

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

In the Matter of a Working Case to Consider a)
Proposed Residential Customer Disconnection) **File No. AW-2020-0148**
Data Reporting Rule)

STAFF RESPONSE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through Staff Counsel’s Office, and states as follows:

1. On November 25, 2019, the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) filed its *Motion to Open a Working Group Docket Regarding a Proposed Residential Customer Disconnection Data Reporting Rule* (“Motion”) that contained a proposed procedural schedule and included a draft proposed rule, memorandum, and other supporting documents. The Commission directed Staff, in its November 26 Order, to respond to OPC’s Motion and provide a recommendation on whether the proposed procedural schedule is appropriate.

2. Staff has reviewed OPC’s Motion and incorporated documents and recommends the Commission consider, in this working docket, promulgation of a rule to standardize the residential disconnection of services reporting requirements of investor owned utilities subject to Commission jurisdiction. In order to give all stakeholders, including Staff, sufficient time to research best practices and provide thoughtful feedback on the draft rule OPC filed, Staff recommends the following dates as an alternative to the proposed procedural schedule in OPC’s Motion:

- February 14, 2020: Deadline for stakeholders to file comments in EFIS

- March 26, 2020: Workshop in Room 470 of the Governor Office Building¹
- May 2020: Decision on whether to move forward in the formal rulemaking process

WHEREFORE, Staff files this Staff Response to OPC's Motion for the Commission's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 5th day of December 2019, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Jamie S. Myers

¹ Staff has reserved conference room 470 in the Governor Office Building for March 26, 2020, to host the workshop in this matter. The reservation can be canceled should the Commission decide a date other than March 26, 2020, is more appropriate for a workshop.