

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of a Working Group)
Docket for a Repository of Utility Actions)
Related to Securing Funding from the)
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of)
2021 and the Inflation Reduction Act of)
2022)

Case No. AW-2023-XXXX

**MOTION TO OPEN A WORKING GROUP DOCKET FOR A REPOSITORY OF
UTILITY ACTIONS RELATED TO SECURING FUNDING FROM THE
INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT OF 2021 AND THE
INFLATION REDUCTION ACT OF 2022**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) and for its *Motion to Open a Working Group Docket for a Repository of Utility Actions Related to Securing Funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022* states as follows:

1. Due to the federal government passing the omnibus Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684) and the Inflation Reduction Act (H.R. 5376), public utility companies will benefit from approximately \$920 billion in federal funding aimed at infrastructure modernization, acceleration of clean energy and consumer-driven efficiency. The OPC’s Policy Analyst Jordan Seaver, prepared a memorandum recognizing these opportunities and how they can alleviate the rate impact on consumers that would arise from the utility companies’ clean energy transition. Mr. Seaver’s memo, which has been attached to this motion as **Appendix A** is incorporated herein by reference.

2. Commissions in 18 other states including Kansas, Illinois, and Oklahoma have opened dockets that have explicitly addressed this issue.

3. The OPC recommends that the Commission follow suit and investigate how Missouri's investor-owned utilities ("IOU") plan to take advantage of the federal funding.

4. To facilitate that investigation, the OPC requests that the Commission open a working group docket for IOUs to, at a minimum, file capital investment plans for the acquisition and implementation of federal funds and incentives from H.R. 3684 and H.R. 5376.

5. The OPC proposes that the Commission orders IOUs to file initial comments by January 15, 2023, with quarterly updates to follow, consider the opportunity to hold an in-person workshop to present IOUs' findings, and otherwise implement all recommendations in the attached memorandum.

WHEREFORE, the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully requests the Commission undertake the actions described herein.

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the forgoing have been mailed, emailed, or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this tenth day of November, 2022.

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