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April 5, 2013

The Honorable Brad R. Lager
Missouri Senate, 12th District
State Capitol, Room 422
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Re: *Order Opening an Investigation to Address Legislative Concerns Regarding Proposals to Modify Ratemaking Procedures for Electric Utilities and Establishing a Procedural Schedule*,
File No. EW-2013-0425

Dear Senator Lager:

Thank you for your March 26, 2013 letter in which you asked the Missouri Public Service Commission to deny a request to hold a public hearing on Senate Bill 207 and/or House Bill 398. At its March 27, 2013 weekly Agenda meeting the Commission decided to cancel the hearing. The docket, however, has remained open for receipt of comments regarding the bills. Finally, the Commission Staff has, this day, responded to Senator Schmitt's specific areas of inquiry.

The Staff response to Senator Schmitt's letter answers the specific areas of inquiry he outlined. It also summarizes the various comments received in the docket. I would encourage you and your colleagues to view the full comments that are publicly available through our Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS), which can be found on our website at www.psc.mo.gov.

Nothing in Staff's response to Senator Schmitt's inquiry should be construed or portrayed as the Commission taking a position on any provisions of Senate Bill 207, House Bill 398, or any of their substitutes and/or amendments.

Please know that the Commission's goal in this matter has always been to act as a technical resource in an open and transparent manner. The Commission was not trying to inappropriately

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interject itself into the legislative process. Nor was it trying to impede or delay the progress of the bills.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert S. Kenney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "K".

Robert S. Kenney
Chairman

cc: PSC Commissioners