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Rule Number 4 CSR 240-10.135

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TYPE OF RULEMAKING ACTION TO BE TAKEN

☐ Emergency rulemaking, include effective date

☒ Proposed Rulemaking

☐ Withdrawal ☐ Rule Action Notice ☐ In Addition ☐ Rule Under Consideration

☐ Request for Non-Substantive Change

☐ Statement of Actual Cost Order of Rulemaking

Effective Date for the Order _____

☐ Statutory 30 days OR Specific date _____

Does the Order of Rulemaking contain changes to the rule text? ☐ NO

☐ YES—LIST THE SECTIONS WITH CHANGES, including any deleted rule text:

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June 14, 2018

John Ashcroft
Secretary of State
Administrative Rules Division
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Re: 4 CSR 240-10.135 Filing Requirements for Electric, Gas, Water, Sewer, and Steam Heating
Utility Applications for Authority to Acquire the Stock of a Public Utility

Dear Secretary Ashcroft,

CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

I do hereby certify that the attached is an accurate and complete copy of the proposed rule lawfully submitted by the Missouri Public Service Commission.

The Public Service Commission has determined and hereby certifies that this proposed rule will not have an economic impact on small businesses. The Public Service Commission further certifies that it has conducted an analysis of whether there has been a taking of real property pursuant to section 536.017, RSMo, that the proposed rule does not constitute a taking of real property under relevant state and federal law, and that the proposed rule conforms to the requirements of 1.310, RSMo, regarding user fees.

The Public Service Commission has determined and hereby also certifies that this proposed rule complies with the small business requirements of 1.310, RSMo, in that it does not have an adverse impact on small businesses consisting of fewer than fifty full or part-time employees or it is necessary to protect the life, health, or safety of the public, or that this rulemaking complies with 1.310, RSMo, by exempting any small business consisting of fewer than fifty full or part-time employees from its coverage, by implementing a federal mandate, or by implementing a federal program administered by the state or an act of the general assembly.

Statutory Authority: section 386.250, RSMo 2000.

If there are any questions regarding the content of this proposed rule, please contact:

Morris Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Enclosures



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April 12, 2018

Daniel Hall
Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street
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Dear Chairman Hall:

This office has received your Order of Rulemaking of the regulations listed below. We understand these amendments have been proposed to cut red tape in Missouri.

- 4 CSR 240-10.145 – Annual Report Submission Requirements for Electric, Gas, Water, Sewer, and Steam Heating Utilities
- 4 CSR 240-10.135 – Filing Requirements for Electric, Gas, Water, Sewer, and Steam Heating Utility Applications for Authority to Acquire the Stock of a Public Utility
- 4 CSR 240-10.125 – Filing Requirements for Electric, Gas, Water, Sewer, and Steam Heating Utility Applications for Authority to Issue Stock, Bonds, Notes and Other Evidences of Indebtedness
- 4 CSR 240-10.115 - Filing Requirements for Electric, Gas, Water, Sewer, and Steam Heating Utility Applications for Authority to Merge or Consolidate
- 4 CSR 240-10.105 – Filing Requirements for Electric, Gas, Water, Sewer, and Steam Heating Utility Applications for Authority to Sell, Assign, Lease or Transfer Assets

Executive Order 17-03 requires this office's approval before state agencies release proposed regulations for notice and comment, amend existing regulations, rescind regulations, or adopt new regulations. After our review, we approve the submission of these rule amendments to JCAR and the Secretary of State.

Sincerely,

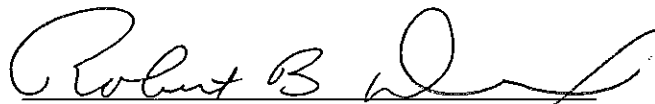
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin D. Smith".

Justin D. Smith
Deputy Counsel

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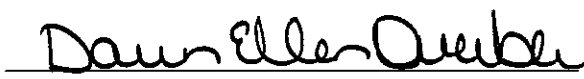
I, Rob Dixon, Director of the Department of Economic Development, first being duly sworn, on my oath, state that it is my opinion that the cost of proposed rule, 4 CSR 240-10.135, is less than five hundred dollars in the aggregate to this agency, any other agency of state government or any political subdivision thereof.


Rob Dixon
Director
Department of Economic Development

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of May, 2018 I am
commissioned as a notary public within the County of Moniteau, State of
Missouri, and my commission expires on Dec. 13, 2019



DAWN ELLEN OVERBEY
My Commission Expires
December 13, 2019
Moniteau County
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Notary Public

Title 4 – DEPARTMENT OF
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Division 240 – Public Service Commission
Chapter 10 – Utilities

PROPOSED RULE

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4 CSR 240-10.135 Filing Requirements for Electric, Gas, Water, Sewer, and Steam Heating Utility Applications for Authority to Acquire the Stock of a Public Utility

***PURPOSE:** Applications to the commission for the authority to acquire the stock of a public utility must meet the requirements set forth in this rule. As noted in the rule, additional requirements pertaining to such applications are set forth in 4 CSR 240-2.060(1).*

(1) In addition to the requirements of 4 CSR 240-2.060(1), applications for authority to acquire the stock of a public utility shall include:

(A) A statement of the offer to purchase stock of the public utility or a copy of any agreement entered with shareholders to purchase stock;

(B) A certified copy of the resolution of the directors of applicant authorizing the acquisition of the stock; and

(C) Reasons why the proposed acquisition of the stock of the public utility is not detrimental to the public interest.

(2) If any of the items required under this rule are unavailable at the time the application is filed, they shall be furnished prior to the granting of the authority sought.

***AUTHORITY:** section 386.250, RSMo 2000. * Original rule filed Aug. 16, 2002, effective April 30, 2003.*

**Original authority: 386.250, RSMo 1939, amended 1963, 1967, 1977, 1980, 1987, 1988, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1996.*

***PUBLIC COST:** This proposed rule will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.*

***PRIVATE COST:** This proposed rule will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.*

***NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS:** Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to the proposed rule with the Missouri Public Service Commission, Morris L. Woodruff, Secretary of the Commission, 200 Madison Street. P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City MO 65102-0360. To be considered, comments must be received at the commission's offices on or before August 15, 2018, and should include a reference to Commission Case No. AX-2018-0257. Comments may also be submitted via a filing using the commission's electronic filing and information system at <http://www.psc.mo.gov/efis.asp>. A public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison St., Jefferson City, Missouri. Interested persons may appear at this hearing to submit additional comments and/or testimony in support of or in opposition to this proposed rule, and may be asked to respond to commission questions. Any*

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persons with special needs, as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing at one (1) of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline 1-800-829-7541.

Small Business Regulator Fairness Board

Small Business Impact Statement

Date: March 13, 2018

Rule Number: 4 CSR 240-10.135 Filing Requirements for Electric, Gas, Water, Sewer, and Steam Heating Utility Applications for Authority to Acquire the Stock of a Public Utility

Name of Agency Preparing Statement: Missouri Public Service Commission

Name of Person Preparing Statement: Jamie Myers

Phone Number: 573-526-6036

Email: jamie.myers@psc.mo.gov

Name of Person Approving Statement: Natelle Dietrich

Please describe the methods your agency considered or used to reduce the impact on small businesses *(examples: consolidation, simplification, differing compliance, differing reporting requirements, less stringent deadlines, performance rather than design standards, exemption, or any other mitigating technique).*

This proposed rule would apply to electric, gas, water, sewer, and steam heating. Currently, there are 5 different rules that repeat the same filing requirements for each utility type. This proposed rule would consolidate and simplify the previous versions.

Please explain how your agency has involved small businesses in the development of the proposed rule.

The Commission held a workshop and two public hearings.

Please list the probable monetary costs and benefits to your agency and any other agencies affected. Please include the estimated total amount your agency expects to collect from additionally imposed fees and how the moneys will be used.

It is anticipated the proposed rule will result in a net benefit to the Commission and other affected agencies because it consolidates and streamlines the Commission's rules. No additional fees will be imposed.

Please describe small businesses that will be required to comply with the proposed rule and how they may be adversely affected.

Small utilities are already required to comply with the filing requirements. This proposed rule would not change those filing requirements and no adverse impact is expected.

Please list direct and indirect costs (in dollars amounts) associated with compliance.

None identified.

Please list types of business that will be directly affected by, bear the cost of, or directly benefit from the proposed rule.

Utilities regulated by the Commission, business owners that are ratepayers of those utilities.

Does the proposed rule include provisions that are more stringent than those mandated by comparable or related federal, state, or county standards?

Yes___ No_X__

If yes, please explain the reason for imposing a more stringent standard.

For further guidance in the completion of this statement, please see §536.300, RSMo.