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NOTE: ALL changes MUST be specified here in order for those changes to be made in the rule as published in the *Missouri Register* and the *Code of State Regulations*.

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March 24, 2004

Honorable Matt Blunt Secretary of State Administrative Rules Division 600 West Main Street Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Secretary Blunt:

Re: 4 CSR 240-13.015-DEFINITIONS

CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

I do hereby certify that the attached is an accurate and complete copy of the proposed amendment lawfully submitted by the Missouri Public Service Commission on this 24th day of March 2004.

Executive Order 03-15 requires state agencies to determine whether a proposed rulemaking will have direct economic impact on small businesses. A small business is defined in the Executive Order as "a for-profit enterprise consisting of fifty (50) or fewer full or part-time employees." Pursuant to the order, the Commission Staff has completed a "small business analysis" of the above referenced proposed amended rule. The Commission has determined that there will be no impact on small businesses and hereby certifies that finding.

The Missouri Public Service Commission also certifies that it has conducted an analysis of whether or not there has been a taking of real property pursuant to section 536.017, RSMo and that this proposed amendment does not constitute a taking of real property under relevant state and federal law.

Statutory authority: 386.250, RSMo 2000.

Missouri Public Service Commission Case No.: AX-2004-0308

If there are any questions, please contact: Lera L. Shemwell, Senior Counsel, Missouri Public Service Commission, 200 Madison Street, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-7434 or lera.shemwell@psc.mo.gov.

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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STATE OF MISSOURI)
COUNTY OF COLE]

I, Anne Walker, Deputy Director of the Department of Economic Development, first being duly sworn on my oath state that it is my opinion that the attached fiscal note for *Proposed Amendment* – 4 CSR 240-13.015 – Definitions.

Anne Walker Deputy Director

Department of Economic Development

Julie A Atchison

Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri County of Cole

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Title 4 — DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RECEIVED

Division 240 — Public Service Commission

Chapter 13 —Service and Billing Practices for Residential Customers of Electric, Gas and Water Utilities

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

4 CSR 240-13.015 Definitions The commission is adding definitions for the terms "Applicant" and for "Denial of Service."

PURPOSE: This amendment adds definitions for terms that are used in this chapter, specifically for "Applicant" and "Denial of Service."

- (1) The following definitions shall apply to this chapter:
- (A) Applicant means an individual(s) who has applied to receive residential service from the utility;
- ([A]B) Bill means a written demand for payment for service and the taxes and franchise fees related to it;
- ([B]C) Billing period means a normal usage period of not less than twenty-six (26) nor more than thirty-five (35) days for a monthly billed customer nor more than one hundred (100) days for a quarterly billed customer, except for initial, corrected or final bills;
 - ([C]D) Complaint means an informal or formal complaint under 4 CSR 240-2.070;
- ([D]E) Customer means a person or legal entity responsible for payment for service except one denoted as a guarantor;
- ([E]F) Cycle billing means a system which results in the rendition of bills to various customers on different days of a month;
- ([F]G) Delinquent charge means a charge remaining unpaid by a monthly billed customer at least twenty-one (21) days and for at least sixteen (16) days by a quarterly billed customer from the rendition of the bill by the utility or a charge remaining unpaid after the preferred payment date selected by the customer;
- ([G]H) Delinquent date means the date stated on a bill, which shall be at least twenty-one (21) days for a monthly billed customer, and at least sixteen (16) days for a quarterly billed customer from the rendition of the bill or which shall be the preferred payment plan date selected by the customer, after which the utility may assess an approved late payment charge in accordance with a utility tariff on file with the commission;
- (I) Denial of service means the utility's refusal to commence service upon an applicant's request for service at a particular location;
- ([H]J) Deposit means a money advance to a utility for the purpose of securing payment of delinquent charges which might accrue to the customer who made the advance;
- ([1]K) Discontinuance of service or discontinuance means a cessation of service not requested by a customer;
- ([J]L) Due date means the date stated on a bill when the charge is considered due and pavable: