

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of a Working Case to	)	
Consider the Establishment of a Rate	)	<b><u>Case No. AW-2013-0110</u></b>
Stabilization Mechanism to Reduce the	)	
Need for Frequent Rate Case Filings.	)	

**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL’S COMMENTS**  
**ON RATE STABILIZATION**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and submits its Comments on Rate Stabilization as follows:

1. On September 20, 2012, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) opened the above stated working case to allow interested utilities, organizations, individuals, and other stakeholders to file initial comments and enter exhibits regarding proposals to stabilize utility rates.
2. The goal of the ratemaking process and the specific job of the Commission is to ensure safe and adequate utility service at just and reasonable prices. Although it has made diligent efforts, Public Counsel has not been able to come up with any mechanism besides the traditional ratemaking process already in use in Missouri which would adequately balance the needs of the customers with that of the utility while ensuring just and reasonable rates.
3. However, Public Counsel will review all comments and suggestions filed in this working case to determine if further discussion would be appropriate.

WHEREFORE Public Counsel respectfully submits its Comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been emailed to all parties of record this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2012.

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