

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

In the Matter of Proposed Rule 4 CSR 240-)	
23.030, Establishing Vegetation)	
Management Standards for Investor-Owned)	Case No. EX-2008-0232
Electrical Corporations.)	

FISCAL NOTE REVIEW MEMORANDUM

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) and states:

1. In the Memorandum attached as Appendix A, the Staff advises the Commission that the Staff conducted a review of the fiscal estimate due to the rule adopted in this rulemaking case, and has determined that no fiscal estimate change need to be filed with the Secretary of State.

2. The rule adopted in this case established minimum standards for the vegetation management programs of electrical corporations. The Commission’s Order of Rulemaking appeared in the May 1, 2008 *Missouri Register*, Volume 33, Number 9, establishing rule 4 CSR 240-23.030 effective on June 30, 2008.

3. Section 536.200.2 RSMo. (2000) requires agencies to make a filing with the Secretary of State if, after the first full year after implementation, the cost of the rule exceeds the agency estimate. The first full fiscal year after the amended rule became effective was the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits the attached Memorandum wherein the Staff states its conclusion that no fiscal estimate change needs to be filed with the Secretary of State for rule 4 CSR 240-23.030.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Case File for Case No. EX-2008-0232

FROM: Daniel I. Beck, on Behalf of the Commission Staff

SUBJECT: Rule 4 CSR 240-23.030 Vegetation Management Standards for Investor-Owned Electric Utilities

DATE: August 16, 2010

The Commission Staff has investigated the cost of implementing the rule adopted by the Commission through this case, and reports that it has not discovered any information that would show that the cost estimate published in the *Missouri Register* was inaccurate in connection with the implementation of the Electrical Corporation Vegetation Management Standards and Reporting Requirements Rule 4 CSR 240-23.030 adopted in Case No. EX-2008-0232.

Additionally, the Staff reports that it has not received any information from any party potentially or actually affected by the implementation of the subject rule that would show that the cost estimate published in the *Missouri Register* is inaccurate.

The Commission's General Procedure GP-1 (GP-1) requires, among other things, that within 30 days before the end of the first full fiscal year after the implementation of a rule, amendment or rescission, that the Staff is to investigate whether the cost to all affected entities, including the Commission, has exceeded by ten percent or more the estimated cost in the fiscal note, or, where appropriate, has exceeded five hundred dollars.

GP-1 also requires the Staff to prepare a memorandum showing the results of its investigation within thirty (30) days after the end of the first full fiscal year of the implementation of the subject rule, amendment or rescission. If the Staff investigation shows that the costs have not exceeded ten percent for all entities or, where appropriate, the estimated five hundred dollars, Staff's Memorandum shall be entered into EFIS under the rulemaking's docket number.

Since the Staff's investigation indicates that the published cost estimates related to the changes in the rule have not been exceeded, no *Missouri Register* publication is required under Section 536.200.2, RSMo 2000.