

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 5th day of
June, 2019.

In the Matter of an Investigation of Missouri)	
Jurisdictional Generator Self-Commitments into)	
SPP and MISO Day-Ahead Energy Markets)	<u>File No. EW-2019-0370</u>

**ORDER OPENING AN INVESTIGATION OF MISSOURI JURISDICTIONAL
GENERATOR SELF-COMMITMENTS AND SELF-SCHEDULING**

Issue Date: June 5, 2019

Effective Date: June 5, 2019

Both Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) and Southwest Power Pool (SPP) operate day ahead energy markets designed to identify the supply of electric generation required to meet demand, and select demand-side and supply-side resources¹ for dispatch in a manner designed to minimize overall costs to the system while meeting reliability requirements. However, in some circumstances, a market participant may choose to self-commit a particular supply-side resource for dispatch and self-schedule that supply-side resource's output and accept whatever market price results rather than awaiting market commitment and dispatch by the Regional Transmission Organization (RTO).

The Commission is opening this case and directing its staff to begin an investigation into the self-commit and self-scheduling practices of Missouri's investor-

¹ Refers to demand-side resource and supply-side resource as defined in 4 CSR 240-22.040.

owned electric utilities in their respective RTO energy markets to determine if such practices inure to the benefit of their ratepayers. The Commission will also direct its Staff to file a report regarding the results of this investigation no later than August 16, 2019.

To accelerate staff review, the Commission requests that Missouri investor-owned electric utilities submit for each of its generation facilities on a monthly and annual basis over the last three years: (1) whether the utility has full control, minority partial ownership interest in such facility or has a power purchase interest in the capacity of such a resource; (2) the nameplate capacity; (3) the amount of net and gross energy generated; (4) amount of energy bid into the day ahead market and the amount that cleared; (5) amount of energy self-committed, self-scheduled and market selected; and (6) regarding the amount of energy self-committed, the difference between production costs and corresponding prevailing market prices. The Commission also directs each electric utility to outline the practices it employs with regard to resource bidding, and what strategy governs whether a resource is bid into the market or self-scheduled. Utilities and other stakeholders should consult Staff if further clarity as to these items is required. Responses should be submitted no later than June 28, 2019.

This file shall serve as a repository for documents and comments. Using this file, anyone with an interest in this matter may view documents and may submit any pertinent responsive comments or documents. Materials containing confidential or proprietary information will be treated and maintained in that manner, however, a public version shall also be provided for review. As this is not a contested case, anyone 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 Access EFIS link on the right side of the page. Scroll down and click on the public comment link. Please refer to File No. EW-2019-0370). 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-2019-0370. The public can view the contents of the file by following the link at <http://www.psc.mo.gov>.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. This case is established as a repository for documents and comments regarding Staff's investigation of the self-commit and self-scheduling activities of Missouri's investor-owned electric utilities.
2. The investor owned electric utilities are directed to provide the generation and self-commitment data, as described in the body of the order, no later than June 28, 2019 and be responsive to any additional staff requests for information.
3. Staff may also seek additional information or data from the investor owned electric utilities to aid in the investigation.
4. Any stakeholder may provide information by June 28 for consideration. Additionally, any stakeholder may review the submissions made by June 28 and respond to or provide additional related materials by July 8.

5. Staff shall file a report regarding its investigation no later than August 16, 2019. The staff report shall offer a summary of materials submitted, additional facts or observations as well as make any recommendations, if any.

6. Stakeholders may respond to the Staff report by August 30.

7. The Commission's data center shall provide a copy of this order to all Missouri electrical corporations, and to all intervening parties in the most recent rate cases for each electrical corporation.²

8. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

² Those rate cases are as follows: Ameren Missouri (Electric) – ER-2016-0179; Kansas City Power & Light – ER-2018-0145; KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company – ER-2018-0146; The Empire District Electric Company – ER-2016-0023.

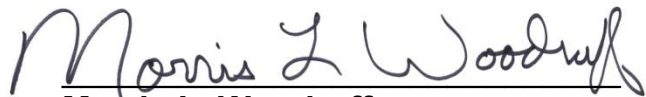
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OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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 5th day of June 2019.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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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

Distributed to all Missouri Electrical Corporations.

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