

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 20th day of January, 2016.

In the Matter of a Proposed Amendment to)	
Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.105, Filing)	
Requirements for Electric Utility Applications for)	<u>File No. EX-2015-0225</u>
Certificates of Convenience and Necessity)	

**FINDING OF NECESSITY AND ORDER DIRECTING THAT PROPOSED
RULE AMENDMENT BE FILED FOR PUBLICATION**

Issue Date: January 20, 2016

Effective Date: January 20, 2016

The Commission has undertaken this rulemaking to amend its rule regarding the information an electric utility must provide to the Commission at the time it applies for a certificate of convenience and necessity to either expand its service area or to construct electric plant in Missouri. The amendment will require electric utilities to:

- 1) Provide more details when applying for a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct transmission lines or generating plant;
- 2) Engage in a competitive bidding process before constructing new generation or transmission plant, or before entering into a contract to purchase power capacity;
- 3) Obtain a certificate of convenience and necessity for new generating plant even if the new generating plant is within the utility's existing customer service area.

The Commission finds that the amendment is necessary to protect the public interest.

The Commission has discussed this amendment with interested stakeholders and will seek further comments during the rulemaking process.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Secretary of the Commission shall file the amendment with the Secretary of State for publication in the Missouri Register as a proposed amendment.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and
Coleman, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge