

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 6th day of April, 2017.

In the Matter of a Working Case to Explore
Emerging Issues in Utility Regulation

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File No. EW-2017-0245

**ORDER OPENING A WORKING PROCEEDING REGARDING EMERGING ISSUES,
AND SCHEDULING A WORKSHOP MEETING**

Issue Date: April 6, 2017

Effective Date: April 6, 2017

On March 24, 2017, the Staff of the Commission filed a motion asking the Commission to open a proceeding to permit Staff to gather information and to facilitate discussions regarding emerging issues related to utility regulation. In particular, Staff intends to address:

- the regulation of solar energy;
- the Commission's role in installation of advanced metering infrastructure;
- the Commission's role regarding Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) and Pay as You Save (PAYS) programs;
- the implementation of modified rate design proposals; and
- the Commission's role in the promotion of a competitive market for plug-in electrical vehicles.

After gathering information, Staff intends to submit a report to the Commission regarding its review of these matters. To start the process, Staff asks the Commission to schedule a workshop meeting. The Commission will do as Staff requests.¹

This file will serve as a repository for documents and comments. Using this file, any person with an interest in this matter may view documents and may submit comments or documents. As this is not a contested case, anyone may file a comment without legal counsel. Intervention requests are not necessary to submit comments or view documents.

The public is welcome to submit comments through the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS) at the Commission's website, <http://www.psc.mo.gov>. (Click on the EFIS/Case filings link on the left side of the page. Scroll down and click on the public comment link. Please refer to File No. EW-2017-0245. Written comments in hard copy may be mailed to the Commission at P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 and should also reference File No. EW-2017-0245. The public can view the contents of the file by following the link at <http://www.psc.mo.gov>.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order to all parties in the most recent general rate case for each of Missouri's investor-owned

¹ The Missouri Division of Energy filed a response to Staff's motion on March 31, describing additional topics that might be addressed and suggesting additional organizations that should be invited to attend Staff's workshop meeting and otherwise participate in this proceeding. Staff replied to that response on April 5. The Commission thanks the Division of Energy for its thoughtful suggestions, but this order is intended only to provide a framework for Staff's review of these matters. The Commission will not attempt to dictate to Staff the details of that review. Staff is free to decide for itself whether to adopt the changes suggested by the Division of Energy.

electric utilities. (Ameren Missouri ER-2016-0179, KCP&L ER-2016-0285, KCPL-GMO ER-2016-0156, and Empire ER-2016-0023)

2. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the news media and to the members of the General Assembly.

3. A workshop meeting will be held on May 18, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Room 450 (Ballroom) at the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison St., Jefferson City, MO 65102. A copy of Staff's agenda for that meeting is attached to this order.

4. Interested parties are invited to provide information to Staff before the workshop meeting on the designated topics, including examples from other states, legal implications, and answers to the questions posed by Staff. Such information may be provided directly to Staff, or may be filed in this file. Such information should be submitted by May 1, 2017.

5. 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.

Woodruff, Chief 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 6th day of April 2017.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

April 6, 2017

File/Case No. EW-2017-0245 and parties in ER-2016-0179, ER-2016-0285, ER-2016-0156 and ER-2016-0023

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

Sincerely,



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