

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

In the Matter of a Working Case to)
Consider Policies to Improve)
Electric Utility Regulation.)

Case No. EW-2016-0313

**Motion for Order Directing Filing and
For Expedited Treatment**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its *Motion for Order Directing Filing*, states as follows:

1. The Commission established this working docket on June 8, 2016, “to facilitate stakeholder discussions regarding possible policies intended to improve the way in which the Commission regulates Missouri’s investor-owned electric utilities.”¹

2. In its Order of June 8, 2016, the Commission directed Staff to file a report not later than October 17, 2016, “describing and evaluating the submitted suggestions, and offering its recommendations for any actions to be taken by the Commission.”²

3. In support of the Staff’s efforts to perform the task described in Paragraph 2, Staff prays that the Commission will order Missouri’s regulated electric utilities to respond to the following questions not later than September 23, 2016, by filing their responses in this docket (indicating whether or not such response may be shared with the Senate Interim Committee, which has also requested the information):

¹ ***Order Opening A Working Case To Consider Policies To Improve Electric Utility Regulation***, p.

1.

² *Id.*

Questions:

1. What investments are you not able to make under the current regulatory environment that you would be able to make if there was a change in ratemaking practices?

2. If the decision to make investment depends on the extent of the regulatory change, please provide information as to investments that will be made under various regulatory environments (i.e., performance-based rates, shortened rate cases, an electric ISRS, construction accounting/plant-in-service, trackers/riders, projected/partially-projected test year, interim rates, CWIP in rate base, etc).

4. Staff further prays that the said Order be issued on an expedited basis so that the companies' responses will be available for Staff's report, due on October 17, 2016.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will issue its order as described above.

Respectfully submitted,

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