

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

In the Matter of a Working Case to Explore        )  
Emerging Issues in Utility Regulation         )        Case No. EW-2017-\_\_\_\_\_

**AGENDA AND REQUEST FOR WORKSHOP DOCKET**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Agenda and Request for Workshop Docket* in this matter hereby states:

1. Utility regulation is constantly affected by new advancements in technology and the law. Staff has taken note of five emerging areas of interest, for which it believes a workshop of interested parties would be beneficial to better understand these advancements and methods.

2. Section 386.135(5) charges Commission Staff with updating the Commission and regulatory law judges on developments and trends in utility regulation. Pursuant to this section, historically, Staff has conducted similar workshops of an investigatory and educational nature.

3. Staff asks this Commission to open a workshop docket to permit Staff to gather information from interested parties and provide a report on these matters after the workshop. The stakeholders will not discuss any pending cases or any issues currently raised in pending cases, but will instead promote broad general discussion regarding the proposed topics. *Attachment A* to this pleading is an outline of the proposed agenda for the workshop.

4. Staff's proposed agenda features questions outlining the topics Staff wishes to discuss at the workshop. Staff asks that interested parties consider these questions, and their legal implications, in providing information in this docket. Specifically information and examples showcasing how other states have addressed these topics will be beneficial to the discussions.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff respectfully asks this Commission to order: 1) a workshop docket to be created for this matter; 2) a meeting of interested parties to be scheduled for May 18 from 9:00am to 3:00pm in the ballroom of the Governor's Office Building; 3) parties to provide information on the designated topics, examples from other states, legal implications and answers to Staff's topic questions no later than April 30; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017, to all counsel of record.

**/s/ Whitney Payne**

Emerging Regulatory Issues Workshop  
May 18, 2017  
9:00am to 3:00pm

What is the Commission's role in shaping the solar landscape?

- The Public Utilities Regulatory Policy Act (PURPA)
- Missouri statutory provisions
- Net metering and cogeneration rules
- Avoided cost calculations
- Value of solar calculation
- Development and construction of utility-scale or community solar projects
- Other states

What is the Commission's role related to the installation of advanced metering infrastructure?

- Privacy concerns
- Opt-out provisions
- Opt-out charges
- Other states

What is the Commission's role in shaping the availability of Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) and Pay as You Save (PAYS) programs?

What is the Commission's role in implementing modified rate design proposals?

- Residential time of use rates
- Inclining block rates
- Effect on energy efficiency and renewable energy
- Other states

What is the Commission's role in promoting a competitive market for plug-in electrical vehicles?

- Missouri statutory provisions
- Make ready system
- Who owns the infrastructure – can there be a demarcation point between the utility and third parties
- Other states