

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

In the Matter of New Small Company Rate)
Increase Procedure Rules) **Case No. AX-2005-0363**

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NECESSITY

Issue Date: August 17, 2005

The Staff of the Commission is proposing that the Commission rescind and readopt the four following rules: 4 CSR 240-3.240, 4 CSR 240-3.330, 4 CSR 240-3.440, and 4 CSR 240-3.635. The subject rules are the Commission's rules pertaining to the submission and processing of rate increase requests by small regulated gas utilities, sewer utilities, steam heating utilities, and water utilities, and are necessary in that they are more clearly written than the previous rules and incorporate changes that industry and government participants in the rule rewriting process believe will be beneficial.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 17th day of August, 2005.

Dale, Chief Regulatory Law Judge