions, and offering its recommendations for any actions to be taken by the Commission. The Commission will issue a final report no later than December 1, 2016, and will close this file after that report is issued.

This file will serve as a repository for documents and comments. Using this file, anyone with an interest in this matter may view documents and may submit any pertinent responsive comments or documents. As this is not a contested case, anyone may file a comment without counsel and without ex parte constraints (arising from this matter). Intervention requests are not necessary to submit comments or view documents.

The public is welcome to submit comments by forwarding electronic communications through the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS) or by mailing written comments. You may submit electronic comments at the Commission's website at <a href="http://www.psc.mo.gov">http://www.psc.mo.gov</a>. (Click on the EFIS/Case filings link on the left side of the page. Scroll down and click on the public comment link. Please refer to File No. EW-2016-0313). Written comments in hard copy should be addressed to the Commission at P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 and should also reference File No. EW-2016-0313. The public can view the contents of the file by following the link at <a href="http://www.psc.mo.gov">http://www.psc.mo.gov</a>.

The Commission is aware that the Senate Interim Committee on Utility Regulation and Infrastructure Investment will also be examining this issue. The Commission will coordinate its examination of these issues with the Senate Interim Committee, and will offer the information it collects in this case as a resource for the Senate Interim Committee.

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. This case is established as a repository for documents and comments regarding the Commission's consideration of policies to improve electric utility regulation.

- 2. The Commission's data center shall provide a copy of this order to the following:
  - a. All intervening parties in the current, or most recent, general rate case for each of Missouri's Investor-Owned Electric Utilities. For Ameren Missouri, File Number ER-2014-0258; for The Empire District Electric Company, File Number ER-2016-0023; for Kansas City Power & Light Company, File No. ER-2014-0370; and for KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company, File No. ER-2016-0156; and
  - b. The Office of the Public Counsel.
- 3. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the news media.
- 4. The Commission's Legislative Coordinator shall notify the Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives, the President Pro Tem of the Missouri Senate, the members of the Senate Interim Committee on Utility Regulation and Infrastructure Investment, and the Governor of Missouri of this order.
- 5. Interested stakeholders are invited to submit written comments as described in the body of this order by July 8, 2016.
- 6. Interested stakeholders are invited to submit written reply comments as described in the body of this order by August 8, 2016.
- 7. Staff shall submit a written report to the Commission no later than October 17, 2016, describing and evaluating the submitted suggestions, and offering its recommendations for any actions to be taken by the Commission.

8. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION

Morrie & Wooding

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and Coleman, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2016.

Morris L. Woodruff

Secretary

# MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION June 8, 2016

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

Sincerely,

Secretary

Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.