

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
September 18, 2001**

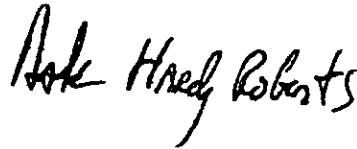
CASE NO: AX-2002-145

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 18th day of
September, 2001.

In the Matter of Proposed Revisions to 4 CSR
240 Chapter 4, Standards of Conduct

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) **Case No. AX-2002-145**

ORDER FINDING NECESSITY FOR RULEMAKING

The Commission on its own motion has determined that a change to Chapter 4 of the Commission's rules is necessary so that the Commission may update and refine the standards of practice expected when parties appear before the Commission. Specifically, the Commission intends to revise its rules regarding gratuities, conduct during proceedings, and ex parte communications.

The Commission has authority to make procedural rules under Sections 386.040 and 386.410, RSMo 2000. Section 536.016, RSMo 2000, requires a state agency to find that a proposed rule is necessary to carry out the purposes of the statute that granted the rulemaking authority based on substantial evidence on the record. Based on the record, the Commission finds that the proposed rescission, revision and repromulgation of Chapter 4 of the Commission's rules is necessary to carry out the purposes of Sections 386.040 and 386.410, RSMo 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Commission will proceed to make the rescission, revision and repromulgation of Chapter 4 of the Commission's rules, by following the applicable procedures of administrative rulemaking with the Missouri Secretary of State's Office.
2. That this order will become effective on September 28, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

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**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(SEAL)

Simmons, Ch., Murray, Lumpe and Gaw, CC., concur

Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

Adj. Secretary:

Woodruff/Bayce

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KS
Simmons, Chair

CM
Murray, Commissioner

LS
Lumpke, Commissioner

WJ
Gaw, Commissioner

Commissioner

Agenda Date

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Action taken:

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Must Vote Not Later Than

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and

I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,

Missouri, this 18th day of Sept. 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

