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Re: 4 CSR 240-22.010 Policy Objectives

Dear Secretary Carnahan,

CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

I do hereby certify that the attached is an accurate and complete copy of the proposed rulemaking lawfully submitted by the Missouri Public Service Commission.

The Public Service Commission has determined and hereby certifies that this proposed rulemaking will not have an economic impact on small businesses. The Public Service Commission further certifies that it has conducted an analysis of whether there has been a taking of real property pursuant to section 536.017, RSMo 2000, that the proposed rulemaking does not constitute a taking of real property under relevant state and federal law, and that the proposed rulemaking conforms to the requirements of 1.310, RSMo, regarding user fees.

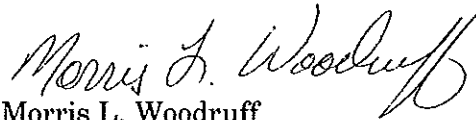
The Public Service Commission has determined and hereby also certifies that this proposed rulemaking complies with the small business requirements of 1.310, RSMo, in that it does not have an adverse impact on small businesses consisting of fewer than twenty-five full or part-time employees or it is necessary to protect the life, health, or safety of the public, or that this rulemaking complies with 1.310, RSMo, by exempting any small business consisting of fewer than twenty-five full or part-time employees from its coverage, by implementing a federal mandate, or by implementing a federal program administered by the state or an act of the general assembly.

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Statutory Authority: sections 386.040, 386.250, 386.610, and 393.140, RSMo 2000

If there are any questions regarding the content of this proposed rulemaking, please contact:

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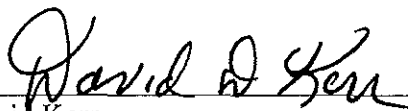
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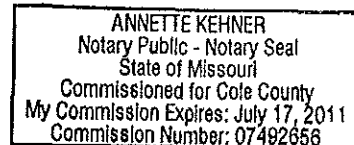
I, David Kerr, Director, Missouri Department of Economic Development, first being duly sworn, on my oath, state that it is my opinion that the cost of the proposed amendment to rule, 4 CSR 240-22.010, is less than five hundred dollars in the aggregate to this agency, any other agency of state government or any political subdivision thereof.



David Kerr
Director
Department of Economic Development

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of Oct., 2010. I am commissioned as a notary public within the County of Cole, State of Missouri, and my commission expires on 17 July 2011.





Title 4-Department of Economic Development
Division 240-Public Service Commission
Chapter 22-Electric Utility Resource Planning

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

4 CSR 240-22.010 Policy Objectives. Changes are made throughout this rule to enable it to meet current and future Missouri energy policies.

PURPOSE: This proposed amendment updates the current policy objectives of the resource planning process to reflect current Missouri energy policies.

(1) The commission's policy goal in promulgating this chapter is to set minimum standards to govern the scope and objectives of the resource planning process that is required of electric utilities subject to its jurisdiction in order to ensure that the public interest is adequately served **with a view to the public welfare, efficient facilities and substantial justice between patrons and public utilities.** Compliance with these rules shall not be construed to result in commission approval of the utility's resource plans, resource acquisition strategies or investment decisions.

(2) The fundamental objective of the resource planning process at electric utilities shall be to provide the public with energy services that are safe, reliable and efficient, at just and reasonable rates, in **compliance with all legal mandates, and in a manner that serves the public interest.** *[This]***The fundamental objective requires that the utility shall:**

(A) Consider and analyze demand-side *[efficiency and]* **resources, renewable energy [management measures] and supply-side resources** on an equivalent basis, *[with supply-side alternatives]* **subject to compliance with all legal mandates that may affect the selection of utility electric energy resources,** in the resource planning process;

(B) Use minimization of the present worth of long-run utility costs as the primary selection criterion in choosing the preferred resource plan, **subject to the constraints in section (C); and**

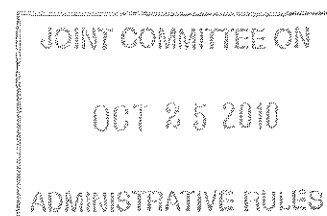
(C) Explicitly identify and, where possible, quantitatively analyze any other considerations which are critical to meeting the fundamental objective of the resource planning process, but which may constrain or limit the minimization of the present worth of expected utility costs. The utility shall **describe and** document the process and rationale used by decision makers to assess the tradeoffs and determine the appropriate balance between minimization of expected utility costs and these other considerations in selecting the preferred resource plan and developing *[contingency options]* **the resource acquisition strategy.** These considerations shall include, but are not necessarily limited to, mitigation of *[--]*:

1. Risks associated with critical uncertain factors that will affect the actual costs associated with alternative resource plans;

2. Risks associated with new or more stringent *[environmental laws or regulations]***legal mandates** that may be imposed at some point within the planning horizon; and

3. Rate increases associated with alternative resource plans.

*AUTHORITY: sections 386.040, 386.250, 386.610 and 393.140, RSMo 2000. * Original rule filed June 12, 1992, effective May 6, 1993.*



**Original authority: 386.040, RSMo 1939; 386.250, RSMo 1939, amended 1963, 1967, 1977, 1980, 1987, 1988, 1991; 386.610, RSMo 1939; and 393.140, RSMo 1939, amended 1949, 1967.*

PUBLIC COST: Adoption of this proposed amendment will not cost affected state agencies or political subdivisions more than \$500 in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: Adoption of this proposed amendment will not cost affected private entities more than \$500 in the aggregate.

NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Anyone may file comments in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Missouri Public Service Commission, Steve Reed, Secretary of the Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, MO 65102. To be considered, comments must be received at the Commission's offices on or before January 3, 2011, and should include a reference to Commission File No. EX-2010-0254. Comments may also be submitted via a filing using the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS). A public hearing regarding this proposed rule is scheduled for January 6, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in the commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Room 305, Jefferson City, Missouri. Interested persons may appear at this hearing to submit additional comments and/or testimony in support of or in opposition to this proposed rule, and may be asked to respond to commission questions. Any persons with special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing at one (1) of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Proposed Rulemaking)
Regarding Revision of the Commission's)
Chapter 22 Electric Utility Resource)
Planning Rules)

File No. EX-2010-0254

DISSENT OF COMMISSIONER JEFF DAVIS TO THE PROPOSED RULEMAKING REVISING THE COMMISSION'S CHAPTER 22 ELECTRIC UTILITY RESOURCE PLANNING RULES

I respectfully dissent from my colleagues' order to promulgate these rules as they are currently written.

Anyone who has ever been involved in the integrated resource planning (IRP) process knows these rules have desperately needed revision for years. It's taken a long time to get where we are. These rules are an improvement in some respects, but something important is missing: accountability for the Public Service Commission and the PSC Staff for any outcome in these IRP proceedings. It may seem like an antiquated note, but I think we need to take responsibility for the decisions we make – or in this case – fail to make.

Both the Missouri Energy Development Association (MEDA) and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) offered language whereby the Commission would at least "acknowledge" the utility's resource plan. "Acknowledgement" of the plan would enhance the process because it would force the parties and the staff to focus on outcomes as well as the process by which those outcomes were determined. After all, outcomes should be the purpose of the IRP process. More importantly, electric utilities could use the acknowledgement process to establish the prudence of making--or not making--certain large capital expenditures that are going to amount to billions of dollars over the next decade (e.g.

– whether to shut down and decommission one or more coal plants or to continue retrofitting all of them) before they get to a rate case and have to argue over imprudence or lack thereof.

Whether and how we address IRP decisions will definitely impact customer rates for years to come. Failing to act on the substance of IRPs constitutes a decision in and of itself. The Commission's failure sends a message of uncertainty to the utilities we regulate, their investors and Wall Street saying either "we want to be free to disavow your plan and disallow the expenses later" or "we are afraid to be criticized for acknowledging a plan that later failed."

Ultimately, our failure to address the substance of utility resource plans increases financing costs for capital investment projects as well as litigation costs in future rate cases because parties will litigate the issue in future cases and knowing the Commission may disallow expenses, lenders and investors will want higher returns. That uncertainty will assuredly cause Missouri investor-owned electric utilities to place the least possible amount of investment capital at risk short-term. This is important because the cheapest plan today will not likely be the cheapest plan over the next one to five years, and even less likely over the long-term (from 30 to 50 years). Thus, the ratepayers could end up paying higher rates long-term so the utility can consistently save a few dollars on the front end, or because the utility opted for cheaper, less reliable technology.

The importance of this issue is best illustrated by the decisions the Commission faces regarding our aging fleet of coal plants. In September, Wood Mackenzie's North American power research group issued a startling report that almost 60 gigawatts of coal-fired electric plants could be retired over the next decade. Independent verification of that estimate comes from Ellen Lapson, Managing Director of Corporate Ratings for Fitch Rating Agency. On

September 30, 2010, at the Financial Research Institute, Director Lapson said that Wood Mackenzie's number was a reasonable number. At least two Commissioners were present at that meeting.

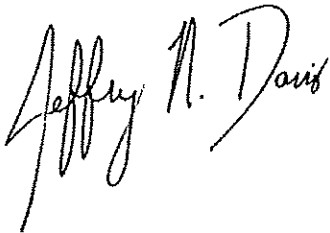
The findings of the Wood Mackenzie report ought to send a shiver down the spine of everyone here at the PSC as well as anyone employed by a Missouri utility. More than 80% of the electricity consumed in this state is fueled by coal. Collectively, Missouri utilities probably own around 10,000 megawatts of coal-fired generation, if not more. Ameren Missouri is the largest Missouri utility and owns several thousand megawatts of coal-fired generation all by itself, but everyone including the utilities who've camouflaged themselves as being leaders in the green revolution have similar risks. So, when the Wall Street analysts say "Coal is in the crosshairs" they mean pretty much every Missouri utility, but especially Ameren because they own the most coal plants, and that ultimately every utility customer in the state is in the crosshairs. Each and every one of our investor-owned electric utilities is going to make significant investment decisions regarding the retirement or retrofitting of a large fleet of coal plants averaging more than 40 years or older as well as the addition of new resources to replace these retiring coal plants, meet growing demand and comply with government mandates for utilities to buy certain amounts of "renewable" electricity.

Presidents and governors don't punt and this Commission shouldn't punt either. Hundreds of millions, if not billions, of dollars are at stake when our electric utilities make these decisions and customer rates are hanging in the balance. We owe it to the ratepayers and to the utilities we regulate to be decisive and thereby meet this Commission's statutory obligation to assure safe and adequate service for consumers at a just and reasonable rate. It's silly and unconscionable to spend a couple of years working on more than 60 pages of

rules that force the utility to think of every scenario, to document how every calculation is made, to check to see if the work was performed correctly and then do nothing with such documents except hold them, waiting to whip them out on some unsuspecting utility executive for not following a plan we don't intend to make them follow until the day they deviate from it.

In conclusion, a Commission majority that has shown a willingness to micro-manage electric utilities by requiring them to undertake low-income assistance programs and make our utilities buy Missouri wind-generated electricity ought not have a problem "acknowledging" whether an electric utility's preferred resource plan seems like a good or a bad one.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey N. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "J" and "D".

Jeff Davis, Commissioner

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri
On this 25th day of October, 2010.

Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board

Small Business Impact Statement

Date: 9-13-2010

Rule Number: 4 CSR 240-22.010

Name of Agency Preparing Statement: Public Service Commission

Name of Person Preparing Statement: Lena Mantle

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Name of Person Approving Statement:

Please describe the methods your agency considered or used to reduce the impact on small businesses *(examples: consolidation, simplification, differing compliance, differing reporting requirements, less stringent deadlines, performance rather than design standards, exemption, or any other mitigating technique).*

Not applicable, no small businesses impacted. Only directly impacts the four investor-owned utility companies in the state.

Please explain how your agency has involved small businesses in the development of the proposed rule.

Not applicable, no small businesses impacted. Only directly impacts the four investor-owned utility companies in the state. However, the MoPSC held stakeholder workshops where any interested entity could participate in the process.

Please list the probable monetary costs and benefits to your agency and any other agencies affected. Please include the estimated total amount your agency expects to collect from additionally imposed fees and how the moneys will be used.

This proposed rule will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than \$500 in the aggregate.

No additional fees will be collected specifically associated with this rulemaking.

Please describe small businesses that will be required to comply with the proposed rule and how they may be adversely affected.

Not applicable, no small businesses impacted. Only directly impacts the four investor-owned utility companies in the state.

Please list direct and indirect costs (in dollars amounts) associated with compliance.

Not applicable, no small businesses impacted. Only directly impacts the four investor-owned utility companies in the state.

Please list types of business that will be directly affected by, bear the cost of, or directly benefit from the proposed rule.

The four investor-owned electric utilities in the state.

Does the proposed rule include provisions that are more stringent than those mandated by comparable or related federal, state, or county standards?

Yes___ No_X_

If yes, please explain the reason for imposing a more stringent standard.

For further guidance in the completion of this statement, please see §536.300, RSMo.