

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

In The Matter Of A Working Case To)	
Consider A Proposed Residential)	
Customer Disconnection Data)	Case No. AW-2020-0148
Reporting Rule)	
)	

MOTION TO SUSPEND WORKSHOP

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) and for its *Motion to Suspend Workshop*, states as follows:

1. Public Counsel filed a *Motion to Open a Working Group Regarding a Proposed Residential Customer Disconnection Reporting Rule* on November 25, 2019, which led to a Commission *Order* opening this docket on December 11, 2019. The Commission *Order* directed that a workshop meeting regarding this matter to be held on March 26, 2020.

2. On January 31, the OPC filed a *Request for Workshop* seeking that the date set by the Commission in its December 11, 2019, *Order* be moved from March 26, 2020, to March 30, 2020, for purposes of addressing room availability.

3. The Commission subsequently issued an *Order changing Date of Workshop* on February 6, 2020, in accordance with the OPC’s request.

4. On March 15, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention called for the suspension or cancelation of public gatherings of fifty (50) individuals or more over the next eight weeks in light of the novel 2019 coronavirus disease

(“COVID-19”).¹ Those recommendations were endorsed by the office of Missouri Governor Mike Parson shortly thereafter.² On March 16, 2020, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force issued further guidelines, recommending social gatherings of more than ten (10) people be avoided for at least the next fifteen (15) days.³

5. In light of these events and in recognition of the fact that a robust and productive workshop would most likely entail a gathering of more than ten (10) people, the OPC believes that it is the best interest of all stakeholders to suspend the workshop currently scheduled for March 30, 2020, until a more reasonable time.

6. The OPC therefore requests that the Commission issue an order suspending the workshop currently scheduled in this docket for March 30, 2020, and further direct the OPC and Commission Staff to file a status report no later than April 15, 2020, regarding potential new dates for holding this workshop.

WHEREFORE, the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully requests the Commission issue an order suspending the workshop currently scheduled in this docket for March 30, 2020, and further direct the OPC and Commission Staff to file

¹ “Interim Guidance for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19),” <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html>.

² “Governor Parson’s Statement Regarding CDC Recommendations on Mass Gatherings and Large Community Events,” <https://governor.mo.gov/press-releases/archive/governor-parsons-statement-regarding-cdc-recommendations-mass-gatherings-and>.

³ “The President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread” https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the forgoing have been mailed, emailed, or
hand-delivered to all counsel of record this Twenty-third day of March,
2020.

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