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file. All subsequent pleadings, orders, briefs, and correspondence concerning the tariff shall be filed in the case file established for the tariff. Any pleading to suspend a tariff shall attach a copy of the tariff and include a certificate of service to confirm that the party who submitted the tariff has been served with the pleading.

(4) A case will not be established to consider tariff sheets submitted by a regulated utility which do not meet the circumstances of sections (1)-(3) of this rule, except that a case shall be established when tariff sheets are suspended by the commission on its own motion or, when suspended, upon the recommendation of staff.

(5) When a public utility extends the effective date of a tariff, it shall file one (1) original, and eight (8) copies of a letter extending the tariff effective date in the official case file. Notwithstanding any other provision of these rules, this letter may be filed by a nonattorney.

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PROPOSED RULE

4 CSR 240-2.070 Complaints

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the procedures for filing formal and informal complaints with the commission.

(1) The commission on its own motion, the commission staff through the general counsel, the office of the public counsel, or any person or public utility who feels aggrieved by a violation of any statute, rule, order or decision within the commission's jurisdiction may file a complaint. The aggrieved party, or complainant, has the option to file either an informal or a formal complaint.

(2) Informal Complaints. To file an informal complaint, the complainant shall state, either in writing, by telephone (consumer services hotline 1-800-392-4211, or TDD hotline 1-800-829-7541), or in person at the commission's offices—

(A) The name, street address and telephone number of each complainant and, if one (1) person asserts authority to act on behalf of the others, the source of that authority;

(B) The address where the utility service was rendered;

(C) The name and address of the party against whom the complaint is filed;

(D) The nature of the complaint, and the complainant's interest therein;

(E) The relief requested; and

(F) The measures taken by the complainant to resolve the complaint.

(3) Formal Complaints. If a complainant is not satisfied with the outcome of the informal complaint, a formal complaint may be filed. Formal complaint may be made by petition or complaint in writing, setting forth any act or thing done or omitted to be done by any person, corporation or public utility, including any rule or charge established or fixed by or for any person, corporation or public utility, in violation or claimed to be in violation of any provision of law or of any rule or order or decision of the commission. However, no complaint shall be entertained by the commission, except upon its own motion, as to the reasonableness of any rates or charges of any public utility unless the complaint is signed by the public counsel, the mayor or the president or chairman of the board of aldermen or a majority of the council or other legislative body of any town, village, county or other political subdivision, within which the alleged violation occurred, or not fewer than twenty-five (25) consumers or purchasers or prospective consumers or purchasers of public utility gas, electricity, water, sewer or telephone service as provided by law. Any public utility has the right to file a formal complaint on any of the grounds upon which complaints are allowed to be filed by other persons and the same procedure shall be followed as in other cases.

(4) The commission shall not be required to dismiss any complaint because of the absence of direct damage to the complainant.

(5) The formal complaint shall contain the following information:

(A) The name, street address, signature, telephone number, facsimile number and electronic mail address, where applicable, of each complainant and, if different, the address where the subject utility service was rendered;

(B) The name and address of the person, corporation or public utility against whom the complaint is being filed;

(C) The nature of the complaint and the complainant's interest in the complaint, in a clear and concise manner;

(D) The relief requested;

(E) A statement as to whether the complainant has directly contacted the person, corporation or public utility about which complaint is being made;

(F) The jurisdiction of the commission over the subject matter of the complaint; and

(G) If the complainant is an association, a list of all its members.

(6) The commission, on its own motion or on the motion of a party, may after notice dismiss a complaint for failure to state a claim on which relief may be granted or failure to comply with any provision of these rules or an order of the commission, or may strike irrelevant allegations.

(7) Upon the filing of a complaint in compliance with these rules, the secretary of the commission shall serve by certified mail, postage prepaid, a copy of the complaint upon the person, corporation or public utility against whom the complaint has been filed, which shall be accompanied by a notice that the matter complained of be satisfied or that the complaint be answered by the respondent, unless otherwise ordered, within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice.

(8) The respondent shall file an answer to the complaint within the time provided. All grounds of defense, both of law and of fact, shall be raised in the answer. If the respondent has no information or belief upon the subject sufficient to enable the respondent to answer an allegation of the complaint, the respondent may so state in the answer and assert a denial upon that ground.

(9) If the respondent in a complaint case fails to file a timely answer, the complainant's averments may be deemed admitted and an order granting default entered. The respondent has seven (7) days from the issue date of the order granting default to file a motion to set aside the order of default and extend the filing date of the answer. The commission may grant the motion to set aside the order of default and grant the respondent additional time to answer if it finds good cause.

(10) The commission may order, at any time after the filing of a complaint, an investigation by its staff as to the cause of the complaint. The staff shall file a report of its findings with the commission and all parties to the complaint case. The investigative report shall not be made public unless released in accordance with sections 386.480, 392.210(2) or 393.140(3), RSMo, or during the course of the hearing involving the complaint.

(11) When the commission determines that a hearing should be held, the commission shall fix the time and place of the hearing. The commission shall serve notice upon the affected person, corporation or public utility not fewer than ten (10) days before the time set for the hearing, unless the commission finds the public necessity requires that the hearing be held at an earlier date.

(12) All matters upon which a complaint may be founded may be joined in one (1) hearing and no motion for dismissal shall be entertained against a complainant for misjoinder of causes of action or grievances or misjoinder or nonjoinder of parties.

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PROPOSED RESCISSION

4 CSR 240-2.075 Intervention. This rule prescribed the procedures by which an individual or entity may intervene in a proceeding or may participate without intervention.

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PROPOSED RULE

4 CSR 240-2.075 Intervention

PURPOSE: This rule prescribes the procedures by which an individual or entity may intervene in a case and allows for the filing of briefs by amicus curiae.

(1) An application to intervene shall comply with these rules and shall be filed within thirty (30) days after the commission issues its order giving notice of the case, unless otherwise ordered by the commission.

(2) An application to intervene shall state the proposed intervenor's interest in the case and reasons for seeking intervention, and shall state whether the proposed intervenor supports or opposes