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

In the Matter of a Repository File Regarding)The Chapter 22 Electric Utility Resource)Planning Revisions Workshops)

File No. EW-2009-0412

## STAFF REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ORDER RELATING TO FURTHER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC MEETING ON AUGUST 31, 2009

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issue an Order relating to further establishing the procedure for the public meeting scheduled before the Missouri Commissioners for Monday, August 31, 2009 commencing at 9:00 a.m. for interested entities to make presentations to the Missouri Commissioners regarding what form and content interested entities believe a revision of the Commission's Chapter 22 Electric Utility Resource Planning rules should take, and the timing of a revision of Chapter 22. In support thereof, the Staff states as follows:

1. The Staff, Missouri investor-owned electric utilities, Office of the Public Counsel, and various stakeholders have been working on revising the Commission's current Chapter 22 rules for several months, and it is clear that very significant differences exist among the positions of the interested entities. At a workshop on July 30, 2009 where presentations were made by (a) Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE (and commented on by Kansas City Power & Light Company), (b) The Empire District Electric Company, (c) Missouri Department of Natural Resources, (d) Office of the Public Counsel, (e) Competitive Energy Dynamics, (f) Missouri Coalition For The Environment and Renew Missouri, (g) Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, and (h) the Natural Resources Defense Council, it became clear to the Staff that it would be advisable to obtain direction from the Commissioners on the revision of Chapter 22, and that a public meeting entailing presentations to the Commissioners might afford the interested entities an opportunity to present their positions to the Commissioners and for the Commissioners to ask questions.

2. The Staff placed this matter on the Commission's August 12, 2009 Agenda under "Other Discussion," as a discussion item in open session, and the Staff made its recommendation that a public meeting be scheduled for August 31, 2009.

3. On August 14, 2009, the Commission issued, in the instant file, File No. EW-2009-0412, Notice Of Public Meeting To Hear Presentations Regarding IRP Rule Revisions.

4. The Staff intends to make a presentation on August 31, 2009, and is not aware of how many presenters at the workshop on July 30, 2009, or other interested entities, would like time on August 31, 2009. Based on the experience of July 30, 2009, the Staff does not believe that for each interested entity that may want time and the amount of time each may want, there will be time available in the normal business day. Also, Staff counsel does not believe that each "interested entity" that may want individual time, may necessarily have something unique to say. Furthermore, the Staff is unaware of how much time the Commissioners may be able to commit to the public meeting scheduled for August 31, 2009. The Staff notes that it is sending this pleading to the attached list of e-mail addresses which it regularly uses for File Nos. EW-2009-0412 and EW-2009-0324. (Attachment A). Although in many instances this list contains multiple individuals at the same interested entities, there are many "interested entities."

5. The Staff suggests that the Commission issue an Order establishing a date and time for a public telephone conference call in advance of August 31, 2009, and provide a toll free telephone number, at which time interested entities could request time from Chief Regulatory

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Law Judge Morris Woodruff to make a presentation on August 31, 2009. For example, the public telephone conference call could be scheduled for this Friday, August 21, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. The format and allotment of time for each presentation would be discussed with the Chief Regulatory Law Judge in this public telephone conference call. In the alternative, the Commission could direct the Staff to schedule the public telephone conference call and put together a schedule for the August 31, 2009 public meeting, which will start at 9:00 a.m. In either event, it would be truly helpful for the organizer of the August 31, 2009 public meeting to know how much time the Commissioners have available for the public meeting on August 31, 2009.

Wherefore the Staff requests that the Commission issue an Order, covering the matters related above, regarding further establishing the procedure for the public meeting scheduled before the Missouri Commissioners for Monday, August 31, 2009 commencing at 9:00 a.m. for interested entities to make presentations to the Missouri Commissioners regarding what form and content interested entities believe a revision of the Commission's Chapter 22 Electric Utility Resource Planning rules should take, and the timing of a revision of Chapter 22.

Respectfully submitted,

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