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**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 23rd
day of May, 1997.

In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into)
Retail Electric Competition.) Case No. EW-97-245
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ORDER ESTABLISHING TASK FORCE

On March 28, 1997 the Commission established this docket to identify the risks and benefits that would face the State of Missouri in the event that retail competition occurs. The Commission announced its plan to create a Retail Electric Competition Task Force and requested individuals interested in serving on the Task Force to submit their names to the Commission's Executive Secretary.

The Task Force will prepare comprehensive reports to the Commission, based upon thorough investigation and study, that recommend how Missouri should implement retail electric competition in the event that legislation is enacted which authorizes it.

The Commission received an overwhelming response from over 100 individuals interested in serving on the Task Force. In order to assure that a wide diversity of opinion will be represented on the Task force, the Commission will name a total of 35 members to the body.

The Task Force will contain ten individuals from from the utility industry, including investor-owned utilities, rural electric co-operatives, and municipal utilities. Governmental representatives will include the Public Counsel; four members of the General Assembly; two members from

other state agencies; and two representatives of municipalities who are not in the electric utility business. There will be three representatives from firms who pose competitive alternatives to the traditional utilities. A variety of consumer and general public interests, ranging from commercial and industrial users to individual consumers, will be represented by twelve individuals. Cecil I. Wright, Executive Secretary of the Commission, will also be a member of the Task Force.

The Commission's General Counsel, Dan K. Joyce, will be the moderator of the Task Force. In this capacity Mr. Joyce will be responsible for scheduling and conducting the meetings of the Task Force, and overseeing the progress of the working groups which will carry out the objectives of the Task Force. He will be assisted in this capacity by various members of the Staff of the Commission. Commissioners will not be members of the Task Force but will serve in an *ex officio* capacity.

The first meeting of the Task Force will be conducted on June 25, commencing at 9:30 a.m. in Room 493 of the Truman State Office Building in Jefferson City. The meeting should conclude by 3:00 p.m.

Each member of the Task Force should be prepared to present a brief statement (three minutes maximum) on what he or she believes are the most important topics for the Task Force's immediate consideration.

Members are encouraged to submit concise outlines (two pages maximum) of other significant issues that should be examined by the Task Force. The member's name and affiliation, if any, should be displayed in the upper-right corner of the first page of the document.

Any member may supplement such outlines with written materials which will be distributed to all other Task Force members.

In a subsequent order which will be issued prior to the first meeting of the Task Force, the Commission will establish a number of basic working groups to focus on broad issues of general concern. The Commission expects the Task Force to assign topics to these working groups in the afternoon session of the first meeting. The Task Force may determine that additional working groups are needed to complete its work, and it is at liberty to establish such groups.

Certain entities have requested that they receive copies of pleadings, notices, orders and other communications regarding this docket. The Commission will provide copies of any Directives, Orders, or Notices to these applicants. UtiliCorp United Inc. d/b/a Missouri Public Service; Empire District Electric Co.; St. Joseph Light & Power Co.; Western Resources, Inc.; Office of the Missouri Attorney General; William D. Steinmeier, P.C.; United Cities Gas Co.; Center for Energy and Economic Development; and Laclede Gas Co. shall be placed on a service list in relation to this docket and receive copies of Directives, Orders or Notices issued by the Commission in this docket.

Similarly, all entities and individuals who applied to the Task Force will be placed on a service list to receive copies of Directives, Orders or Notices issued by the Commission in this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a Task Force to study retail wheeling of electricity and related issues that will face this Commission in the event that retail electric competition should occur is hereby established and the individual members of the Task Force are:

Investor-owned Utilities:

Robert B. Fancher	Empire District Electric Co.
William A. Jaudes	Union Electric Co.
Penny Tvrdik	UtiliCorp United Inc.
John A. Stuart	St. Joseph Light & Light Co.
Chris B. Giles	Kansas City Power & Light Co.
Todd Decker	Citizens Electric Corp.

Municipal Utilities:

Richard E. Malon	City of Columbia
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Rural Electric Cooperatives:

Gary Fulks	Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Generation) (Springfield)
Donald W. Shaw	Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Transmission) (Jefferson City)
James Fanning	Barton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Distribution) (Lamar)

Office of the Public Counsel:

Martha S. Hogerty	Public Counsel
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Missouri General Assembly:

Gary Burton	State Representative (Carl Junction)
Carol Jean Mays	State Representative (Independence)
Wayne Goode	State Senator (Normandy)
Roseann Bentley	State Senator (Springfield)

Other Governmental Bodies:

Cher Stuewe-Portnoff	Division of Energy, Department of Natural Resources
Stephen Mahfood	Environmental Improvement & Energy Resources Authority
William Geary	City of Kansas City
Dale Houdeshell	City of St. Peters

Consumer and Other Groups:

Chris Albrecht	May Department Stores Co. representing retailers (St. Louis)
Jerry E. Harris	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (Sedalia)
William K. Ray	Individual consumer and representative of the American Association of Retired Persons (Columbia)
Carl F. Degen	Missouri Restaurant Association representing small businesses (Kansas City)
Ken Midkiff	Ozark Chapter of the Sierra Club (Columbia)
James H. Buford	Individual consumer and President of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis
Scott Hempling	Energy Consultant and Attorney (Silver Spring, Maryland)
Maurice Brubaker	Brubaker & Associates, representing large industrial users (St. Louis)
Leland Cox	Health Midwest (Kansas City)
Duncan E. Kincheloe	Individual consumer, former commissioner and member of the U.S. Department of Energy's Task Force on Electric System Reliability (Holts Summit)
Charles H. Zurheide	Individual consumer and electrical engineer (Clayton)
Max Starkloff	Paraquad, Inc. representing interests of disabled consumers (St. Louis)

Power Marketers and Other Competitors:

Kendall M. Young	Trigen Energy Corp. (St. Louis)
James D. Steffes	Enron Corp. (Houston, Texas)
Vickiren Aeschleman	QST Energy (Peoria, Illinois)

Public Service Commission:

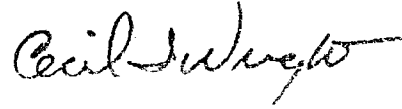
Cecil I. Wright	Executive Secretary
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2. That the first meeting of the Task Force shall convene on June 25, 1997 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 493 of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Anyone wishing to attend who has 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 meeting at one of the following numbers:

Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline -
1-800-829-7541.

3. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Cecil I. Wright", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

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Zobrist, Chm., Drainer and
Murray, CC., concur.
Crumpton, C., absent.

ALJ: Luckenbill