

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 8th day of June, 2016.

In the Matter of a Working Case Regarding)
Amendments to the Commission's Ex Parte)
and Extra-Record Communications Rule)

File No. AW-2016-0312

**ORDER OPENING A WORKING CASE TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE
COMMISSION'S EX PARTE AND EXTRA-RECORD COMMUNICATIONS RULE**

Issue Date: June 8, 2016

Effective Date: June 8, 2016

The Missouri Public Service Commission is creating this working file to determine whether the Commission's ex parte and extra-record communications rule should be amended. The Commission's goals are to: (1) comply with Section 386.210.4, RSMo., which mandates that the Commission's rules not impose "any limitation on the free exchange of ideas, views and information between any person and the commission or any commissioner"; (2) simplify compliance with the rule; and (3) promote consistency and fairness. Attached to this order as Appendix A are proposed amendments to Chapter 4 of the Commission's rules, which are designed to achieve these goals.

As part of its review, the Commission will seek input in the next thirty days from the utilities, consumer and business organizations, and other individuals and entities affected by the rule. The Commission may also conduct one or more workshop meetings in the future.

This file will serve as a repository for documents and comments. Using this file, any person with an interest in this matter may view documents and may submit

comments or documents. As this is not a contested case, anyone may file a comment without legal counsel and without *ex parte* constraints. Intervention requests are not necessary to submit comments or view documents.

The public is welcome to submit comments by forwarding electronic communications through the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS) or by mailing written comments. In addition, anyone may submit electronic comments at the Commission's website at <http://www.psc.mo.gov>. (Click on the EFIS link on the left side of the page. Scroll down and click on the public comment link. Please refer to File No. AW-2016-0312.) Written comments in hard copy should be addressed to the Commission at P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 and should also reference File No. AW-2016-0312. The public can view the contents of the file by following the link at <http://www.psc.mo.gov>.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order, including Appendix A, to all Commission-certificated electric, natural gas, steam/heat, water, sewer, and telecommunications utilities, providers of video service or interconnected voice over Internet protocol service, and manufactured housing dealers, manufacturers and installers, in the State of Missouri.
2. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the news media and to the members of the General Assembly.

3. Any person or entity wishing to comment or respond to the proposed rule amendments in Appendix A shall do so as described in the body of this order no later than July 8, 2016.

4. This order shall become 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.

Bushmann, Senior Regulatory Law Judge