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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Joint Request of the Director for)
the Division of Manufactured Homes,)
Recreational Vehicles and Modular)
Units of the Public Service)
Commission and Ralph W. Vangennip)
and Arco Refrigeration Co. to)
Establish Case for Determination of)
Appropriate Electrical Standards for)
Manufactured Homes.)

Case No. MO-98-396

ORDER AND NOTICE

The Director of the Division of Manufactured Homes, Recreational Vehicles and Modular Units of the Public Service Commission (Director) and Ralph W. Vangennip and Arco Refrigeration Co. (collectively referred to as Arco) filed a joint request with the Commission on March 19, 1998, for a determination of whether Section 3280.808(k) of the federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards is applicable to the installation of the air conditioning electrical system hook-up of a manufactured home. If the Commission finds the standard to be appropriate, the parties further request a determination of "whether the wiring which is installed underneath a manufactured home used to energize an external air conditioning unit must be placed in appropriate conduit material as currently required by the Director."

The Commission finds that a case should be established for the purpose of considering the issues raised by the parties.

The Commission has determined that proper persons should be allowed 30 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing or to intervene. Applications to intervene shall be filed with the Secretary of

the Missouri Public Service Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance of this order. Copies of the application to intervene should be sent to all parties of record.

The Commission's Information Officer should send notice of this order to each manufactured housing dealer in Missouri. In addition, notice of this application should be sent to Jackie Kennemer, Missouri Manufactured Housing Association, P.O. Box 1365, 4748 Country Club Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

The Commission will schedule a prehearing conference to allow the parties the opportunity to resolve substantive issues as well as to consider those matters described in 4 CSR 240-2.090(6).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That this case is established for the purpose of a determination of whether Section 3280.808(k) of the federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards is applicable to the installation of the air conditioning electrical system hook-up of a manufactured home and if so, a determination of whether the wiring which is installed underneath a manufactured home used to energize an external air conditioning unit must be placed in appropriate conduit material as currently required by the Director.

2. That the Records Department of the Commission shall send notice to each manufactured housing dealer in Missouri. In addition, notice of this application should be sent to Jackie Kennemer, Missouri Manufactured Housing Association, P.O. Box 1365, 4748 Country Club Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

3. That any party wishing to request intervene in this matter shall file an application no later than May 11, 1998, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson

City, Missouri, 65102, and send copies to: James W. Gallaher, Carson & Coil, 515 East High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

4. That a prehearing conference will be held on May 21, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission's offices on the fifth floor 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 days before the prehearing conference or hearing at: Consumer Hotline -- 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline -- 1-800-829-7541.

5. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than June 1, 1998.

6. That this order shall become effective on April 10, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale H. Roberts
Chief Regulatory Law Judge/Secretary

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Nancy Dippell, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30, 1995)
and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of April, 1998.