

Commission that a delay of the evidentiary hearing could threaten the viability of the projects described in the application due to the time-sensitive nature of those projects.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.115(2)(D) provides that when a timely objection is made to a non-unanimous stipulation and agreement it becomes merely a position statement of those signatory parties. Since OPC filed a timely objection to the Agreement, all issues remain for determination after a hearing. The revising of a few words in the Agreement does not create a sufficient reason for delaying the evidentiary hearing. OPC will have an adequate opportunity to question witnesses and make arguments to the Commission concerning that matter at the evidentiary hearing.

The Commission finds that OPC timely filed four affidavits in opposition to the Agreement by the deadline of May 4, 2018. Since the data requests have been answered and the affidavits have been filed, the Commission finds that reason for suspending the procedural schedule to be moot. While the procedural schedule has been expedited and may create some hardship on the parties, the Commission notes that all parties, including OPC, jointly requested that procedural schedule. The Commission will deny the Motions.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Office of the Public Counsel's motions to suspend the procedural scheduled filed on May 2 and May 3, 2018, are denied.

2. This order shall be effective when issued.



Michael Bushmann, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of May, 2018.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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 7th day of May 2018.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

May 7, 2018

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Sincerely,

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**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

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