

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 7th day of September, 2016.

In the Matter of a Working Case to
Consider Policies to Improve
Electric Utility Regulation

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File No. EW-2016-0313

NOTICE REGARDING JOINT MOTION FOR ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: September 7, 2016

The Commission opened this working case on June 8, 2016, with a goal of facilitating stakeholder discussions regarding policies intended to improve the way in which the Commission regulates Missouri's investor-owned electric utilities. As part of the case, the Commission directed its Staff to file a report by October 17, describing and evaluating the submitted suggestions, and offering its recommendations for any action to be taken by the Commission.

On August 26, some of the consumer-oriented stakeholders¹ filed a joint motion asking the Commission to order the investor-owned electric utilities to answer seven questions, including some questions seeking detailed responses regarding the utilities' planned capital expenditures. Essentially, the questions constitute an effort by the consumer-oriented stakeholders to conduct discovery regarding the intentions of the utilities. On September 7, Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed its own list of detailed questions directed to the consumer-oriented stakeholders.

¹ The Joint Motion was filed by the Office of the Public Counsel, the Consumers Council of Missouri, The Midwest Energy Consumers Group, and the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers.

This is not a contested case. Both the consumer-oriented stakeholders and the investor-owned electric utilities are voluntarily participating in the discussions this case is designed to facilitate. Under those circumstances, an attempt by the Commission to impose and enforce formal discovery efforts would be inappropriate and ineffective. As a result, the Commission will not direct the investor-owned electric utilities to answer the questions posed by the consumer-oriented stakeholders. Nor will it direct the consumer-oriented stakeholders to answer the questions posed by Ameren Missouri.

Nevertheless, the Commission believes the stakeholders have raised important questions. The answers to those questions could help lead to a negotiated solution acceptable to all stakeholders. The Commission encourages all stakeholders to share information and to answer questions to the greatest extent possible.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of September, 2016.