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12 In the Matter of a General)  
Review of the Commission's) File No. AW-2017-0336  
13 Rules. )  
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16 MORRIS L. WOODRUFF, Presiding,  
CHIEF REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.  
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18 DANIEL Y HALL, Chairman  
MAIDA J. COLEMAN,  
19 COMMISSIONERS.  
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (WHEREUPON, the public hearing began  
3 at 6:00 p.m.)

4 JUDGE WOODRUFF: We're here for a  
5 public hearing regarding a review of the  
6 Commission's rules. This is going to be an  
7 informal process. We'll call people up to the  
8 podium to make any statement they'd like to make,  
9 if anyone wants to make a statement. And this is  
10 also being web cast, so there might be people out  
11 in the wider world watching.

12 My name is Morris Woodruff. I'm the  
13 chief judge and secretary of the Commission. And  
14 with me on the podium here is Chairman Daniel Hall  
15 and Commissioner Maida Coleman.

16 Before we take comments from the  
17 public, I'll ask Jamie Myers to come up and explain  
18 what the process is all about.

19 MS. MYERS: Thank you, Judge. As you  
20 mentioned, I'm Jamie Myers. I'm here on behalf of  
21 the Staff of the Missouri Public Service  
22 Commission.

23 And this hearing is part of our  
24 general rule review that we're undergoing. It's  
25 part of Executive Order 17-03 that Governor Eric

1 Greitens signed earlier this year. It entails that  
2 every state agency review its rules and regulations  
3 and look to see where it can make its rules more  
4 effective, streamline them, and make them more  
5 efficient.

6                   So that's what we're doing here.  
7 We're here to gather comments on how we can do  
8 that. So as part of our process here at the  
9 Commission, we are reviewing all of our rules. We  
10 are creating a cost/benefit analysis worksheet for  
11 each rule to kind of gather what are the costs of  
12 this rule, what are the benefits, how can we make  
13 them better.

14                   Some early thoughts we've had on  
15 reviewing our rules is we're looking at Chapter 3  
16 in particular. Right now it has a lot of the  
17 filing requirements. One thought was, is it  
18 necessary to have its own standalone chapter?  
19 Should we maybe separate them out and put them in  
20 their chapter-specific areas? For instance, would  
21 electric filing requirements be better fit in  
22 Chapter 20, which is the electric rules? Would  
23 natural gas rules filing requirements be better fit  
24 in Chapter 40, which is natural gas?

25                   Some other areas we're looking at is

1 we're looking at reviewing for usefulness, areas  
2 such as Chapter 13, which is service and billing  
3 practices, as well as all of our teleco rules which  
4 can be found in Chapter 29, 31, 34, 36 and 37.

5 We're also updating language where there's outdated  
6 language and eliminating any unnecessary language  
7 that we're finding.

8 With that in mind, this process goes  
9 on. We're under a time line of December 31st  
10 having our internal review finished and those  
11 results sent to the Governor's Office.

12 And at this time I would welcome  
13 anyone to make comments should they have them.  
14 We're here to answer any questions that you may  
15 have as well.

16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN HALL: I have a couple  
18 comments. How many public comments have we  
19 received thus far?

20 MS. MYERS: We have received a total  
21 of 36 thus far.

22 CHAIRMAN HALL: And that comment  
23 period will remain open until when?

24 MS. MYERS: We are planning to leave  
25 ours open until December, until we've completed our

1 internal review. The Governor's executive order I  
2 believe required a minimum of 30 days or 60 days.  
3 There was a minimum, but that's not a maximum. And  
4 we were given the guidance that we're welcome to  
5 keep our comment period open as long as we would  
6 like, so we thought we might as well keep it open  
7 the entire process. So as we're going, we're  
8 continuing to receive comments.

9 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you.

10 JUDGE WOODRUFF: We have a few people  
11 in the audience. Does anyone wish to come forward  
12 and make a statement? I don't see anyone stepping  
13 forward. Mr. Williams, you look like you're...

14 MR. WILLIAMS: Judge, I was actually  
15 going to ask a question of Ms. Myers. With respect  
16 to the comment period, has that been part of public  
17 notice as far as how long we're holding the comment  
18 period open?

19 MS. MYERS: You know, we haven't made  
20 a public notice. One thing we could do is file  
21 some sort of notice in the AW docket just to make  
22 that clear. It's been left up to every agency to  
23 decide. As long as you meet the minimum, there's  
24 no reason that you have to cut it off. But we've  
25 also made several press release announcements that

1 talk about the comment period.

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And Ms. Myers  
3 referenced the case that is open on this matter.  
4 It is AW-2017-0336. So that is available on EFIS  
5 if anyone wants to take a look at that.

6 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you very much.

7 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Anyone  
8 in the audience wishing to come forward and make a  
9 statement?

10 All right. I don't see anyone coming  
11 forward. So thank you all for coming, and we are  
12 adjourned.

13 (WHEREUPON, the public hearing  
14 concluded at 6:04 p.m.)

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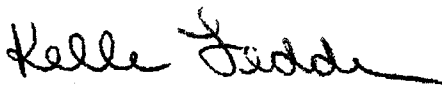
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