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Rule Number 4 CSR 240-40.090

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☒ Order of Rulemaking ☐ Withdrawal ☒ Adopt ☐ Amendment ☐ Rescission

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Does the Order of Rulemaking contain changes to the rule text? ☐ NO

☒ YES—LIST THE SECTIONS WITH CHANGES, including any deleted rule text:

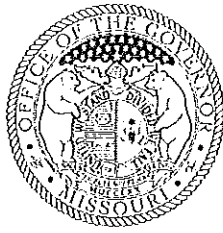
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RE: *Final Order of Rulemaking*

Dear Ryan:

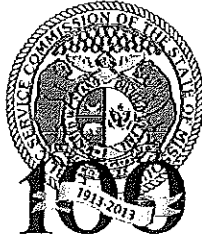
This office has received your Final Order of Rulemaking for 4 CSR 240-40.090 Submission Requirements for Gas Utility Depreciation Studies.

Executive Order 17-03 requires this office's approval before state agencies release proposed regulations for notice and comment, amend existing regulations, rescind regulations, or adopt new regulations. After our review of this rulemaking, we approve the rule's submission to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and the Secretary of State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jessie Eiler", is written over the typed name.

Jessie Eiler
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Re: 4 CSR 240-40.090 Submission Requirements for Gas Utility Depreciation Studies

Dear Secretary Ashcroft,

CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

I do hereby certify that the attached is an accurate and complete copy of the order of rulemaking lawfully submitted by the Missouri Public Service Commission.

Statutory Authority: sections 386.250, RSMo 2016.

If there are any questions regarding the content of this order of rulemaking, please contact:

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Enclosures

**Title 4 – DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Division 240 – Public Service Commission
Chapter 3 – Filing and Report Requirements**

ORDER OF RULEMAKING

By the authority vested in the Public Service Commission under section 386.250, RSMo 2016, the commission adopts a rule as follows:

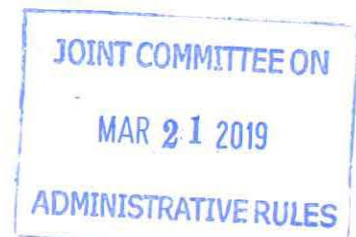
**4 CSR 240-40.090 Submission Requirements for Gas Utility Depreciation
Studies is adopted.**

A notice of proposed rulemaking containing the proposed rule was published in the *Missouri Register* on January 2, 2019 (44 MoReg 73-74). Changes to the proposed rule are reprinted here. This proposed rule becomes effective thirty (30) days after publication in the Code of State Regulations.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS: The public comment period ended February 1, 2019, and the commission held a public hearing on the proposed rule on February 6, 2019. The commission received timely written comments from the staff of the commission, the Office of the Public Counsel, and Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri. Jamie Myers offered comments on behalf of the commission's staff; Ryan Smith, representing the Office of the Public Counsel, and Paula Johnson, representing Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri appeared at the hearing and offered comments.

COMMENT #1: Office of Public Counsel states that due to the dates of 1994-1996 listed therein, all of 4 CSR 240-40.090(1)(B)1.A is now irrelevant and should be deleted. Such a deletion would also cure the issue of 4 CSR 240-3.175, the timeframe for electrical corporations to file depreciation studies, likely being inadvertently left in this proposed rule. OPC further states that 4 CSR 240-40.090(1)(B)2 and 3 contain three-year and five-year language that is duplicative, confusing and inconsistent. The current proposed rule would mean that gas utilities need not file a depreciation study if it has filed one in the past five years, regardless of whether three years have passed since the utility last filed a rate case. OPC would revise the rule to have gas utilities file depreciation studies more often, and would eliminate extraneous language. Staff and Ameren Missouri do not object to OPC's request.

RESPONSE AND EXPLANATION OF CHANGE: The commission agrees with Office of Public Counsel, and will delete 4 CSR 240-20.090(1)(B)1. The



commission will further modify 4 CSR 240-20.090(1)(B) to require gas utilities to file depreciation studies more often.

4 CSR 240-40.090 Submission Requirements for Gas Utility Depreciation Studies

(1) Each gas utility subject to the commission's jurisdiction shall submit a depreciation study, database and property unit catalog to the manager of the commission's engineering analysis unit and to the Office of the Public Counsel, as required by the terms of subsection (l)(B).

(B) A gas utility shall submit its depreciation study, database and property unit catalog on the following occasions:

1. Upon the date five (5) years from the last time the commission's staff received a depreciation study, database and property unit catalog from the utility, and;
2. Upon submission of a general rate increase request. However, a gas utility need not submit a depreciation study, data- base or property unit catalog to the extent that the commission's staff received these items from the utility during the three (3) years prior to the utility's filing for a general rate increase request.