

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 30th day of August, 2011.

In the Matter of an Investigation of the Cost to)
Missouri's Electric Utilities Resulting from) **File No. EW-2012-0065**
Compliance with Federal Environmental Regulations)

**ORDER OPENING AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE COST OF
COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS**

Issue Date: August 30, 2011

Effective Date: August 30, 2011

The Commission wants to determine the potential impact on Missouri's electric utilities' electric generation plants of current and future EPA rules under the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts. Specifically the Commission wants to determine the potential impact on reliability and costs. To further study this issue, the Commission will direct its Staff to lead a working group to investigate and to draft a report describing the effects of environmental regulation on Missouri's electric industry and to offer recommendations on how this Commission should address the effects.

The working group shall include Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, and each of Missouri's four investor-owned electric utilities: Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri; The Empire District Electric Company; Kansas City Power & Light Company; and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company. The Commission also invites other consumer, industrial, and environmental groups to participate.

This file shall 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 any pertinent responsive comments or documents. As this is not a contested case, any person may file a comment without counsel and without *ex parte* constraints (arising from this matter). Intervention requests are not necessary to submit comments or view documents.

The public is welcome to submit comments by forwarding electronic communications through the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS) or by mailing written comments. You may submit electronic comments at the Commission's website at <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-2012-0065) Written comments in hard copy should be addressed to the Commission at P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 and should also reference File No. EW-2012-0065. 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 Staff, as the leader of a working group including utility, industrial, consumer, and environmental stakeholders, shall investigate and file a report regarding the cost of compliance with Federal environmental regulations no later than May 1, 2012.
2. This case is established as a repository for documents and comments regarding the cost of compliance with Federal environmental regulations.

3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Gunn, Chm., Davis, Jarrett,
and Kenney, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge