

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its Office in Jefferson City on the 14th day of June, 2023.

In the Matter of the Assessment Against)
the Public Utilities in the State of Missouri)
for the Expenses of the Commission for the)
Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2023)

File No. AO-2023-0417

ASSESSMENT ORDER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

Issue Date: June 14, 2023

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

Pursuant to 386.370, RSMo, the Commission estimates the expenses to be incurred by it during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023. These expenses are reasonably attributable to the regulation of public utilities as provided in Chapters 386, 392 and 393, RSMo, and amount to \$25,857,711. Within that total, the Commission estimates the expenses directly attributable to the regulation of the six groups of public utilities: electrical, gas, heating, water, sewer and telephone, which total for all groups \$13,705,793. In addition to the separately identified costs for each utility group, the Commission estimates the amount of expenses that could not be attributed directly to any utility group of \$12,151,918.

The Commission estimates that the amount of Federal Gas Safety reimbursement will be \$600,000. The unexpended balance in the Public Service Commission Fund in the hands of the State Treasurer on July 1, 2023, is estimated to be \$2,587,437. The Commission deducts these amounts and estimates its Fiscal Year 2024 Assessment to be \$22,670,274. The unexpended sum is allocated as a deduction from the estimated

expenses of each utilities group listed above, in proportion to the group's gross intrastate operating revenue as a percentage of all groups' gross intrastate operating revenue for the calendar year of 2022, as provided by law. The reimbursement from the federal gas safety program is deducted from the estimated expenses attributed to the gas utility group.

The Commission allocates to each utility group its directly attributable estimated expenses. Additional common, administrative and other costs not directly attributable to any particular utility group are assessed according to the group's proportion of the total gross intrastate operating revenue of all utilities groups. Those amounts are set out with more specificity in documents located on the Commission's web page at <http://www.psc.mo.gov>.

The Commission fixes the amount so allocated to each such group of public utilities, net of said estimated unexpended fund balance and federal reimbursement as follows:

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| Electric | \$ 12,472,298 |
| Gas | \$ 5,246,210 |
| Steam/Heating | \$ 139,524 |
| Water & Sewer | \$ 3,610,207 |
| <u>Telephone</u> | <u>\$ 1,202,035</u> |
| Total | \$ 22,670,274 |

The Commission allocates a proportionate share of the \$22,670,274 to each industry group as indicated above. The amount allocated to each industry group is allotted to the companies within that group. This allotment is accomplished according to the

percentage of each individual company's gross intrastate operating revenues compared to the total gross intrastate operating revenues for that group. The amount allotted to a company is the amount assessed to that company.

The Budget and Fiscal Services Department of the Commission is hereby directed to calculate the amount of such assessment against each public utility, and the Commission's Director of Administration shall render a statement of such assessment to each public utility, on or before July 1, 2023. The assessment shall be due and payable on or before July 15, 2023, or at the option of each public utility, it may be paid in equal quarterly installments, on or before July 15, 2023, October 15, 2023, January 15, 2024, and April 15, 2024. The Budget and Fiscal Services Department shall deliver checks to the Director of Revenue for deposit.

All checks shall be made payable to the "Director of Revenue, State of Missouri"; however, these checks must be sent to:

Missouri Public Service Commission
Budget and Fiscal Services Department
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO, 65102-0360

So that the assessment is effective at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2024 for the state of Missouri, the Commission finds it reasonable for this order to become effective in less than 30 days.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be as set forth herein.
2. The Budget and Fiscal Services Department of the Commission shall calculate the amount of such assessment against each public utility.

3. On behalf of the Commission, the Commission's Director of Administration shall render a statement of such assessment to each public utility on or before July 1, 2023.

4. Each public utility shall pay its assessment as set forth herein.

5. The Budget and Fiscal Services Department shall deliver checks to the Director of Revenue for deposit.

6. This order shall become effective on July 1, 2023.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Rupp, Chm., Coleman, Holsman, Kolkmeier
and Hahn CC., concur.

Dippell, Chief Regulatory Law Judge