### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

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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, 2025.

Case No. OO-2025-XXXX

### MOTION TO ESTABLISH CASE AND ENTER ASSESSMENT ORDER

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the Commission's General Counsel, and hereby advises the Commission as follows:

1. In order to assist the Commission in meeting the requirements of Section 386.370, RSMo, for providing sufficient revenues to fund Commission operations. Staff has made an estimate of the expenses to be incurred by the Commission during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025, reasonably attributable to the regulation of public utilities as provided in Chapters 386, 392 and 393, RSMo.

2. Staff has determined that based upon the legislative appropriation for FY-2026, the Commission's revenue need is \$38,546,246.

3. Staff has separately estimated the amount of expenses directly attributable to such regulation of each of the following groups of public utilities: electrical utilities, gas utilities, heating utilities, water utilities, sewer utilities and telephone utilities, as well as the amount of such expenses not directly attributable to any such group.

4. As provided by law, Staff subtracted from the need amount the Public Service Commission Fund's FY-2025 estimated unexpended balance of \$1,582,271 as allocated to each group of public utilities, noted above, in proportion to the respective gross intrastate operating revenue of the respective groups during the calendar year of 2024. Staff also subtracted from the need amount the estimated reimbursement from the Federal Gas Safety program, \$719,000.

5. However, Section 386.370.2, RSMo, states, in part, that, "the total amount so assessed to all such public utilities shall not exceed three hundred fifteen thousandths of one percent<sup>1</sup> of the total gross intrastate operating revenues of all utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the commission." That amount is \$26,925,805.

6. Considering the statutory cap on the assessed amount, Staff has determined the amounts allocated to each such group of public utilities as follows:

TOTAL	\$ 26,925,805
Telephone	\$ 1,198,497
Water & Sewer	\$ 3,852,660
Steam/Heating	\$ 109,635
Gas	\$ 6,600,770
Electric	\$ 15,164,243

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 0.315%, or 0.00315.

7. Attached to this filing are three worksheets Staff prepared which detail the computations used to arrive at its estimates and the assessment calculations by public utility group.

8. Staff requests the Commission to direct its Budget and Fiscal Services Department to calculate the amount of assessment against each public utility for the next fiscal year. It further requests that the Commission direct its Director of Administration to render a statement of such assessment to each public utility on or before July 1, 2025, pursuant to 386.370, RSMo, with said assessment due and payable on or before July 15, 2025, or at the option of each public utility, payable in equal quarterly installments on or before July 15, 2025, October 15, 2025, January 15, 2026 and April 15, 2026, as provided by law.

WHEREFORE, the Staff asks that the Commission open this case for the purpose of entering an Order with respect to the FY-2026 public utility assessments that adopts the cost estimates and assessment allocations contained in the worksheets prepared by Staff, directs the Commission's Budget and Fiscal Services Department to calculate the amount of assessment against each public utility, and further, directs its Director of Administration to render a statement of each public utilities assessment to each utility on or before July 1, 2025.

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Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Mark Johnson</u> MARK JOHNSON Missouri Bar No. 64940 Chief Staff Counsel

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by hand delivery or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this 13th day of June, 2025, on counsel for all of the parties of record herein.

<u>/s/ Mark Johnson</u>

### MO PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FY-2026 ASSESSMENT CALCULATION OF PSC ASSESSMENT

### FISCAL YEAR 2026 APPROPRIATIONS/TRANSFERS/STATE CONTRIBUTIONS:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION APPROPRIATION OASDI STATE RETIREMENT, LTD INS & BASIC LIFE INS DEFERRED COMPENSATION STATE MEDICAL INSURANCE WORKER'S COMPENSATION UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$24,352,438 \$1,667,689 \$6,758,390 \$188,100 \$3,525,171 \$303,018 \$8,720 \$36,803,526	
DEPT OF COMMERCE & INSURANCE-COST ALLOCATION OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION-COST ALLOCATION OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION-ERP COST ALLOCATION OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION - LEASES	\$140,000 \$224,792 \$142,960 \$1,234,968	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS/TRANSFERS/STATE CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,742,720 \$38,54	46,246
LESS: ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE - PSC FUND ESTIMATED D.O.T. GAS SAFETY RECEIPTS	•	82,271) 19,000)
LIMIT TO ASSESSMENT CAP	(\$9,31	19,170)
FISCAL YEAR 2026 PSC ASSESSMENT	\$26,92	25,805

## MO PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FY-2026 ASSESSMENT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FUND (0607) ESTIMATED PSC FUND CASH BALANCE JUNE 30, 2025

CASH BALANCE AT JULY 1, 2024 FY-2025 REVENUES - ESTIMATED	\$2,428,258 \$24,397,573
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	\$26,825,832
ACTUAL AND ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES/TRANSFERS/STATE CONTRIBUTIONS JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025	
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION EXPENDITURES OASDI STATE RETIREMENT, LTD INS & BASIC LIFE INS DEFERRED COMP STATE MEDICAL INSURANCE DCI-COST ALLOCATION OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION-COST ALLOCATION OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION-ERP COST ALLOCATION OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION-LEASES WORKER'S COMPENSATION UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$15,810,915 \$1,022,665 \$4,050,395 \$136,867 \$2,646,293 \$140,000 \$198,106 \$134,160 \$1,104,160 \$0 \$0
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES/TRANSFERS/STATE CONTRIBUTIONS	\$25,243,561
ESTIMATED PSC FUND CASH BALANCE 06/30/2025	\$1,582,271

# MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION(PSC) FY 2026 ASSESSMENT

SUMMARY OF COST ALLOCATED TO TYPE OF UTILITY

	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9
	DIVISION/COST GROUP	TOTAL	ELECTRIC	GAS	STEAM/ HEAT	WATER & SEWER	TELEPHONE	COMMON
Α	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION	\$36,803,526	\$6,628,464	\$4,296,118	\$54,888	\$2,942,610	\$355,877	\$22,525,573
В	COMMERCE & INSURANCE-COST ALLOCATION	\$140,000	\$25,980	\$16,439	\$197	\$11,319	\$1,424	\$84,641
С	OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION-LEASES	\$1,234,968	\$229,174	\$145,016	\$1,737	\$99,848	\$12,558	\$746,634
D	OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION-COST ALLOCATION	\$224,792						\$224,792
Ε	ERP COST ALLOCATION	\$142,960						\$142,960
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F	TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	\$38,546,246	\$6,883,618	\$4,457,573	\$56,822	\$3,053,777	\$369,859	\$23,724,601
G	INTRASTATE REVENUE	\$8,547,875,132	\$5,519,837,001	\$1,907,931,282	\$35,205,635	\$532,532,849	\$552,368,364	
	PERCENT TO TOTAL	100.00%	64.5755%	22.3205%	0.4119%	6.2300%	6.4621%	
Ι	ALLOCATION OF COMMON		\$15,320,290	\$5,295,457	\$97,713	\$1,478,043	\$1,533,097	(\$23,724,601)
J	TOTAL PSC COSTS ALLOCATED	\$38,546,246	\$22,203,909	\$9,753,030	\$154,536	\$4,531,821	\$1,902,956	
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κ	LESS: PSC FUND CASH BALANCE	\$1,582,271	\$1,021,760	\$353,171	\$6,517	\$98,576	\$102,247	
L	LESS: EST. GAS SAFETY REIMB.	\$719,000		\$719,000				
М	LESS: LIMIT TO ASSESSMENT CAP	\$9,319,170	\$6,017,905	\$2,080,088	\$38,382	\$580,585	\$602,210	
Ν	FISCAL YEAR 2026 PSC ASSESSMENT	\$26,925,805	\$15,164,243	\$6,600,770	\$109,635	\$3,852,660	\$1,198,497	
ASSESSMENT % TO GROUP REVENUE 0.2747% 0.3460% 0.3114% 0.7235% 0.2170%								

**ASSESSMENT % TO GROUP REVENUE ASSESSMENT % TO TOTAL REVENUE** 

0.3150%

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### AFFIDAVIT OF DANIELLE CUNNINGHAM

State of Missouri ) ) ss County of Cole )

**COMES NOW** Danielle Cunningham, of lawful age, on oath states that she has participated in the preparation of the foregoing *Staff Motion to Establish Case and Enter Assessment Order*, and that such matters are true and correct to her best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

DANIELLE CUNNINGHAM

#### JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 64 day of June, 2025.

DIANNA L. VAUGHT Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: July 18, 2027 Commission Number: 15207377