SENATE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 564

AN ACT

To repeal sections 386.390, 393.170, and 393.1012, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty-three new sections relating to public utilities, with an emergency clause for a certain section.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Section A. Sections 386.390, 393.170, and 393.1012, RSMo,
- 2 are repealed and twenty-three new sections enacted in lieu
- 3 thereof, to be known as sections 386.390, 393.137, 393.170,
- 4 393.1012, 393.1275, 393.1400, 393.1610, 393.1640, 393.1650,
- 5 393.1655, 393.1665, 393.1670, 393.1700, 393.1705, 393.1710,
- 6 393.1715, 393.1720, 393.1725, 393.1730, 393.1735, 393.1740,
- 7 393.1745, and 393.1750, to read as follows:
- 8 386.390. 1. Complaint may be made by the commission of its
- 9 own motion, or by the public counsel or any corporation or
- 10 person, chamber of commerce, board of trade, or any civic,
- 11 commercial, mercantile, traffic, agricultural or manufacturing
- 12 association or organization, or any body politic or municipal
- corporation, by petition or complaint in writing, setting forth
- any act or thing done or omitted to be done by any corporation,
- person or public utility[, including any rule, regulation or
- charge heretofore established or fixed by or for any corporation,
- 17 person or public utility,] in violation, or claimed to be in
- violation, of any provision of law subject to the commission's

- 1 <u>authority</u>, [or] of any rule promulgated by the commission, of any
- 2 <u>utility tariff</u>, or <u>of any</u> order or decision of the commission;
- 3 provided, that no complaint shall be entertained by the
- 4 commission, except upon its own motion, as to the reasonableness
- of any rates or charges of any gas, electrical, water, sewer, or
- 6 telephone corporation, unless the same be signed by the public
- 7 counsel or the mayor or the president or chairman of the board of
- 8 aldermen or a majority of the council, commission or other
- 9 legislative body of any city, town, village or county, within
- which the alleged violation occurred, or not less than
- 11 twenty-five consumers or purchasers, or prospective consumers or
- 12 purchasers, of such gas, electricity, water, sewer or telephone
- 13 service.
- 14 2. All matters upon which complaint may be founded may be
- joined in one hearing, and no motion shall be entertained against
- a complaint for misjoinder of causes of action or grievances or
- 17 misjoinder or nonjoinder of parties; and in any review by the
- 18 courts of orders or decisions of the commission the same rule
- shall apply with regard to the joinder of causes and parties as
- 20 herein provided.
- 21 3. The commission shall not be required to dismiss any
- complaint because of the absence of direct damage to the
- 23 complainant. Upon the filing of a complaint, the commission
- 24 shall cause a copy thereof to be served upon the public utility,
- 25 corporation or person complained of.
- 4. Service in all hearings, investigations and proceedings
- 27 pending before the commission may be made upon any person upon
- 28 whom summons may be served in accordance with the provisions of

- 1 the code of civil procedure of this state, and may be made
- 2 personally or by mailing in a sealed envelope with postage
- 3 prepaid.
- 5. The commission shall fix the time when and the place
- 5 where a hearing will be had upon the complaint and shall serve
- 6 notice thereof, not less than ten days before the time set for
- 7 such hearing, unless the commission shall find that the public
- 8 necessity requires that such hearing be held at an earlier date.
- 9 393.137. 1. This section applies to electrical
- 10 corporations that do not have a general rate proceeding pending
- before the commission as of the later of February 1, 2018, or the
- 12 effective date of this section.
- 2. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall
- 14 <u>mean:</u>
- 15 <u>(1) "Commission", the public service commission; and</u>
- 16 (2) "Electrical corporation", the same as defined in
- section 386.020, but shall not include an electrical corporation
- 18 as described in subsection 2 of section 393.110.
- 3. If the rates of any electrical corporation to which this
- section applies have not already been adjusted to reflect the
- 21 effects of the federal 2017 Tax Cut and Jobs Act, Pub. L. No.
- 22 115-97, 94 Stat. 2390, the commission shall have one time
- authority that shall be exercised within ninety days of the
- 24 effective date of this section to adjust such electrical
- corporation's rates prospectively so that the income tax
- 26 component of the revenue requirement used to set such an
- 27 electrical corporation's rates is based upon the provisions of
- 28 such federal act without considering any other factor as

otherwise required by section 393.270. The commission shall also require electrical corporations to which this section applies, as provided for under subsection 1 of this section, to defer to a regulatory asset the financial impact of such federal act on the electrical corporation for the period of January 1, 2018, through the date the electrical corporation's rates are adjusted on a one-time basis as provided for in the immediately preceding sentence. The amounts deferred under this subsection shall be included in the revenue requirement used to set the electrical corporation's rates in its subsequent general rate proceeding through an amortization over a period determined by the commission.

4. Upon good cause shown by the electrical corporation, the commission may, as an alternative to requiring a one-time rate change and deferral under subsection 2 of this section, allow a deferral, in whole or in part, of such federal act's financial impacts to a regulatory asset starting January 1, 2018, through the effective date of new rates in such electrical corporation's next general rate proceeding. The deferred amounts shall be included in the revenue requirement used to set the electrical corporation's rates in its subsequent general rate proceeding through an amortization over a period determined by the commission.

393.170. 1. No gas corporation, electrical corporation, water corporation or sewer corporation shall begin construction of a gas plant, electric plant, water system or sewer system, other than an energy generation unit that has a capacity of one megawatt or less, without first having obtained the permission

1 and approval of the commission.

- 2. No such corporation shall exercise any right or privilege under any franchise hereafter granted, or under any franchise heretofore granted but not heretofore actually exercised, or the exercise of which shall have been suspended for more than one year, without first having obtained the permission and approval of the commission. Before such certificate shall be issued a certified copy of the charter of such corporation shall be filed in the office of the commission, together with a verified statement of the president and secretary of the corporation, showing that it has received the required consent of the proper municipal authorities.
 - 3. The commission shall have the power to grant the permission and approval herein specified whenever it shall after due hearing determine that such construction or such exercise of the right, privilege or franchise is necessary or convenient for the public service. The commission may by its order impose such condition or conditions as it may deem reasonable and necessary. Unless exercised within a period of two years from the grant thereof, authority conferred by such certificate of convenience and necessity issued by the commission shall be null and void.
 - 393.1012. 1. Notwithstanding any provisions of chapter 386 and this chapter to the contrary, beginning August 28, 2003, a gas corporation providing gas service may file a petition and proposed rate schedules with the commission to establish or change ISRS rate schedules that will allow for the adjustment of the gas corporation's rates and charges to provide for the recovery of costs for eligible infrastructure system

- replacements. The commission may not approve an ISRS to the extent it would produce total annualized ISRS revenues below the lesser of one million dollars or one-half of one percent of the gas corporation's base revenue level approved by the commission in the gas corporation's most recent general rate proceeding. The commission may not approve an ISRS to the extent it would produce total annualized ISRS revenues exceeding ten percent of the gas corporation's base revenue level approved by the commission in the gas corporation's most recent general rate proceeding. An ISRS and any future changes thereto shall be calculated and implemented in accordance with the provisions of sections 393.1009 to 393.1015. ISRS revenues shall be subject to a refund based upon a finding and order of the commission to the extent provided in subsections 5 and 8 of section 393.1009.
 - 2. The commission shall not approve an ISRS for any gas corporation that has not had a general rate proceeding decided or dismissed by issuance of a commission order within the past three years, unless the gas corporation has filed for or is the subject of a new general rate proceeding. This subsection shall not apply to a participating gas corporation whose rates are set under sections 393.1700 to 393.1750.

3. In no event shall a gas corporation collect an ISRS for a period exceeding three years unless the gas corporation has filed for or is the subject of a new general rate proceeding; provided that the ISRS may be collected until the effective date of new rate schedules established as a result of the new general rate proceeding, or until the subject general rate proceeding is otherwise decided or dismissed by issuance of a commission order

without new rates being established. This subsection shall not
apply to a participating gas corporation whose rates are set
under sections 393.1700 to 393.1750.

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4. In order for a gas corporation to file a petition with the commission to establish or change an ISRS, such corporation shall, by July 1, 2019, develop and file with the commission a pre-qualification process for contractors seeking to participate in competitive bidding to install ISRS-eligible gas utility plant projects. Under the pre-qualification process, the gas corporation may specify certain eligibility requirements typically accepted by the industry, including but not limited to, experience, performance criteria, safety policies, and insurance or indemnification requirements to be met by any contractor seeking to participate in competitive bidding to install ISRSeligible gas utility plant projects. Contractors that meet the pre-qualification criteria set by the gas corporation shall be eligible to participate in the competitive bidding process for installing ISRS-eligible gas utility plant projects, with the winning bid awarded to the contractor making the overall lowest and best bid, as defined in subsection 2 of section 34.010. The gas corporation shall file, by January 1, 2020, a verified statement with the commission confirming that it has in place a pre-qualification process for the competitive bidding of ISRSeligible gas utility plant projects, and that such process conforms with the requirements of this section. The commission shall have the authority to verify the statement to ensure compliance with this section. After January 1, 2020, the gas corporation shall submit with each petition filing to establish

or change an ISRS a verified statement confirming that it is 1 2 using a competitive bidding process for no less than ten percent 3 of the combined external installation expenditures made by the 4 gas corporation's operating units in Missouri for installing 5 ISRS-eligible gas utility plant projects, and that such process 6 conforms with the requirements set forth in this section. The 7 commission shall have the authority to verify the statement to ensure compliance with this section. Nothing in this section 8 9 shall be construed as requiring any gas corporation to use a pre-10 qualified contractor or competitive bidding process in the case of an emergency project, or to terminate any existing contract 11 12 with a contractor prior to its expiration; provided however, that 13 the use of any preexisting contract for the installation of ISRS-14 eligible gas utility plant projects shall not qualify as 15 fulfilling the ten percent requirement set forth in this section 16 beyond December 31, 2020. For contractors not qualifying through 17 the competitive bid process, the gas corporation, upon request 18 from the contractor, shall provide information from the process 19 in which the contractor can be informed as to how to be better 20 positioned to qualify for such bid opportunities in the future. 21 5. By December 31, 2021, and annually thereafter, the 22 commission shall submit a report to the general assembly on the 23 effects of subsection 4 of this section, including gas corporation compliance, potential legislative action regarding 24 25 subsection 4 of this section, the costs of installing ISRS-26 eligible gas utility plant projects prior to the implementation 27 of subsection 4 of this section compared to after the 28 implementation of subsection 4 of this section, and any other

- 1 <u>information regarding the processes established under subsection</u>
- 2 <u>4 of this section that the commission deems necessary.</u>
- 3 6. Nothing in this section shall be construed as
- 4 diminishing in any way the current authority and rights of the
- 5 commission, on its own motion, the office of the public counsel,
- or other authorized entity to file a complaint under section
- 7 386.390 alleging that the rates or charges of the gas corporation
- 8 are unreasonable or unlawful, provided that the reasonableness
- 9 and lawfulness of the rates of a participating gas corporation,
- as defined in section 393.1710, shall be governed exclusively by
- the processes and procedures set forth in sections 393.1700 to
- 12 393**.**1750**.**
- 13 <u>393.1275.</u> 1. For purposes of this section, the following
- 14 <u>terms shall mean:</u>
- 15 <u>(1) "Commission", the public service commission;</u>
- 16 (2) "Electrical corporation", the same as defined in
- section 386.020, but shall not include an electrical corporation
- 18 as described in subsection 2 of section 393.110;
- 19 <u>(3) "Rate base cutoff date", the date rate base additions</u>
- are accounted for in a general rate proceeding. In the absence
- of a commission order that specifies the rate base cutoff date,
- 22 such date as reflected in any jointly proposed procedural
- 23 schedule submitted by the parties in the applicable general rate
- 24 proceeding, or as otherwise agreed to by such parties, shall be
- 25 <u>used;</u>
- 26 (4) "Cyber and physical security expense", operations and
- 27 maintenance expense incurred to protect the reliability and
- 28 <u>security of systems</u>, <u>software</u>, <u>equipment</u>, <u>and facilities</u>

connected to or controlling the electric system against physical
or cyber-security threats, including but not limited to,
generating stations, substations, and control centers.

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2. On and after the date an electrical corporation files a notice under subsection 4 of this section, the electrical corporation shall defer to a regulatory asset or liability account any difference in the prudently incurred uncapitalized state and local property taxes actually incurred, and the uncapitalized state and local property taxes used to determine the electrical corporation's revenue requirement in its most recently completed general rate proceeding. If the notice filed under subsection 4 of this section is filed on a day other than January first, the dollar amount of taxes to be deferred for the calendar year during which such notice was given shall be equal to such difference multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days remaining in that calendar year after the date such notice is filed, and the denominator of which is the number of calendar days in that year. Such taxes used to determine the electrical corporation's revenue requirement in its last general rate proceeding shall be the amount of such taxes recorded on the electrical corporation's books for the twelve months ending on the rate base cutoff date in the electrical corporation's most recently completed general rate proceeding unless a different amount was used to set such revenue requirement as determined by the commission in its order resolving such proceeding or through a commission order approving a settlement respecting such taxes. The regulatory asset or liability account balances shall be included in the retail

- revenue requirement used to set rates through an amortization

 over a reasonable period in such corporation's subsequent general

 rate proceedings, without any offset, reduction, or adjustment

 based on consideration of any other factor. The commission shall

 also adjust the rate base used to establish the retail revenue

 requirement of such corporation to reflect the unamortized
- 7 regulatory asset or liability account balances in such general rate proceedings.
- 9 3. On and after the effective date of rates in an 10 electrical corporation's next general rate proceeding concluding after the effective date of this section, an electrical 11 12 corporation that has filed a notice under subsection 4 of this 13 section shall defer to a regulatory asset or liability account 14 any difference in the prudently incurred cyber and physical 15 security expense actually incurred and the cyber and physical 16 security expense for such protection used to determine the 17 electrical corporation's revenue requirement in its most recently 18 completed general rate proceeding, provided that the commission 19 shall ensure that such difference to be included in the 20 regulatory asset or liability does not include costs that were 21 included in the sums used to determine the electrical 22 corporation's revenue requirement upon which its base rates are set in a general rate proceeding. The regulatory asset or 23 liability account balances shall be included in the retail 24 25 revenue requirement used to set rates through an amortization 26 over a reasonable period in such corporation's subsequent general 27 rate proceedings, without any offset, reduction, or adjustment 28 based on consideration of any other factor. The commission shall

- 1 also adjust the rate base used to establish the retail revenue
- 2 requirement of such corporation to reflect the unamortized
- 3 regulatory asset or liability account balances in such general
- 4 rate proceedings.
- 5 4. This section shall only apply to an electrical
- 6 corporation that has filed a notice with the commission of the
- 7 <u>electrical corporation's election to make the deferrals for which</u>
- 8 this section provides.
- 9 5. This section shall expire on December 31, 2028,
- 10 provided, that unless the electrical corporation has timely
- obtained the order provided for by subsection 5 of section
- 12 393.1400, the electrical corporation shall after December 31,
- 13 2023, no longer be authorized to make the deferrals provided for
- 14 under this section. Upon the expiration this section, the
- amortization of the regulatory asset or liability account
- 16 balances arising under this section shall continue to be
- 17 reflected in the electrical corporation's rates and remaining
- 18 regulatory asset or liability account balances shall be included
- in the electrical corporation's rate base consistent with the
- 20 ratemaking treatment and amortization previously approved by the
- 21 <u>commission pursuant to this section.</u>
- 22 393.1400. 1. For purposes of this section, the following
- 23 terms shall mean:
- 24 (1) "Commission", the public service commission;
- 25 (2) "Electrical corporation", the same as defined in
- 26 section 386.020, but shall not include an electrical corporation
- 27 <u>as described in subsection 2</u> of section 393.110;
- 28 (3) "Qualifying electric plant", all rate base additions,

1 except rate base additions for new coal-fired generating units,
2 new nuclear generating units, new natural gas units, or rate base
3 additions that increase revenues by allowing service to new
4 customer premises;

- (4) "Rate base cutoff date", the date rate base additions are accounted for in a general rate proceeding. In the absence of a commission order that specifies the rate base cutoff date, such date as reflected in any jointly proposed procedural schedule submitted by the parties in the applicable general rate proceeding, or as otherwise agreed to by such parties, shall be used;
- base used to determine the revenue requirement in the electrical corporation's most recently completed general rate proceeding; provided, that in the absence of a commission determination of the return on rate base within the three-year period prior to the effective date of this section, the weighted average cost of capital shall be determined using the electrical corporation's actual capital structure as of December 31, 2017, excluding short-term debt, the electrical corporation's actual cost of long-term debt and preferred stock as of December 31, 2017, and a cost of common equity of nine and one-half percent.
- 2. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of chapter 393
 to the contrary, electrical corporations shall defer to a
 regulatory asset all depreciation expense and return associated
 with all qualifying electric plant recorded to plant-in-service
 on the utility's books commencing on or after the effective date
 of this section, if the electrical corporation has made the

election provided for by subsection 5 of this section by that date, or on the date such election is made if the election is made after the effective date of this section. In each general rate proceeding concluded after the effective date of this section, the balance of the regulatory asset as of the rate base cutoff date shall be included in the electrical corporation's rate base without any offset, reduction, or adjustment based upon consideration of any other factor, other than as provided for in subdivision (2) of this subsection, with the regulatory asset balance arising from deferrals associated with qualifying electric plant placed in service after the rate base cutoff date to be included in rate base in the next general rate proceeding. The expiration of this section shall not affect the continued inclusion in rate base and amortization of regulatory asset balances that arose under this section prior to such expiration.

(2) The regulatory asset balances arising under this section shall be adjusted to reflect any prudence disallowances ordered by the commission. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to affect existing law respecting the burdens of production and persuasion in general rate proceedings for rate base additions.

(3) Parts of regulatory asset balances created under this section that are not yet being recovered through rates shall include carrying costs at the electrical corporation's weighted average cost of capital, plus applicable federal, state, and local income or excise taxes. Regulatory asset balances arising under this section and included in rate base shall be recovered in rates through a twenty-year amortization beginning on the date

- 1 <u>new rates reflecting such amortization take effect.</u>
- 2 3. (1) Depreciation expense deferred under this section
- 3 shall account for all qualifying electric plant placed into
- 4 service less retirements of plant replaced by such qualifying
- 5 electric plant.
- 6 (2) Return deferred under this section shall be determined
- 7 using the weighted average cost of capital applied to the change
- 8 <u>in plant-related rate base caused by the qualifying electric</u>
- 9 plant, plus applicable federal, state, and local income or excise
- 10 taxes. In determining the return deferred, the electrical
- 11 <u>corporation shall account for changes in all plant-related</u>
- 12 <u>accumulated deferred income taxes and changes in accumulated</u>
- depreciation, excluding retirements.
- 4. Beginning February 28, 2019, and by each February
- 15 <u>twenty-eighth thereafter while the electrical corporation is</u>
- 16 allowed to make the deferrals provided for by subsection 2 of
- 17 this section, electrical corporations that defer depreciation
- 18 expense and return authorized under this section shall submit to
- 19 the commission a five-year capital investment plan setting forth
- 20 the general categories of capital expenditures the electrical
- 21 <u>corporation will pursue in furtherance of replacing, modernizing,</u>
- 22 and securing its infrastructure. The plan shall also include a
- 23 specific capital investment plan for the first year of the five-
- year plan consistent with the level of specificity used for
- 25 annual capital budgeting purposes. Project specific information
- 26 shall not be included for the five-year period covered by the
- 27 plan. Within thirty days of the filing of any capital investment
- 28 plan or annual update to an existing plan, the electrical

1 corporation shall host a public stakeholder meeting to answer 2 questions and receive feedback about the plan. After feedback is 3 received, the electrical corporation shall file a notice with the 4 commission of any modifications to the capital investment plan it 5 has accepted. Changes to the plan, its implementation, or the 6 level of investments made shall not constitute evidence of 7 imprudence of the investments made under such plan. The submission of a capital investment plan <u>under this section shall</u> 8 9 not affect in any way the commission's authority with respect to 10 the grant or denial of a certificate of convenience and necessity under section 393.170. By February twenty-eighth following each 11 12 year in which the electrical corporation submits a capital 13 investment plan, the electrical corporation shall submit a report 14 to the commission detailing actual capital investments made the 15 previous year. 16 5. This section shall only apply to any electrical 17 corporation that has filed a notice with the commission of the electrical corporation's election to make the deferrals for which 18 this section provides. An electrical corporation's election 19 20 shall allow it to make the deferrals provided for by subsection 2 21 of this section, and deferrals under section 393.1275 if the 22 electrical corporation has made the election required by 23 subsection 4 of section 393.1275, until December 31, 2023, unless 24 the electrical corporation requests and the commission approves 25 the continuation of such deferrals beyond that date and approves 26 continuation of the discounts authorized by section 393.1640 27 beyond that date as hereinafter provided. An electrical

corporation that wishes to continue to make the deferrals

provided for by subsection 2 of this section and section 393.1275 1 from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2028, shall obtain the 2 3 commission's approval to do so, shall be subject to the compound annual growth rate limitations set forth under section 393.1655, 4 5 and shall also obtain the commission's approval to continue to 6 provide the discounts authorized by section 393.1640 in a 7 commission order issued on or before December 31, 2023. The commission shall have the authority to grant or deny such 8 9 approval based upon the commission's evaluation of the costs and 10 benefits of such continuation to electrical corporations and consumers, but shall not be authorized to condition such approval 11 12 or otherwise modify the deferrals authorized by subsection 2 of 13 this section or section 393.1275, or the discounts authorized by section 393.1640. Failure to obtain such commission approval 14 15 shall not affect deferrals made through December 31, 2023, or the 16 regulatory and ratemaking treatment of the regulatory assets 17 arising from such deferrals as provided for by this section. 18 6. This section shall expire on December 31, 2028, except 19 that the amortization of the regulatory asset balances arising 20 under this section shall continue to be reflected in the 21 electrical corporation's rates and remaining regulatory asset 22 balances shall be included in the electrical corporation's rate 23 base consistent with the ratemaking treatment and amortization 24 previously approved by the commission pursuant to this section. 25 393.1610. 1. The commission may approve investments by an 26 electrical corporation in small scale or pilot innovative 27 technology projects, including but not limited to renewable 28 generation, micro grids, or energy storage, if the small scale or

- 1 pilot project is designed to advance the electrical corporation's
- 2 operational knowledge of deploying such technologies, including
- 3 to gain operating efficiencies that result in customer savings
- 4 and benefits as the technology is scaled across the grid or
- 5 network.
- 6 2. For purposes of this section, "electrical corporation"
- 7 and "commission" shall mean the same as defined in section
- 8 386.020, but an "electrical corporation" shall not include an
- 9 <u>electrical corporation as described in subsection 2 of section</u>
- 10 393.110.
- 11 <u>393.1640.</u> 1. Subject to the limitations provided for in
- 12 subsection 2 of this section, and upon proper application by an
- eligible customer prior to public announcement of a growth
- 14 project, a new or existing account meeting the following criteria
- shall be considered for qualification for the discount set forth
- in this subsection if:
- 17 (1) The customer adds incremental load, net of any
- 18 offsetting load reductions due to the termination of other
- accounts of the customer or an affiliate of the customer within
- 20 twelve months prior to the commencement of service to the new
- 21 <u>load</u>, with average monthly demand that is reasonably projected to
- 22 be at least three hundred kilowatts with a load factor of at
- least fifty-five percent within two years after the date the
- 24 application is submitted;
- 25 <u>(2) The customer receives local, regional, or state</u>
- 26 economic development incentives in conjunction with the
- 27 <u>incremental load; and</u>
- 28 (3) The customer meets the criteria set forth in the

electrical corporation's economic development rider tariff sheet, 1 as approved by the commission, that are not inconsistent with the 2 3 provisions of this subsection. 4 5 The discount shall be a percentage applied to all base rate 6 components of the bill. The percentage shall be fixed for each 7 year of service under the discount for a period of up to five 8 years. Subject to the remaining provisions of this subsection, 9 the average of the annual discount percentages shall equal forty 10 percent and shall not be less than thirty percent nor more than fifty percent in any year. The discount shall be applied to such 11 12 incremental load from the date when the meter has been 13 permanently set until the date that such incremental load no 14 longer meets the criteria required to qualify for the discount, 15 as determined under the provisions of subsection 2 of this 16 section. An eligible customer shall also receive a ten percent 17 discount of all base rate components of the bill applied to such 18 incremental load for one year after the initial discount period 19 ends if the electrical corporation determines that the customer 20 is taking service from an under-utilized circuit. In no event 21 shall a customer receive a discount under this subsection after 22 the date this section expires. The electrical corporation may 23 include in its tariff additional or alternative terms and 24 conditions to a customer's utilization of the discount, subject 25 to approval of such terms and conditions by the commission. The 26 customer, on forms supplied by the electrical corporation, shall 27 apply for the discount provided for by this subsection at least 28 ninety days prior to the date the customer requests that the

incremental demand receive the discounts provided for by this 1 2 subsection. If the incremental demand is not separately metered, 3 the electrical corporation's determination of the incremental demand shall control. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions 4 5 of this subsection, the cents per kilowatt-hour realization 6 resulting from application of any such discounted rate as 7 calculated shall be higher than the electrical corporation's variable cost to serve such accounts in aggregate and the 8 9 discounted rate also shall make a positive contribution to fixed 10 costs associated with such service. If in a subsequent general rate proceeding the commission determines that application of 11 12 such discounted rate is not adequate to cover the electrical 13 corporation's variable cost to serve such accounts and provide a 14 positive contribution to fixed costs then the commission shall 15 increase the rate prospectively to the extent necessary to do so. 16 2. In each general rate proceeding concluded after the 17 effective date of this section, the reduced level of revenues 18 arising from the application of discounted rates provided for by 19 subsection 1 of this section shall be allocated to all the 20 electrical corporation's customer classes, including the classes 21 with customers that qualify for discounts under this section. 22 This increase shall be implemented through the application of a 23 uniform percentage adjustment to the revenue requirement 24 responsibility of all customer classes. To qualify for the 25 discounted rates provided for in this section, if incremental 26 load is separately metered, customers shall meet the applicable 27 criteria within twenty-four months after the date the meter is 28 permanently set based on metering data for calendar months

- 1 thirteen through twenty-four and annually thereafter. If such 2 data indicates that the customer did not meet the criteria for 3 any applicable twelve-month period, it shall thereafter no longer qualify for the discounted rate. The provisions of this section 4 5 do not supersede or limit the ability of an electrical 6 corporation to continue to utilize economic development or 7 retention tariffs previously approved by the commission that are 8 in effect on the effective date of this section. If, however, a 9 customer is receiving any economic development or retention-10 related discounts as of the date it would otherwise qualify for a discount provided for by this section, the customer shall agree 11 to relinquish the prior discount concurrently with the date it 12 13 begins to receive a discount under this section; otherwise, the 14 customer shall not be eligible to receive any discount under this 15 section. Customer demand existing at the time the customer 16 begins to receive discounted rates under this section shall not 17 constitute incremental demand. The discounted rates provided for 18 by this section apply only to base rate components, with the 19 charges or credits arising from any rate adjustment mechanism 20 authorized by law to be applied to customers qualifying for 21 discounted rates under this section in the same manner as such 22 rate adjustments would apply in the absence of this section. 23 3. For purposes of this section, "electrical corporation" 24 shall mean the same as defined in section 386.020, but shall not 25 include an electrical corporation as described in subsection 2 of
 - 4. This section shall expire on December 31, 2028, provided, that unless the electrical corporation has timely

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- 1 obtained the order provided for by subsection 5 of section
- 2 393.1400, the electrical corporation's customers shall, after
- 3 December 31, 2023, no longer receive the discounts provided under
- 4 this section.
- 5 393.1650. 1. For purposes of this section, the following
- 6 terms shall mean:
- 7 (1) "Commission", the Missouri public service commission
- 8 established under section 386.040;
- 9 (2) "Electrical corporation", a corporation with more than
- one million Missouri retail electric customers in the year in
- 11 which this section becomes effective and that otherwise meets the
- definition of "electrical corporation" in section 386.020.
- 2. Electrical corporations shall develop a qualification
- 14 process and make such process open to all contractors seeking to
- provide construction and construction-related services for
- 16 projects on the electrical corporation's distribution system.
- 17 Contractors shall have the opportunity to register on the
- 18 electrical corporation's vendor registration site and be
- 19 <u>evaluated for bid opportunities.</u> Under the qualification
- 20 process, electrical corporations may specify eligibility
- 21 <u>requirements typically accepted by the industry, including but</u>
- 22 not limited to, experience, performance criteria, safety
- policies, and insurance requirements to be met by any contractor
- seeking to participate in competitive bidding to provide
- 25 <u>construction and construction-related services for distribution</u>
- 26 system projects, and the electrical corporation shall not weight
- 27 any contractor favorably or unfavorably due to affiliation with a
- 28 labor organization or union, except if the work is being

- 1 performed pursuant to a union-only project labor agreement which 2 requires that participating contractors use union represented 3 labor. Contractors that meet the eligibility requirements set by 4 electrical corporations shall be eligible to participate in the 5 competitive bidding process for providing construction and 6 construction-related services for distribution system projects, 7 and the contractor making the lowest and best bid shall be 8 awarded such contract.
- 9 3. Within thirty days after the effective date of this 10 section, electrical corporations shall file a verified statement with the commission confirming that they have established a 11 12 qualification process for the competitive bidding of construction 13 and construction-related services for distribution system 14 projects, and that such process conforms with the requirements of 15 this section. The commission shall have the authority to verify 16 the statement to ensure compliance with this section. Whenever 17 the electrical corporation files a general rate proceeding, it 18 shall submit concurrently with its submission of the rate 19 schedules that initiate such general rate proceeding a verified 20 statement confirming that it is using the qualification process 21 for the competitive bidding of construction and construction-22 related services for distribution system projects required by 23 this section for no less than ten percent of the combined 24 external installation expenditures made by the electrical 25 corporation's operating units in Missouri for construction and 26 construction-related services for distribution system projects, 27 and that such process conforms with the requirements set forth in 28 this section to ensure compliance with this subsection.

1 4. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring 2 any electrical corporation to use a qualified contractor or 3 competitive bidding process in the case of an emergency project, 4 or to terminate any existing contract with a contractor prior to 5 its expiration, provided that the use of any pre-existing 6 contract for construction or construction-related services for 7 distribution system projects shall not qualify as fulfilling the 8 ten percent requirement set forth in subsection 3 of this 9 section. For contractors not qualifying through the competitive 10 bid process, the electrical corporation, upon request from the contractor, shall provide information from the process in which 11 12 the contractor can be informed as to how to be better positioned 13 to qualify for such bid opportunities in the future. 14 5. By December 31, 2020, and annually thereafter, the 15 commission shall submit a report to the general assembly on the 16 effects of this section, including electrical corporation 17 compliance, potential legislative action regarding this section, 18 the costs of constructing distribution system projects prior to 19 the implementation of this section compared to after the 20 implementation of this section, and any other information 21 regarding the processes established under this section that the 22 commission deems necessary. 23 393.1655. 1. This section applies to an electrical 24 corporation that has elected to exercise any option under section 25 393.1275 or 393.1400 and that has more than two hundred thousand 26 Missouri retail customers in the year in which this section 27 becomes effective, and shall continue to apply to such electrical corporation until December 31, 2023, if the commission has not 28

- 1 issued an order approving continuation of the deferrals
- 2 authorized by subsection 2 of section 393.1400 and section
- 3 393.1275, and continuation of the discounts authorized by section
- 4 393.1640 as authorized by subsection 5 of section 393.1400 with
- 5 <u>respect to the electrical corporation</u>, or until December 31,
- 6 2028, if the commission has issued such an order with respect to
- 7 the electrical corporation.
- 8 <u>2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law and except as</u>
- 9 otherwise provided for by this section, an electrical
- 10 <u>corporation's base rates shall be held constant for a period</u>
- 11 <u>starting on the date new base rates were established in the</u>
- 12 <u>electrical corporation's last general rate proceeding concluded</u>
- prior to the date the electrical corporation gave notice under
- either subsection 4 of section 393.1275 or subsection 5 of
- section 393.1400 and ending on the third anniversary of that
- 16 date, unless a force majeure event as determined by the
- 17 commission occurs. Whether a force majeure event has occurred
- 18 shall be subject to commission review and approval in a general
- 19 rate proceeding, and shall not preclude the commission from
- 20 reviewing the prudence of any revenue reductions or costs
- 21 <u>incurred during any proceeding to set rates.</u> This subsection
- 22 shall not affect the electrical corporation's ability to adjust
- its non-base rates during the three-year period provided for in
- this subsection as authorized by its commission-approved rate
- 25 <u>adjustment mechanisms arising under sections 386.266, 393.1030,</u>
- or 393.1075, or as authorized by any other rate adjustment
- 27 mechanism authorized by law.
- 28 3. If the difference between (a) the electrical

- corporation's average overall rate at any point in time while this section applies to the electrical corporation, and (b) the electrical corporation's average overall rate as of the date new base rates are set in the electrical corporation's most recent general rate proceeding concluded prior to the date the electrical corporation gave notice under either subsection 4 of section 393.1275 or subsection 5 of section 393.1400, reflects a compound annual growth rate of more than three percent, the electrical corporation shall establish a regulatory liability in the amounts specified in subsection 4 of this section. The regulatory liability shall be amortized over a reasonable period as determined by the commission. The electrical corporation shall not seek to recover the amortized funds from customers. A separate regulatory liability is required for each general rate proceeding covered by this subsection for which the three percent threshold provided by this subsection is exceeded.
 - 4. A regulatory liability provided in subsection 3 of this section shall be twenty-five million dollars for an electrical corporation with more than one million Missouri retail customers in the year in which this section becomes effective and six million dollars for an electrical corporation with more than two hundred thousand but not more than one million Missouri retail customers in the year in which this section becomes effective.

5. If the difference between (a) the electrical corporation's average overall rate at any point in time while this section applies to the electrical corporation, and (b) the electrical corporation's average overall rate as of the date new base rates are set in the electrical corporation's most recent

general rate proceeding concluded prior to the date the 1 2 electrical corporation gave notice under either subsection 4 of 3 section 393.1275 or subsection 5 of section 393.1400, reflects a 4 compound annual growth rate of more than three and three-quarters 5 percent, the electrical corporation shall, in addition to 6 establishing the regulatory liability as specified in subsections 7 3 and 4 of this section, starting with the effective date of its revised base rates that exceed the three and three-quarters 8 9 percent threshold provided for in this subsection, cease further 10 deferrals under sections 393.1275 and 393.1400, with prior deferrals to be treated as provided in such sections. 11 12 6. If a change in any rates charged under a rate adjustment 13 mechanism approved by the commission under sections 386.266 and 14 393.1030 would cause an electrical corporation's average overall 15 rate to exceed the compound annual growth rate limitation set 16 forth in subsection 3 of this section, the electrical corporation 17 shall reduce the rates charged under that rate adjustment 18 mechanism in an amount sufficient to ensure that the compound 19 annual growth rate limitation set forth in subsection 3 is not 20 exceeded due to the application of the rate charged under such 21 mechanism and the penalty under subsection 4 is not triggered. 22 Sums not recovered under any such mechanism because of any 23 reduction in rates under such a mechanism pursuant to this 24 subsection shall be deferred to and included in the regulatory 25 asset arising under section 393.1400 or, if applicable, under the 26 regulatory and ratemaking treatment ordered by the commission 27 under subsection 6 of section 393.1400 and subsection 4 of

section 393.1640, and recovered through an amortization in base

1 rates in the same manner as deferrals under that section or order
2 are recovered in base rates.

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- 7. If the difference between (a) the electrical corporation's class average overall rate at any point in time while this section applies to the electrical corporation, and (b) the electrical corporation's class average overall rate as of the date rates are set in the electrical corporation's most recent general rate proceeding concluded prior to the date the electrical corporation gave notice under either subsection 4 of section 393.1275 or subsection 5 of section 393.1400, reflects a compound annual growth rate of more than two percent for the large power service rate class, the class average overall rate shall increase by an amount so that the increase shall equal a compound annual growth rate of two percent over such period for such large power service rate class, with the reduced revenues arising from limiting the large power service class average overall rate increase to two percent to be allocated to all the electrical corporation's other customer classes through the application of a uniform percentage adjustment to the revenue requirement responsibility of all the other customer classes.
- 21 <u>8. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall</u>
 22 mean:
 - (1) "Average base rate", a rate calculated by dividing the total retail revenue requirement for all the electrical corporation's rate classes by the total sales volumes stated in kilowatt-hours for all such rate classes used to set rates in the applicable general rate proceeding, exclusive of gross receipts tax, sales tax, and other similar pass-through taxes;

1 (2) "Average overall rate", a rate equal to the sum of the
2 average base rate and the average rider rate;

- (3) "Average rider rate", a rate calculated by dividing the total of the sums to be recovered from all customer classes under the electrical corporation's rate adjustment mechanisms in place other than a rate adjustment mechanism under section 393.1075 by the total sales volumes stated in kilowatt-hours for all of the electrical corporation's rate classes used to set rates under such rate adjustment mechanisms, exclusive of gross receipts tax, sales tax, and other similar pass-through taxes;
 - dividing the retail revenue requirement from the applicable general rate proceeding that is allocated to the electrical corporation's large power service rate class in that general rate proceeding, by the total sales volumes stated in kilowatt-hours for that class used to set rates in that general rate proceeding, exclusive of gross receipts tax, sales tax, and other similar pass-through taxes;
 - (5) "Class average overall rate", a rate equal to the sum of the class average base rate and the class average rider rate;
 - dividing the total of the sums allocated for recovery from the large power service rate class under the electrical corporation's rate adjustment mechanisms in place other than a rate adjustment mechanism under section 393.1075 by the total sales volumes stated in kilowatt-hours for that class used to set rates under such rate adjustment mechanisms, exclusive of gross receipts tax, sales tax, and other similar pass-through taxes;

- "Force majeure event", an event or circumstance that occurs as a result of a weather event, an act of God, war, or terrorism, or other uncontrollable event as determined by the commission that causes a reduction in revenues, an increase in the cost of providing electrical service, or some combination thereof, and the event has an associated fiscal impact on the electrical corporation's operations equal to three percent or greater of the total revenue requirement established in the electrical corporation's last general rate proceeding concluded prior to the date the electrical corporation gave a notice under either subsection 4 of section 393.1275 or subsection 5 of section 393.1400;
 - (8) "Large power service rate class", the rate class of each corporation that requires the highest minimum monthly billing demand of all of the electrical corporation's rate classes in order to qualify as a member of such rate class, and that applies to qualifying customers only if they utilize the electrical corporation's distribution system.

- 393.1665. 1. For purposes of this section, "electrical corporation" shall mean the same as defined in section 386.020, but shall not include an electrical corporation as described in subsection 2 of section 393.110.
- 2. An electrical corporation with one million or more

 Missouri electric customers shall invest in the aggregate no less

 than fourteen million dollars in utility-owned solar facilities

 located in Missouri or in an adjacent state during the period

 between the effective date of this section and December 31, 2023.

An electrical corporation with less than one million but more

than two-hundred thousand Missouri electric customers shall 1 2 invest in the aggregate no less than four million dollars in 3 utility-owned solar facilities located in Missouri or in an 4 adjacent state during the period between the effective date of 5 this section and December 31, 2023. An electrical corporation 6 with two hundred thousand or fewer Missouri electric customers 7 shall invest in the aggregate no less than three million five 8 hundred thousand dollars in utility-owned solar facilities 9 located in Missouri or in an adjacent state during the period 10 between the effective date of this section and December 31, 2023. If the rate impact of the electrical corporation's investment in 11 such facilities would cause the electrical corporation to exceed 12 13 the one percent maximum average retail rate increase limitation 14 required by subdivision (1) Of subsection 2 of section 393.1030, 15 that part of such costs that would cause such one percent 16 limitation to be exceeded shall be deferred by the electrical 17 corporation to a regulatory asset. Carrying costs at the electrical corporation's weighted average cost of capital shall 18 19 be added to the regulatory asset balance and the regulatory asset 20 shall be recovered through rates set under section 393.150 or 21 through a rate adjustment mechanism under section 393.1030 as 22 soon as is practical. 23 3. An electrical corporation's decision to invest in 24 utility-owned solar facilities consistent with subsection 2 of 25 this section shall be deemed to be prudent. An electrical 26 corporation shall not be required to obtain the permission of the

commission to construct the facilities required by this section,

notwithstanding the provisions of section 393.170. The

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- commission shall retain the authority to review the specific
 costs incurred to construct and own the facilities to ensure that
 rates are based only on prudently incurred costs.
- 4 4. Nothing in this section shall preclude an electrical

 5 corporation from recovering costs of investing in or purchasing

 6 electricity from additional solar facilities beyond those

 7 provided for under subsection 2 of this section.

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- 5. This section shall expire on December 31, 2023, provided that after such expiration the electrical corporation shall be entitled to recover any remaining regulatory asset balance as provided in subsection 2 of this section.
 - 393.1670. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of section 393.1030 and section 393.1045 to the contrary, and subject to the limitations provided for in this section, an electrical corporation shall, commending January 1, 2019, make solar rebates available in the amounts specified in this section. For systems becoming operational between January 1, 2019, and June 30, 2019, the solar rebate shall be fifty cents per watt, and for systems that become operational after June 30, 2019, through December 31, 2023, the solar rebate shall be twenty-five cents per watt. The rebates provided for by this section shall apply to new or expanded solar electric systems up to a maximum of twenty-five kilowatts per system for residential customers and up to one hundred fifty kilowatts per system for nonresidential customers. Customers shall be eligible for rebates on new or expanded systems for the increment of new or extended capacity and not for capacity on which rebates offered under any other provision of law have previously been paid, up to

- 1 the system kilowatt limits set forth in this section. However,
 2 an electrical corporation's obligation to make solar rebate
- payments under this section shall not exceed the following
 limitations:

dollars;

- 5 (1) Electrical corporations with one million or more
 6 Missouri retail customers as of the effective date of this
 7 section shall not be obligated to pay solar rebates in any
 8 calendar year from 2019 through 2023 in an amount exceeding five
 9 million six hundred thousand dollars or in an aggregate amount
 10 during those calendar years exceeding twenty-eight million
 - (2) Electrical corporations with less than one million but more than two hundred thousand Missouri retail customers as of the effective date of this section shall not be obligated to pay solar rebates in any calendar year from 2019 through 2023 in an amount exceeding one million six hundred thousand dollars or in an aggregate amount during those calendar years exceeding eight million dollars; and
 - (3) Electrical corporations with two hundred thousand or less Missouri retail customers as of the effective date of this section shall not be obligated to pay solar rebates in any calendar year from 2019 through 2023 in an amount exceeding one million four hundred thousand dollars or in an aggregate amount during those calendar years exceeding seven million dollars.
 - 2. At its election, the electrical corporation shall be permitted to recover the cost of all solar rebate payments it has made through either base rates or through a rate adjustment mechanism under section 393.1030, and shall, also at its

- election, be permitted to defer and amortize the recovery of such costs, including interest at the electric corporation's short-term borrowing rate, through either base rates or a surcharge over a period of the electrical corporation's choice not to exceed five years; provided that, if recovery of such costs in such manner and over such a time period would cause the electrical corporation to exceed the one percent maximum average retail rate increase limitation required by subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of section 393.1030, that part of recovery of such costs that would exceed such one percent limitation shall be deferred by the electrical corporation to a regulatory asset, to which carrying costs at the electrical corporation's weighted average cost of capital shall be added and recovered through base rates or through a rate adjustment mechanism under section 393.1030 as soon as practicable.
 - 3. Solar rebates in the amounts specified for each calendar year and in the aggregate for calendar years 2019 through 2023 referred to in this section shall become available effective January 1, 2019. The solar rebate provision of subsection 3 of section 393.1030, including any commission orders relating to such provisions applicable to an electrical corporation, are unaffected by this section.

- 4. Reductions in electrical corporation loads as a result of the installation of solar systems not owned by the electrical corporation that provide electricity to the electrical corporation's customers constitute conservation.
- 5. The commission shall have the authority to promulgate rules for the implementation of this section, but only to the

- 1 extent that such rules are consistent with, and do not delay the
- 2 implementation of, the provisions of this section. Any rule or
- 3 portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010
- 4 that is created under the authority delegated in this section
- 5 shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to
- 6 all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section
- 7 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if
- 8 any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to
- 9 chapter 536, to review, to delay the effective date, or to
- disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
- 11 <u>unconstitutional</u>, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any
- rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2018, shall be invalid
- 13 and void.
- 14 6. For purposes of this section, "electrical corporation"
- and "commission" shall mean the same as defined in section
- 16 386.020, but an "electrical corporation" shall not include an
- 17 electrical corporation as described in subsection 2 of section
- 18 393.110.
- 7. This section shall expire on December 31, 2023; provided
- 20 however, that after such expiration, the electrical corporation
- 21 <u>shall be entitled to recover any remaining regulatory asset</u>
- 22 balance as provided in subsection 2 of this section.
- 23 <u>393.1700.</u> Sections 393.1700 to 393.1750 shall be known and
- 24 cited as the "Rate Case Modernization Act".
- 25 <u>393.1705.</u> It shall be the policy of this state to apply
- 26 sections 393.1700 to 393.1750 to gas corporations that
- 27 voluntarily choose to be subject to such sections in a manner
- that builds upon and extends traditional ratemaking elements and

- 1 procedures to advance the interests of both utilities and their
- 2 customers while contributing to economic growth within the state.
- 3 393.1710. 1. The provisions of section 386.020 defining
- 4 words, phrases, and terms shall apply to and determine the
- 5 meaning of all such words, phrases, or terms as used in sections
- 6 393.1700 to 393.1750.
- 7 <u>2. As used in sections 393.1700 to 393.1750, the following</u>
- 8 terms shall mean:
- 9 (1) "Annual rate cap", an annual limitation on the amount
- of rate increase that may be made under the annual true-up
- 11 provided for in section 393.1725 equal to three percent of the
- 12 gas corporation's previous year's Missouri gross jurisdictional
- revenues, with excess amounts deferred and booked to a regulatory
- asset account for recovery in a later period;
- 15 (2) "Annual true-up", an annual filing made by a
- 16 participating gas corporation to reflect in rates various updated
- financial and operational results, and utilizing the ratemaking
- 18 and review process described in section 393.1725;
- 19 (3) "Cost management accountability" or "CMA", an
- 20 adjustment mechanism used in the annual true-up to better hold a
- 21 participating gas corporation accountable for, and incentivize
- 22 effective management of, its costs by comparing the updated O&M
- 23 expense to a performance benchmark approved in the corporation's
- 24 periodic rate proceeding based on the normalized and annualized
- O&M expense in the then concluding year, updated for increases in
- the Consumers Price Index-For All Urban Consumers (CPI-U);
- 27 (4) "Cost stabilization reserve", a mechanism designed to
- 28 moderate the impacts of significant extraordinary or force

- 1 majeure expenses on the revenue requirement recovered through the 2 annual true-up by permitting such costs to be deferred and booked 3 to a regulatory asset account and amortized in rates beginning 4 with the next annual true-up and extending over a period of three 5 to five years, unless a longer period is otherwise determined by
- 7 "Earnings test", a mechanism that calculates the (5) achieved earnings level during the updated test year period to 8 9 determine if a rate change should be made as part of the annual 10 true-up, based on any over- or under-earnings beyond a basis 11 point range above or below the updated return on equity, subject to the annual rate cap;

the commission to be appropriate;

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- (6) "Foundational elements", the ratemaking determinations and methods approved or modified by the commission listed under subsection 1 of section 393.1715, as updated or adjusted consistent with the processes and mechanisms set forth in sections 393.1700 to 393.1750;
- 18 (7) "Grow and share", a provision of the CMA mechanism 19 recognizing significant growth in the gas corporation or its parent corporation. If such growth occurs and the number of 20 21 utility customers acquired by the participating gas corporation 22 is greater than ten percent of the participating gas 23 corporation's then current number of customers, then the 24 performance benchmark of the CMA shall not be reset until the 25 second periodic rate review proceeding conducted after the grow 26 and share provision became effective. After such period, the 27 benchmark used for the annual true-up shall be reset based on the 28 updated O&M expense in the then preceding year;

1	(8) "ISRS", an infrastructure system replacement surcharge
2	authorized under sections 393.1009 to 393.1015;
3	(9) "Participating gas corporation", a gas corporation that

- (9) "Participating gas corporation", a gas corporation that elects to file an initiating general rate proceeding to update rates using annual true-up and periodic rate review proceedings under sections 393.1700 to 393.1750;
- operational metrics approved by the commission utilized to hold a participating gas corporation accountable for managing satisfactory levels of performance in key areas, including but not limited to safety, reliability, customer satisfaction, service, and operations;
- (11) "Periodic rate review proceeding", the process

 described in section 393.1730 to review and, if necessary and

 appropriate, revise foundational elements used to establish rates

 in the annual true-up;
- effect for the next annual period, as calculated in the annual true-up, including any adjustments resulting from the application of the earnings test, subject to the annual rate cap, and any adjustment resulting from the application of the CMA, plus any adjustment resulting from the application of the CMA and revenue stabilization mechanism;
- (13) "Revenue stabilization mechanism", a mechanism that adjusts rates as part of the annual true-up to prevent an over-or under-recovery of authorized distribution revenues due to changes in usage by the participating gas corporation's residential customers and those non-residential customers with

1 annual usage equivalent to, or less than, twenty thousand
2 decatherms;

- (14) "Updated cost of capital", a calculation used to set rates in the annual true-up for the following annual period.

 "Updated cost of capital" shall be the product of the updated rate base and the ending pre-tax weighted average cost of capital of the participating gas corporation, based on the updated return on equity and the updated interest rate;
- (15) "Updated distribution revenues", the distributionrelated revenues, annualized for changes in customer levels.

 Such revenues shall reflect amounts billed by the participating
 gas corporation during the updated test year, as adjusted to
 reflect the annualized revenues of the participating gas
 corporation's then effective ISRS, and accruals booked resulting
 from the application of the revenue stabilization mechanism, but
 excluding revenues accounted for through the participating gas
 corporation's purchased gas adjustment and actual cost
 adjustment;
- (16) "Updated ineligible expenses", the updated test year operations and maintenance expenses of the same kind and character as those commonly disallowed by the commission in the participating gas corporation's initiating general rate proceeding or periodic rate review proceeding. Such ineligible expenses shall be excluded from the rates established in any annual true-up unless or until a reviewing court or the commission subsequently determines that such costs were properly includable in rates;

1	(17) "Updated interest rate", the weighted average interest
2	rate for the participating gas corporation's long-term debt and
3	preferred stock outstanding as of the end of the updated test
4	year which is used to determine the updated cost of capital for
5	purposes of setting rates in the annual true-up;

- "updated O&M expense", the normalized and annualized distribution operations and maintenance expense incurred by the participating gas corporation during the updated test year, which shall be calculated by reflecting the normalized and annualized net dollar amount in FERC Accounts 700 through 950 "Operation Expenses", less any updated ineligible expenses in such accounts. Such updated O&M expense shall be used for determining the participating gas corporation's performance under the cost management accountability mechanism and making any resulting rate adjustment as part of the corporation's annual true-up;
- (19) "Updated other expenses", the normalized and annualized depreciation and amortization expense, as well as all federal, state and local taxes, other than gross-receipts, sales and other similar pass-through taxes;
- (20) "Updated rate base", the ending updated test year balances for the participating gas corporation's investments in net utility property, plant and equipment, including reset ISRS investment amounts, adjusted for related accumulated deferred income taxes, plus cash working capital and working capital, as adjusted consistent with the methodology established for the participating gas corporation in its initiating general rate proceeding or periodic rate review proceeding, plus the ending

- 1 <u>balance of any cost stabilization reserve amount. The updated</u>
- 2 rate base shall exclude investments being recovered through the
- 3 participating gas corporation's purchased gas adjustment and
- 4 actual cost adjustment;
- 5 "Updated return on equity", the return on equity
- 6 authorized for the participating gas corporation in its
- 7 initiating general rate proceeding or periodic rate review
- 8 proceeding, adjusted each year in the annual true-up for results
- 9 of the performance measurement indicators and capital market
- 10 changes, reflected in long-term United States Treasury Bond yield
- 11 rates;
- 12 (22) "Updated test year", the historic annual period
- between the effective dates of each annual true-up, which is used
- as the beginning and ending point for establishing the revenue
- requirement in the annual true-up process.
- 16 393.1715. 1. A gas corporation may elect to become a
- participating gas corporation by filing with the commission an
- 18 initiating general rate proceeding in which it will provide
- 19 notice of its election to participate in the update process
- established under sections 393.1700 to 393.1750. Such initiating
- 21 general rate proceeding shall be conducted in accordance with the
- 22 procedures and requirements established by the commission for
- 23 general rate proceedings. The commission shall, with the
- 24 assistance of the parties to the proceeding, prepare and approve
- 25 <u>a supplement to the detailed reconciliation required to be filed</u>
- under subsection 4 of section 386.420, which shall include any
- 27 additional information required for the participating gas
- 28 corporation's periodic rate review proceeding and the

foundational elements to be used in calculating rates for the
annual true-up. Such foundational elements shall include a full
and complete description or specification of:

- (1) The calculation methods to be used to determine the cash working capital requirement, including the revenue and expense lag for each revenue and expense item to be considered in establishing such revenue requirement component in the annual true-up;
- 9 (2) The calculation methods to be used to determine working
 10 capital items, including regulatory assets or liabilities
 11 receiving rate base treatment, as well as customer deposits,
 12 contributions in aid of construction, other investments required
 13 for business purposes, such as materials and supplies,
 14 inventories, and prepaid items;
 - (3) Each regulatory asset or liability to be included in rates, including the ending balance of each regulatory asset or liability, whether rate base treatment is afforded in working capital, and the annual amortization amount to be included in rates in the annual true-up;
 - (4) Each item in the cost stabilization reserve, including the ending balance of each regulatory asset or liability, whether rate base treatment is afforded, and the annual amortization amount to be included in rates in the annual true-up;
 - (5) The weighted capital structure to be included in rates in the annual true-up including the weighting to be used for each component consistent with the actual long-term capitalization of the participating gas corporation, provided that the participating gas corporation is no less than forty percent and

no more than sixty percent of its total capital structure and is

within ten percentage points of the equity component of its

parent corporation's capital structure, if any;

- including the starting benchmark capital market rate to be used for the annual true-up, as calculated based on the most recent twelve-month average of the thirty-year United States treasury bond yield of the then-longest duration published by the board of governors in its weekly H.15 statistical release, or any successor publication;
- (7) The performance measurement indicators to be used to measure the participating gas corporation's performance, and depending on actual results achieved, potentially adjust the participating gas corporation's updated return on equity in the annual true-up. No fewer than four and no more than six metrics shall be established and approved by the commission for use in the annual true-up. A benchmark range of acceptable performance shall be established based on the participating gas corporation's historical experience in the area measured over the most recent five years, or shorter period if consistent information is not available, and such range should be reasonably achievable. Each metric shall be assigned a value of five basis points, and performance levels above or below the benchmark range shall be used to increase or decrease, respectively, the subsequent updated return on equity;
- (8) The defined performance benchmark cost level for O&M

 expense to be used for the CMA mechanism for the subsequent

 annual true-ups to compare against the updated O&M expense. Such

- benchmark shall be set based on the updated O&M expense in the
 then-concluding updated test year, subject to the grow and share
 provision of the CMA;
 - (9) The categories and types of ineligible operating expenses to be excluded from rates in the annual true-up, including the associated FERC accounts;

- (10) The methodologies to be used to allocate joint and common costs included in rates between the participating gas corporation and its affiliates to the extent the methodologies differ from those in the commission-approved cost allocation manual;
- (11) The billing determinants to be used to establish rates, for use in the annual true-up and revenue stabilization mechanism process;
- allocate costs between and within each customer class, including the rate design to be used for each class, together with a specification of the method to be used to allocate any increase or decrease in revenue requirement for the annual true-up;
- (13) The depreciation rates to be used to establish rates included in the annual true-up; and
- (14) The templates to be used for the surveillance reports that will be submitted on a quarterly basis to report current operating expenses, rate base, revenues, and performance metrics used in the annual true-up.
- 2. If the gas corporation has had new rates become effective in the past two years as a result of a general rate proceeding, then the commission shall, upon the filing of a

notice by the gas corporation requesting such action, conduct a 1 2 proceeding to consider and determine only those foundational 3 elements that were not otherwise identified by agreement or by a 4 commission order in the general rate proceeding, provided that 5 the commission, in its sole discretion, may consider changes to 6 the return on equity previously established. Such proceeding 7 shall be conducted and concluded within five months and shall not 8 result in any change in rates.

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- 393.1720. 1. As part of the initiating general rate proceeding, the commission shall approve a revenue stabilization mechanism for a participating gas corporation to address the over- or under-recovery of revenue due to weather and conservation-related changes in usage by residential customers and non-residential customers with annual usage equivalent to, or less than, ten thousand decatherms. The adjustment shall utilize a deferral account, with interest applied at the participating gas corporation's short term cost of debt, to track and book as a regulatory liability or asset, as applicable, any excessive or deficient revenue due to a change in the assumed commodity use per customer established in the periodic rate review proceeding. Such deferral account shall amortize the difference on an earnings-neutral basis and be excluded from the earnings test. No adjustment shall be made for a variance in the determinants based on number of customers.
- 2. Rates shall be adjusted by the amount necessary to return to, or recover from, customers over the subsequent twelvemonth period the difference between the per customer revenues actually billed by the participating gas corporation during the

1 most recent updated test year for the customers identified in subsection 1 of this section, and the per customer revenues 2 3 authorized in the participating gas corporation's initiating 4 general rate proceeding or periodic rate review proceeding for 5 such customers. The billing determinants used to set rates for 6 such customers in the initiating general rate proceeding or 7 periodic rate review proceeding shall be compared to the billing 8 determinants realized during the updated test year for those same 9 customers to determine the amount of the necessary adjustment. 10 Revenue variations accounted and adjusted for in the participating gas corporation's purchased gas adjustment, actual 11 12 cost adjustment, and ISRS shall not be considered. 13 393.1725. 1. At least forty-five days prior to the end of 14 each updated test year, the participating gas corporation shall 15 file tariffs, rate schedules, and minimum filing requirements, 16 including full and complete schedules and supporting 17 documentation, to be used to establish and allocate the revenue 18 requirement to be reflected in rates in the corporation's annual 19 true-up based on an application of the foundational elements most 20 recently determined by the commission to actual results and 21 application at the CMA, earnings test, and other updates and 22 adjustments authorized by sections 393.1700 to 393.1750. Any 23 rate changes resulting from such filing shall be placed into 24 effect on an interim basis on the date following the end of the 25 current updated test year, subject to refund. The commission, at 26 its discretion, may implement a future test year for the annual 27 update.

- 2. The participating gas corporation's annual true-up filing shall be based upon the most recent three quarters of information on the participating gas corporation's books and a pro forma forecast for the remaining quarter. Such forecast shall be of sufficient line item detail to permit adequate review by commission staff, and updated actual results shall be filed at least thirty days before the commission staff's recommendation is due. Any supporting information that is proprietary or confidential may be submitted on a confidential basis under the commission's rules governing such matters.
 - 3. Minimum filing requirements shall include:

- corporation's regulated Missouri utility operations for the updated test year as such financial reports are finalized based on actual results, including the income statement, balance sheet, and cash flow statement with line-item detail matching the level of the FERC Form 2 or the annual distribution utility report provided to the commission. The financials should be adjusted to reflect the application of the foundational elements approved in the initiating general rate proceeding;
- (2) Accounting schedules of the type normally provided in a general rate case proceeding showing updated rate base amounts, including ending balances for regulatory assets and liabilities and cost stabilization reserve amounts, as well as annual amortization amounts to be included in rates, updated ineligible operating expenses that are consistent with the determinations

made by the commission in the initiating general rate proceeding or most recently concluded periodic rate review proceeding;

- (3) A full and complete set of cost of service schedules normally provided in a general rate proceeding along with any detailed schedules used to annualize, normalize, or otherwise adjust each updated distribution revenue, updated O&M expense, updated other expense, and updated cost of capital item for ratemaking purposes;
- performed using the schedules and amounts prepared under this subdivision. If the return achieved in the updated test year exceeds or falls below a range of fifty basis points of the updated return on equity, such test shall determine the increase or decrease to the revenue requirement necessary to bring the return back to the updated return on equity, subject to the annual rate cap. The updated return on equity shall first apply adjustments based on the results of the performance measurement indicators and capital market changes as follows:
- (a) Performance measurement indicator adjustments shall compare performance achieved during the updated test year for each metric to the benchmark range of expected performance approved in the most recent periodic rate review proceeding. For each instance in which the participating gas corporation's performance exceeds the benchmark range of performance for the metric, five basis points shall be added to the updated return on equity used for the earnings test in the current annual true-up. For each instance in which the participating gas corporation's performance falls below the benchmark range of performance, five

1 basis points shall be subtracted from the updated return on 2 equity used for the earnings test in the current annual true-up. 3 No change in the updated return on equity shall be made for a 4 performance level that falls within the benchmark performance 5 range. To the extent the participating gas corporation's 6 performance in relation to a specific metric was adversely 7 affected during the updated test year by significant changes in its operational systems or processes done to enhance the quality 8 9 of utility service, or by extraordinary events beyond the 10 participating gas corporation's control, then no adjustment for that metric shall be made to the updated return on equity; 11 (b) The updated return on equity used for the earnings test 12 13 in the current annual true-up shall be adjusted for capital 14 market changes by comparing the starting benchmark capital market 15 rate determined in the initiating general rate proceeding or 16 periodic rate review proceeding to any increase or decrease in 17 the twelve-month average of the thirty-year United States 18 Treasury Bond yield during the applicable updated test year, and

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(5) A full and complete calculation of the CMA, comparing achieved updated O&M expense during the updated test year to the performance benchmark O&M expense level determined at the initiating general rate proceeding or the most recently completed periodic rate review proceeding. An update to that benchmark shall be applied using an inflation factor equal to the CPI-U factor for the updated test year, or one percent, whichever is greater. To the extent the updated O&M expense exceeds or falls

the difference shall be applied to adjust the updated return on

below the updated performance benchmark by more than one percent,
then half of that difference shall be credited or charged to
customers with such credits or charges excluded from the earnings

test.

- 4. Within four months of the annual true-up filing, the commission staff shall submit its recommendation verifying that the revenue requirement was calculated and implemented in conformity with this section and based on prudently incurred and just and reasonable costs, or identifying with specificity any ways in which the update filing was not in conformity with the requirements of this section.
- 5. If the parties to the annual true-up are unable to jointly recommend a revenue requirement to the commission within twenty days of the filing of commission staff's report, the commission shall establish a procedural schedule so that any contested issues may be adjudicated by the commission with a report and order resolving such differences issued within five months after the filing of the commission staff's report. The commission shall, in such report and order, make permanent the interim rates filed by the participating gas corporation to the extent such rates have been calculated in compliance with the requirements of sections 393.1700 to 393.1750. Any adjustments made by the commission to the revenue requirement shall be reflected in the next annual true-up filing made by the participating gas corporation, subject to judicial review.
- 6. The revenue requirement to be in effect for the next annual period shall include a rebasing of all ISRS costs implemented and in effect during the updated test period. Any

1 participating gas corporation shall be permitted to make filings 2 under sections 393.1009 to 393.1015 and shall submit a schedule 3 reflecting its estimated capital expenditures for ISRS-eligible projects for the annual period, provided that the annual rate 4 5 cap, timing, periodic rate review proceeding requirements, and 6 rebasing ISRS charges set forth in this subsection shall be 7 substituted for any similar rate caps, ISRS rebasing, or general 8 rate proceeding requirements under sections 393.1009 to 393.1015. 9 7. Any annual rate adjustment resulting from the 10 application of the earnings test shall not, when combined with any ISRS charges reset in the annual true-up during the same 11 12 annual period, exceed an annual increase to the revenue 13 requirement amount equal to three percent of the prior year's Missouri gross jurisdictional revenues. In addition to the rate 14 15 adjustment, the participating gas corporation shall be permitted 16 to collect any applicable gross receipts tax, sales tax, or other 17 similar pass-through taxes, and such taxes shall not be counted 18 against the annual rate cap. Any costs not recovered as a result 19 of the annual rate cap limitation on rate adjustments shall be 20 deferred, at a carrying cost each month equal to the 21 participating gas corporation's net of tax, long-term cost of 22 capital, for recovery in a subsequent year's annual true-up or 23 periodic rate review proceeding. 24 393.1730. 1. After each third rate year effectuating an 25 annual true-up, the participating gas corporation shall file a 26 periodic rate review proceeding at least six months prior to the 27 participating gas corporation's next annual true-up filing. Such 28 filing shall include the participating gas corporation's proposed positions and supporting documentation on each of the
foundational elements identified in subsection 1 of section

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2. The commission shall have the authority to set interim deadlines for interested stakeholders and the gas corporation to make their respective filings, but the commission shall issue an order presenting its determinations and findings within five months of the filing date of the periodic rate review proceeding. Such determinations shall be used to set rates in subsequent annual true-ups, subject to the right of the participating gas corporation and other parties to seek judicial review of the determinations in accordance with applicable law. The existence of a judicial review proceeding shall not preclude a participating gas corporation from filing, or the commission from processing, any subsequent initiating general rate proceeding, annual true-up, or periodic rate review proceeding.

393.1735. 1. Within six months of the effective date of

393.1735. 1. Within six months of the effective date of sections 393.1700 to 393.1750, any participating gas corporation may file, and the commission shall approve, tariffs authorizing programs designed to retain or attract businesses, jobs, and investment within the state of Missouri or to extend gas service to new areas. Such programs may achieve this goal by providing discounted rates or financing arrangements on terms that, at a minimum, recover the depreciation, property tax, and carrying cost of any incremental investment and any incremental variable costs incurred to serve such customer or customers while making some positive contribution to the participating gas corporation's fixed costs of serving other customers.

1 2. The rates approved by the commission during the annual 2 true-up shall reflect the actual annualized revenues being 3 received under the discounted rate or long-term financing 4 arrangement. 5 393.1740. A participating gas corporation may voluntarily 6 terminate its participation in the update process at the 7 conclusion of any updated test year. Upon termination, whether such termination occurs by operation of law, by voluntary action 8 9 of a participating gas corporation, or for any other reason, the 10 then current rates established under sections 393.1700 to 393.1750 shall remain in effect until such time as new rates are 11 12 set under section 393.150, subject to any adjustment that may be 13 made to such rates based on the commission staff's audit of the 14 last updated test year. 15 393.1745. On or after December 31, 2025, the commission 16 shall prepare and file with the general assembly a report on the 17 impact of sections 393.1700 to 393.1750 on participating gas corporations and their customers. Participating gas corporations 18 19 shall cooperate in good faith to provide the data necessary for 20 the preparation of the report required by this section. 21 393.1750. The commission shall have the authority to 22 promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of 23 sections 393.1700 to 393.1745, but only to the extent such rules 24 are consistent with and do not delay the implementation of 25 sections 393.1700 to 393.1745. Any rule or portion of a rule, as 26 that term is defined in section 536.010 that is created under the 27 authority delegated in this section shall become effective only 28 if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of

chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section
and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested
with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to
delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2018,
shall be invalid and void.

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to reduce the electric bills of consumers due to the implementation of federal tax cuts, the enactment of section 393.137 of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and the enactment of section 393.137 of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.