

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

In the Matter of the Consideration of Adoption)
of the PURPA Section 111(d)(16) Integrated)
Resource Planning Standard as Required by) **File No. EW-2009-0290**
Section 532 of the Energy Independence and)
Security Act of 2007.)

In the Matter of the Consideration of Adoption)
of the PURPA Section 111(d)(17) Rate Design)
Modifications to Promote Energy Efficiency) **File No. EW-2009-0291**
Investments Standard as Required by Section)
532 of the Energy Independence and Security)
Act of 2007.)

In the Matter of the Consideration of Adoption)
of the PURPA Section 111(d)(16) Consideration)
of Smart Grid Investments Standard as Required) **File No. EW-2009-0292**
by Section 1307 of the Energy Independence and)
Security Act of 2007.)

In the Matter of the Consideration of Adoption)
of the PURPA Section 111(d)(17) Smart Grid)
Information Standard as Required by Section) **File No. EW-2009-0293**
1307 of the Energy Independence and Security)
Act of 2007.)

ORDER ESTABLISHING DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES

Issue Date: March 25, 2009

Effective Date: March 25, 2009

On February 23, 2009, the Commission’s Staff filed a pleading suggesting that, to the extent the Commission needs to consider the above-captioned Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (“PURPA”) standards, it can review the new standards during workshops previously scheduled to review Chapter 22 of the Commission’s regulations.¹ Staff also provided a substantive analysis as to whether the Commission needed to take further action with regard to adopting the standards.

The Commission set a deadline for responses to Staff's suggestion for the procedural schedules for these workshops, and five participants elected to file responses, two of which also addressed the substantive issues as to whether the prior state action exemption applied with respect to the standards, and as to whether the Commission needed to take further action with regard to adopting the standards. Having reviewed those responses, the Commission is unsure that any scheduled workshop is required to make its decision as to whether it needs to take further action to adopt the new standards.

The Commission notes that its previous deadline for responses pertained only to Staff's proposed procedural schedule and not the substantive issues concerning adopting the standards. Consequently, the Commission shall set a deadline for participants to address the substantive issues involving consideration of these standards. All responses should address the following issues with regard to each standard: (1) does the prior state action exemption apply to any of the new PURPA standards encompassed within the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007; and (2) should the Commission engage in rulemaking, or some other procedure to adopt any of the new PURPA standards encompassed within the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. All responses to the inquiry delineated by the Commission in the body of this order shall be filed no later than April 15, 2009.

¹ Chapter 22 of the Commission's regulations deals with Electric Utility Resource Planning.

2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issue.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written in a cursive style.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Harold Stearley, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 25th day of March, 2009.