

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 17th day of
November, 2016.

In the Matter of Proposed Amendments to the)
Commission's Ex Parte and Extra-Record)
Communications Rule)

File No. AX-2017-0128

**FINDING OF NECESSITY AND ORDER DIRECTING THAT PROPOSED
RULE RESCISSION AND NEW RULES BE FILED FOR PUBLICATION**

Issue Date: November 17, 2016

Effective Date: November 17, 2016

The Commission has undertaken this rulemaking to amend its rule regarding ex parte and extra-record communications. The Commission's goals are to comply with Section 386.210.4, RSMo; simplify compliance with the rule; and promote consistency and fairness. The Commission proposes to rescind the existing 4 CSR 240-4.020 and replace that rule with six new rules- 4 CSR 240-4.015, 4.017, 4.020, 4.030, 4.040, and 4.050. The Commission finds that these new rules are necessary to protect the public interest and to carry out the purposes of the statute that granted such rulemaking authority. The Commission has discussed the new rules with interested stakeholders and will seek further comments during the rulemaking process.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Secretary of the Commission shall file the rescission and new rules with the Secretary of State for publication in the Missouri Register as a proposed rescission and new rules.

2. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff

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Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney,
Rupp and Coleman, CC., concur.

Bushmann, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 17th day of November 2016.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

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