

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

In the Matter of a Working Docket to Address the )  
Hedging Practices of Electric Utilities Used to Mitigate ) **File No. EW-2013-0101**  
the Rising Costs of Fuel )

## ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT AND SETTING A DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES

Issue Date: March 4, 2013

Effective Date: March 4, 2013

On February 28, 2013, the Commission's Staff filed a status report. In its report, Staff seeks further direction from the Commission. The Commission will direct its Staff to file a comprehensive report before it determines how to further proceed in this matter.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. No later than April 8, 2013, the Commission's Staff shall file a comprehensive report to update the Commission on the progress of the workshop. That report shall include, at minimum:

- a.) a list of the dates that workshops or conferences were held;
- b.) a list of the attendance for each of the workshops or conferences;
- c.) a complete list of all of the identified issues discussed during the workshops or conferences;
- d.) a list of the proposed solutions to the issues and problems identified;
- e.) an explanation regarding the viability of each proposed solution;
- f.) a list and explanation of alternatives to hedging programs to mitigate natural gas price volatility;

g.) a recommendation for how to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of hedging programs or alternative programs; and

h.) a recommendation as to whether the Commission should open a rule-making file to address hedging practices.

2. Any participant or interested entity shall file any response to Staff's comprehensive report no later than April 22, 2013.

3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shelley Brueggemann".

Shelley Brueggemann  
Acting Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.