

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
September 27, 2001**

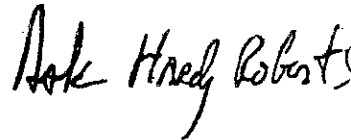
CASE NO: AX-2002-156

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "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 27th day
of September, 2001.

In the Matter of Proposed Rulemaking, 4 CSR
240-2.045, Electronic Filing.

) **Case No. AX-2002-156**
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ORDER FINDING NECESSITY FOR RULEMAKING

The Commission on its own motion has determined that a rule, 4 CSR 240-2.045, Electronic Filing, is necessary in order to inform interested persons how they may file pleadings and other information with the Commission in an electronic format and to clarify the effect of such electronic filing. The proposed rule directs interested persons to the electronic filing gateway at the Commission's internet website. The proposed rule also clarifies when an electronically filed item is deemed filed and that an electronically filed item satisfies all Commission filing requirements. This rule will make filing documents with the Commission more efficient and less costly for each entity and each person involved.

The Commission has authority to make procedural rules under Sections 386.040 and 386.410, RSMo. Section 536.016, RSMo, 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 rule, 4 CSR 240-2.045, Electronic Filing, is necessary to carry out the purposes of Sections 386.040 and 386.410, RSMo.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Commission will proceed to promulgate rule 4 CSR 240-2.045, Electronic Filing, by following the applicable procedures of administrative rulemaking with the Missouri Secretary of State's Office.
2. That this order shall become effective on October 7, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

(S E A L)

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

Thompson, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

STATE OF MISSOURI

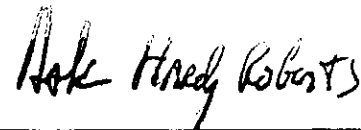
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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 27th day of Sept. 2001.



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

