

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

In the Matter of the Assessment Against the)
Public Utilities in the State of Missouri for the)
Expenses of the Commission for the Fiscal Year)
Commencing July 1, 2016.)

Case No. AO-2016-

**MOTION TO ESTABLISH CASE AND
ENTER ASSESSMENT ORDER**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the Chief Staff Counsel, and hereby advises the Commission as follows:

1. In order to assist the Commission in meeting the requirements of Section 386.370, RSMo, for providing sufficient revenues to fund Commission operations, Staff has made an estimate of the expenses to be incurred by the Commission during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016, reasonably attributable to the regulation of public utilities as provided in Chapters 386, 392 and 393, RSMo.

2. Staff has determined that based upon the legislative appropriation for state FY-2016, the Commission's revenue need is \$21,545,632.

3. Staff has separately estimated the amount of expenses directly attributable to such regulation of each of the following groups of public utilities: electrical utilities, gas utilities, heating utilities, water utilities, sewer utilities and telephone utilities, as well as the amount of such expenses not directly attributable to any such group.

4. As provided by law, Staff subtracted from the need amount the Public Service Commission Fund's FY-2016 estimated unexpended balance of \$2,380,855 as allocated to each group of public utilities, noted above, in proportion to the respective gross intrastate operating revenue of the respective groups during the calendar year of 2015. Staff also subtracted from the need amount the estimated reimbursement from the Federal Gas Safety program, \$490,000.

5. Staff has determined the amounts allocated to each such group of public utilities, net of said estimated unexpended fund balance and federal reimbursement as follows:

Electric	\$ 10,552,566
Gas	\$ 3,538,623
Steam/Heating	\$ 53,874
Water & Sewer	\$ 3,067,126
Telephone	\$ 1,462,588
TOTAL	\$ 18,674,777

6. Attached to this filing are three worksheets Staff prepared which detail the computations used to arrive at its estimates and the assessment calculations by public utility group.

7. Staff requests the Commission to direct its Budget and Fiscal Services Department to calculate the amount of assessment against each public utility for the next fiscal year. It further requests that the Commission direct its Director of Administration and Regulatory Policy to render a statement of such assessment

to each public utility on or before July 1, 2016, pursuant to 386.370, RSMo, with said assessment due and payable on or before July 15, 2016, or at the option of each public utility, payable in equal quarterly installments on or before July 15, 2016, October 15, 2016, January 15, 2017, and April 15, 2017, as provided by law.

WHEREFORE, the Staff asks that the Commission open this case for the purpose of entering an Order with respect to the FY-2017 public utility assessments that adopts the cost estimates and assessment allocations contained in the worksheets prepared by Staff, directs the Commission's Budget and Fiscal Services Department to calculate the amount of assessment against each public utility, and further, directs its Director of Administration to render a statement of each public utilities assessment to each utility on or before July 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by hand delivery or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this **20th day of June, 2016**, on counsel for all of the parties of record herein.

s/ Kevin A. Thompson