# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Motion for an Emergency	)
Order Establishing a Temporary Moratorium	) File No. AO-2021-0164
on Utility Discontinuances to Protect Public	)
Health and Safety by Mitigating the Spread of	)
the COVID-19 Pandemic.	)

### ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND SHORTENING TIME FOR RESPONSES

Issue Date: December 8, 2020 Effective Date: December 8, 2020

On December 7, 2020, Consumers Council of Missouri filed its *Motion for an Emergency Order and Request for Expedited Treatment* requesting the Commission issue a statewide moratorium on the involuntary disconnection or discontinuance of residential service by Commission-regulated electric, gas, and water corporations through at least March 31, 2021. The motion also requests the Commission order the waiver of any late fees and related costs. The motion states that these measures are necessary to protect the health and welfare of the public during the Covid-19 pandemic. Consumers Council requests that the Commission take action by December 16, 2020.

The Commission will direct notice of this motion and shorten the time for responses.

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Responses to Consumers Council's motion for a disconnection moratorium and request for expedited treatment shall be filed no later than December 14, 2020.
- 2. The Commission's data center shall provide a copy of this order to all Missouri investor-owned electric, gas, water, and sewer utilities.

- 3. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the members of the Missouri General Assembly, and to the news media serving the state of Missouri.
  - 4. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

#### STATE OF MISSOURI

#### OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Distributed to All Missouri Investor-Owned Electric, Gas, Water, and Sewer Utilities.

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