

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Establishment of a )  
Working Case for the Development of Best ) **Case No. OW-2025-0314**  
Practices for Wildfire Mitigation in Missouri )  
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## ORDER DIRECTING DEVELOPMENT OF WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLANS

Issue Date: February 6, 2026

Effective Date: February 6, 2026

The Commission opened this working case to examine the wildfire mitigation and preparedness of Commission-regulated utilities in the state of Missouri and to ensure that each electrical and gas corporation had a wildfire mitigation plan that could be relied upon in an emergency. Since opening this case, the Commission has received comments from utility stakeholders regarding current wildfire mitigation and preparedness, and has received comments on a series of best practices.

The filed comments and the Staff of the Commission's (Staff) ongoing discussions with the utility stakeholders have revealed that several utilities are currently in different stages of development of their wildfire mitigation and preparedness plans. To facilitate plan development for all electrical and gas corporations<sup>1</sup>, the Commission will direct these utilities to complete draft plans by the end of the calendar year and share a final draft of the plan with Staff. The Commission will also direct the utilities to provide quarterly status updates until the time at which the final draft of the plan is shared with Staff.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Section 386.020 RSMo.

Staff has also developed a series of minimum expectations and components that electrical and gas corporations shall include in their final draft wildfire mitigation and preparedness plans, provided below.

#### Electrical corporations

- A risk assessment of the service territory;
- A list of resources that will be used for monitoring and providing advance warning of wildfire threats;
- The use of mitigative measures to reduce the threat of facility exposure, including the use of vegetation management and inspections as a mitigative measure;
- Identification and plan of action for current system or geographic vulnerabilities;
- Inclusion of emergency response and communications plans, and training on such plans; and;
- Damage assessment following wildfire event

#### Gas corporations

- A list of resources that will be used for monitoring and providing advance warning of wildfire threats;
- The use of mitigative measures to reduce the threat of facility exposure;
- Identification and plan of action for current system or geographic vulnerabilities
- Inclusion of emergency response and communications plans, and training on such plans; and
- Damage assessment following wildfire event.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Electrical and gas corporations shall provide Staff a final draft copy of their wildfire mitigation and preparedness plans no later than December 31, 2026.
2. Electrical and gas corporations shall provide Staff quarterly updates on the development of their wildfire mitigation and preparedness plans, with the first update due no later than March 31, 2026.
3. The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order to all electrical and gas corporations.
4. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

*Nancy Dippell*

Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief  
Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

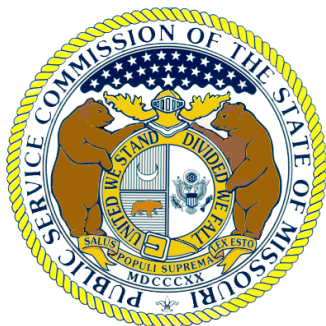
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.**



*Nancy Dippell*

**Nancy Dippell**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**February 6, 2026**

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

**Sincerely,**



**Nancy Dippell  
Secretary**

**Distributed to all Electrical and Gas Corporations.**

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