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AN ACT

To repeal section 386.020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to public utility ratemaking, with an emergency clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 386.020, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu 2 thereof, to be known as sections 386.020 and 393.362, to read as follows:

386.020. As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases mean:

2 (1) "Alternative local exchange telecommunications company", a local exchange 3 telecommunications company certified by the commission to provide basic or nonbasic local 4 telecommunications service or switched exchange access service, or any combination of such 5 services, in a specific geographic area subsequent to December 31, 1995;

6 (2) "Alternative operator services company", any certificated interexchange 7 telecommunications company which receives more than forty percent of its annual Missouri 8 intrastate telecommunications service revenues from the provision of operator services pursuant 9 to operator services contracts with traffic aggregators;

(3) "Basic interexchange telecommunications service" includes, at a minimum, two-way
 switched voice service between points in different local calling scopes as determined by the
 commission and shall include other services as determined by the commission by rule upon
 periodic review and update;

(4) "Basic local telecommunications service", two-way switched voice service within
a local calling scope as determined by the commission comprised of any of the following
services and their recurring and nonrecurring charges:

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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17 (a) Multiparty, single line, including installation, touchtone dialing, and any applicable18 mileage or zone charges;

(b) Assistance programs for installation of, or access to, basic local telecommunications
 services for qualifying economically disadvantaged or disabled customers or both, including, but
 not limited to, lifeline services and link-up Missouri services for low-income customers or
 dual-party relay service for the hearing impaired and speech impaired;

(c) Access to local emergency services including, but not limited to, 911 service
 established by local authorities;

25 (d) Access to basic local operator services;

26 (e) Access to basic local directory assistance;

27 (f) Standard intercept service;

(g) Equal access to interexchange carriers consistent with rules and regulations of the
 Federal Communications Commission;

30 (h) One standard white pages directory listing.

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Basic local telecommunications service does not include optional toll-free calling outside a local calling scope but within a community of interest, available for an additional monthly fee or the offering or provision of basic local telecommunications service at private shared-tenant service locations;

(5) "Cable television service", the one-way transmission to subscribers of video
 programming or other programming service and the subscriber interaction, if any, which is
 required for the selection of such video programming or other programming service;

(6) "Carrier of last resort", any telecommunications company which is obligated to offer
basic local telecommunications service to all customers who request service in a geographic area
defined by the commission and cannot abandon this obligation without approval from the
commission;

(7) "Commission", the "Public Service Commission" hereby created;

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(8) "Commissioner", one of the members of the commission;

- 45 (9) "Competitive telecommunications company", a telecommunications company which
- 46 has been classified as such by the commission pursuant to section 392.245 or 392.361;
 47 (10) "Competitive telecommunications service", a telecommunications service which

48 has been classified as such by the commission pursuant to section 392.245 or to section 392.361,

49 or which has become a competitive telecommunications service pursuant to section 392.370;

50 (11) "Corporation" includes a corporation, company, association and joint stock 51 association or company;

(12) "Customer-owned pay telephone", a privately owned telecommunications device
that is not owned, leased or otherwise controlled by a local exchange telecommunications
company and which provides telecommunications services for a use fee to the general public;

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(13) "Effective competition" shall be determined by the commission based on:

(a) The extent to which services are available from alternative providers in the relevantmarket;

(b) The extent to which the services of alternative providers are functionally equivalentor substitutable at comparable rates, terms and conditions;

60 (c) The extent to which the purposes and policies of chapter 392, including the 61 reasonableness of rates, as set out in section 392.185, are being advanced;

62 (d) Existing economic or regulatory barriers to entry; and

63 (e) Any other factors deemed relevant by the commission and necessary to implement64 the purposes and policies of chapter 392;

(14) "Electric plant" includes all real estate, fixtures and personal property operated, controlled, owned, used or to be used for or in connection with or to facilitate the generation, transmission, distribution, sale or furnishing of electricity for light, heat or power; and any conduits, ducts or other devices, materials, apparatus or property for containing, holding or carrying conductors used or to be used for the transmission of electricity for light, heat or power;

70 (15) "Electrical corporation" includes every corporation, company, association, joint 71 stock company or association, partnership and person, their lessees, trustees or receivers 72 appointed by any court whatsoever, other than a railroad, light rail or street railroad corporation 73 generating electricity solely for railroad, light rail or street railroad purposes or for the use of its 74 tenants and not for sale to others, owning, operating, controlling or managing any electric plant 75 except where electricity is generated or distributed by the producer solely on or through private 76 property for railroad, light rail or street railroad purposes or for its own use or the use of its 77 tenants and not for sale to others;

(16) "Exchange", a geographical area for the administration of telecommunications
services, established and described by the tariff of a telecommunications company providing
basic local telecommunications service;

81 (17) "Exchange access service", a service provided by a local exchange 82 telecommunications company which enables a telecommunications company or other customer 83 to enter and exit the local exchange telecommunications network in order to originate or 84 terminate interexchange telecommunications service;

(18) "Gas corporation" includes every corporation, company, association, joint stock
company or association, partnership and person, their lessees, trustees or receivers appointed by
any court whatsoever, owning, operating, controlling or managing any gas plant operating for

public use under privilege, license or franchise now or hereafter granted by the state or anypolitical subdivision, county or municipality thereof;

90 (19) "Gas plant" includes all real estate, fixtures and personal property owned, operated,
91 controlled, used or to be used for or in connection with or to facilitate the manufacture,
92 distribution, sale or furnishing of gas, natural or manufactured, for light, heat or power;

93 (20) "Heating company" includes every corporation, company, association, joint stock 94 company or association, partnership and person, their lessees, trustees or receivers, appointed by 95 any court whatsoever, owning, operating, managing or controlling any plant or property for 96 manufacturing and distributing and selling, for distribution, or distributing hot or cold water, 97 steam or currents of hot or cold air for motive power, heating, cooking, or for any public use or 98 service, in any city, town or village in this state; provided, that no agency or authority created by 99 or operated pursuant to an interstate compact established pursuant to section 70.370 shall be a heating company or subject to regulation by the commission; 100

101 (21) "High-cost area", a geographic area, which shall follow exchange boundaries and 102 be no smaller than an exchange nor larger than a local calling scope, where the cost of providing 103 basic local telecommunications service as determined by the commission, giving due regard to 104 recovery of an appropriate share of joint and common costs as well as those costs related to 105 carrier of last resort obligations, exceeds the rate for basic local telecommunications service 106 found reasonable by the commission;

(22) "Incumbent local exchange telecommunications company", a local exchange
 telecommunications company authorized to provide basic local telecommunications service in
 a specific geographic area as of December 31, 1995, or a successor in interest to such a company;

(23) "Industrial energy user", a facility with a minimum annual peak demand of
one megawatt; provided that, a single industrial energy user may aggregate multiple
metered delivery locations to satisfy the minimum megawatt threshold;

113 (24) "Interconnected voice over internet protocol service", service that:

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(a) Enables real-time, two-way voice communications;

(b) Requires a broadband connection from the user's location;

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(d) Permits users generally to receive calls that originate on the public switchedtelephone network and to terminate calls to the public switched telephone network;

(c) Requires internet protocol-compatible customer premises equipment; and

119 [(24)] (25) "Interexchange telecommunications company", any company engaged in the

120 provision of interexchange telecommunications service;

121 [(25)] (26) "Interexchange telecommunications service", telecommunications service
 122 between points in two or more exchanges;

123 [(26)] (27) "InterLATA", interexchange telecommunications service between points in
 124 different local access and transportation areas;

125 [(27)] (28) "IntraLATA", interexchange telecommunications service between points
 126 within the same local access and transportation area;

127 [(28)] (29) "Light rail" includes every rail transportation system in which one or more 128 rail vehicles are propelled electrically by overhead catenary wire upon tracks located 129 substantially within an urban area and are operated exclusively in the transportation of 130 passengers and their baggage, and including all bridges, tunnels, equipment, switches, spurs, 131 tracks, stations, used in connection with the operation of light rail;

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[(29)] **(30)** "Line" includes route;

[(30)] (31) "Local access and transportation area" or "LATA", contiguous geographic
area approved by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in United States v. Western
Electric, Civil Action No. 82-0192 that defines the permissible areas of operations for the Bell
Operating companies;

137 [(31)] (32) "Local exchange telecommunications company", any company engaged in 138 the provision of local exchange telecommunications service. A local exchange 139 telecommunications company shall be considered a "large local exchange telecommunications 140 company" if it has at least one hundred thousand access lines in Missouri and a "small local 141 exchange telecommunications company" if it has less than one hundred thousand access lines 142 in Missouri;

143 [(32)] (33) "Local exchange telecommunications service", telecommunications service
144 between points within an exchange;

145 [(33)] (34) "Long-run incremental cost", the change in total costs of the company of 146 producing an increment of output in the long run when the company uses least cost technology, 147 and excluding any costs that, in the long run, are not brought into existence as a direct result of 148 the increment of output. The relevant increment of output shall be the level of output necessary 149 to satisfy total current demand levels for the service in question, or, for new services, demand 150 levels that can be demonstrably anticipated;

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[(34)] (35) "Municipality" includes a city, village or town;

152 [(35)] (36) "Nonbasic telecommunications services" shall be all regulated 153 telecommunications services other than basic local and exchange access telecommunications 154 services, and shall include the services identified in paragraphs (d) and (e) of subdivision (4) of 155 this section. Any retail telecommunications service offered for the first time after August 28, 156 1996, shall be classified as a nonbasic telecommunications service, including any new service 157 which does not replace an existing service;

[(36)] (37) "Noncompetitive telecommunications company", a telecommunications
 company other than a competitive telecommunications company or a transitionally competitive
 telecommunications company;

161 [(37)] (38) "Noncompetitive telecommunications service", a telecommunications service
 162 other than a competitive or transitionally competitive telecommunications service;

[(38)] (39) "Operator services", operator-assisted interexchange telecommunications
service by means of either human or automated call intervention and includes, but is not limited
to, billing or completion of calling card, collect, person-to-person, station-to-station or third
number billed calls;

167 [(39)] (40) "Operator services contract", any agreement between a traffic aggregator and
 168 a certificated interexchange telecommunications company to provide operator services at a traffic
 169 aggregator location;

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[(40)] (41) "Person" includes an individual, and a firm or copartnership;

171 [(41)] (42) "Private shared tenant services" includes the provision of telecommunications 172 and information management services and equipment within a user group located in discrete 173 private premises as authorized by the commission by a commercial-shared services provider or 174 by a user association, through privately owned customer premises equipment and associated data 175 processing and information management services and includes the provision of connections to 176 the facilities of local exchange telecommunications companies and to interexchange 177 telecommunications companies;

[(42)] (43) "Private telecommunications system", a telecommunications system
controlled by a person or corporation for the sole and exclusive use of such person, corporation
or legal or corporate affiliate thereof;

[(43)] (44) "Public utility" includes every pipeline corporation, gas corporation, electrical corporation, telecommunications company, water corporation, heat or refrigerating corporation, and sewer corporation, as these terms are defined in this section, and each thereof is hereby declared to be a public utility and to be subject to the jurisdiction, control and regulation of the commission and to the provisions of this chapter;

186 [(44)] (45) "Railroad" includes every railroad and railway, other than street railroad or 187 light rail, by whatsoever power operated for public use in the conveyance of persons or property 188 for compensation, with all bridges, ferries, tunnels, equipment, switches, spurs, tracks, stations, 189 real estate and terminal facilities of every kind used, operated, controlled or owned by or in 190 connection with any such railroad;

[(45)] (46) "Railroad corporation" includes every corporation, company, association,
 joint stock company or association, partnership and person, their lessees, trustees or receivers
 appointed by any court whatsoever, owning, holding, operating, controlling or managing any

194 railroad or railway as defined in this section, or any cars or other equipment used thereon or in 195 connection therewith;

[(46)] (47) "Rate", every individual or joint rate, fare, toll, charge, reconsigning charge,
switching charge, rental or other compensation of any corporation, person or public utility, or any
two or more such individual or joint rates, fares, tolls, charges, reconsigning charges, switching
charges, rentals or other compensations of any corporation, person or public utility or any
schedule or tariff thereof;

201 [(47)] (48) "Resale of telecommunications service", the offering or providing of 202 telecommunications service primarily through the use of services or facilities owned or provided 203 by a separate telecommunications company, but does not include the offering or providing of 204 private shared tenant services;

205 [(48)] (49) "Service" includes not only the use and accommodations afforded consumers 206 or patrons, but also any product or commodity furnished by any corporation, person or public 207 utility and the plant, equipment, apparatus, appliances, property and facilities employed by any 208 corporation, person or public utility in performing any service or in furnishing any product or 209 commodity and devoted to the public purposes of such corporation, person or public utility, and 210 to the use and accommodation of consumers or patrons;

[(49)] (50) "Sewer corporation" includes every corporation, company, association, joint stock company or association, partnership or person, their lessees, trustees or receivers appointed by any court, owning, operating, controlling or managing any sewer system, plant or property, for the collection, carriage, treatment, or disposal of sewage anywhere within the state for gain, except that the term shall not include sewer systems with fewer than twenty-five outlets;

[(50)] (51) "Sewer system" includes all pipes, pumps, canals, lagoons, plants, structures and appliances, and all other real estate, fixtures and personal property, owned, operated, controlled or managed in connection with or to facilitate the collection, carriage, treatment and disposal of sewage for municipal, domestic or other beneficial or necessary purpose;

220 [(51)] (52) "Street railroad" includes every railroad by whatsoever type of power 221 operated, and all extensions and branches thereof and supplementary facilities thereto by 222 whatsoever type of vehicle operated, for public use in the conveyance of persons or property for 223 compensation, mainly providing local transportation service upon the streets, highways and 224 public places in a municipality, or in and adjacent to a municipality, and including all cars, buses 225 and other rolling stock, equipment, switches, spurs, tracks, poles, wires, conduits, cables, 226 subways, tunnels, stations, terminals and real estate of every kind used, operated or owned in 227 connection therewith but this term shall not include light rail as defined in this section; and the 228 term "street railroad" when used in this chapter shall also include all motor bus and trolley bus 229 lines and routes and similar local transportation facilities, and the rolling stock and other

equipment thereof and the appurtenances thereto, when operated as a part of a street railroad or trolley bus local transportation system, or in conjunction therewith or supplementary thereto, but such term shall not include a railroad constituting or used as part of a trunk line railroad system and any street railroad as defined above which shall be converted wholly to motor bus operation shall nevertheless continue to be included within the term street railroad as used herein;

[(52)] (53) "Telecommunications company" includes telephone corporations as that term is used in the statutes of this state and every corporation, company, association, joint stock company or association, partnership and person, their lessees, trustees or receivers appointed by any court whatsoever, owning, operating, controlling or managing any facilities used to provide telecommunications service for hire, sale or resale within this state;

[(53)] (54) "Telecommunications facilities" includes lines, conduits, ducts, poles, wires,
 cables, crossarms, receivers, transmitters, instruments, machines, appliances and all devices, real
 estate, easements, apparatus, property and routes used, operated, controlled or owned by any
 telecommunications company to facilitate the provision of telecommunications service;

[(54)] (55) "Telecommunications service", the transmission of information by wire,
radio, optical cable, electronic impulses, or other similar means. As used in this definition,
"information" means knowledge or intelligence represented by any form of writing, signs,
signals, pictures, sounds, or any other symbols. Telecommunications service does not include:

(a) The rent, sale, lease, or exchange for other value received of customer premises
equipment except for customer premises equipment owned by a telephone company certificated
or otherwise authorized to provide telephone service prior to September 28, 1987, and provided
under tariff or in inventory on January 1, 1983, which must be detariffed no later than December
31, 1987, and thereafter the provision of which shall not be a telecommunications service, and
except for customer premises equipment owned or provided by a telecommunications company
and used for answering 911 or emergency calls;

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(b) Answering services and paging services;

(c) The offering of radio communication services and facilities when such services and
 facilities are provided under a license granted by the Federal Communications Commission
 under the commercial mobile radio services rules and regulations;

(d) Services provided by a hospital, hotel, motel, or other similar business whose
principal service is the provision of temporary lodging through the owning or operating of
message switching or billing equipment solely for the purpose of providing at a charge
telecommunications services to its temporary patients or guests;

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(f) Cable television service:

265 (g) The installation and maintenance of inside wire within a customer's premises;

(e) Services provided by a private telecommunications system;

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266 (h) Electronic publishing services;

(i) Services provided pursuant to a broadcast radio or television license issued by theFederal Communications Commission; or

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(j) Interconnected voice over internet protocol service;

[(55)] (56) "Telephone cooperative", every corporation defined as a telecommunications company in this section, in which at least ninety percent of those persons and corporations subscribing to receive local telecommunications service from the corporation own at least ninety percent of the corporation's outstanding and issued capital stock and in which no subscriber owns more than two shares of the corporation's outstanding and issued capital stock;

[(56)] (57) "Traffic aggregator", any person, firm, partnership or corporation which furnishes a telephone for use by the public and includes, but is not limited to, telephones located in rooms, offices and similar locations in hotels, motels, hospitals, colleges, universities, airports and public or customer-owned pay telephone locations, whether or not coin operated;

[(57)] (58) "Transitionally competitive telecommunications company", an interexchange
 telecommunications company which provides any noncompetitive or transitionally competitive
 telecommunications service, except for an interexchange telecommunications company which
 provides only noncompetitive telecommunications service;

[(58)] (59) "Transitionally competitive telecommunications service", a telecommunications service offered by a noncompetitive or transitionally competitive telecommunications company and classified as transitionally competitive by the commission pursuant to section 392.361 or 392.370;

[(59)] (60) "Water corporation" includes every corporation, company, association, joint stock company or association, partnership and person, their lessees, trustees, or receivers appointed by any court whatsoever, owning, operating, controlling or managing any plant or property, dam or water supply, canal, or power station, distributing or selling for distribution, or selling or supplying for gain any water;

[(60)] (61) "Water system" includes all reservoirs, tunnels, shafts, dams, dikes, headgates, pipes, flumes, canals, structures and appliances, and all other real estate, fixtures and personal property, owned, operated, controlled or managed in connection with or to facilitate the diversion, development, storage, supply, distribution, sale, furnishing or carriage of water for municipal, domestic or other beneficial use.

393.362. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

2 (1) "Electrical corporation", the same meaning given to the term in section 386.020,
3 but shall not include an electrical corporation as described in subsection 2 of section
4 393.110;

5 (2) "Full-time equivalent personnel", the number of full-time employees of an 6 industrial energy user that exceeds the industrial energy user's base employment less any 7 decrease in the number of full-time employees at related facilities below the related facility 8 base employment. No job that was created prior to the date of the approval of the special 9 rate under this section shall be counted for purposes of job creation projections.

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(3) "Industrial energy user", the same meaning given to the term in section 386.020.

2. Notwithstanding section 393.130 or any other provision of law to the contrary,
 the public service commission shall have the authority to approve a special rate that is
 reasonably related to the cost of service and is not unduly or unreasonably preferential for
 an industrial energy user if the commission:

15 (1) Determines the special rate is in the interest of the state of Missouri when 16 considering the collective interests of the customers of the electrical corporation serving the 17 industrial energy user and the interests of the citizens of the state generally in promoting 18 economic development, improving the tax base, providing employment opportunities in the 19 state, mitigating localized unemployment, and promoting such other benefits to the state 20 as the commission may determine are created by approval of the special rate;

(2) In each general rate proceeding of the electrical corporation serving the industrial energy user, allocates the reduced revenues from the special rate as compared to the revenues that would have been generated at the rate the industrial energy user would have paid without the special rate to the electrical corporation's other customers through a uniform percentage adjustment to all components of the base rates of all customer classes; and

(3) Approves a tracking mechanism meeting the requirements of subsection 3 ofthis section.

29 3. Any commission order approving a special rate authorized by this section to 30 provide service to an industrial energy user in the manner specified in subsection 4 of this 31 section shall establish a tracking mechanism to track changes in the net margin experienced by the electrical corporation serving the industrial energy user with the 32 33 tracker to apply retroactively to the date the electrical corporation's base rates were last 34 set in its last general rate proceeding concluded prior to the effective date of this section. 35 The commission shall ensure that the changes in net margin experienced by the electrical 36 corporation are calculated in such a manner that the electrical corporation's net income 37 is neither increased nor decreased. The changes in net margin shall be deferred to a 38 regulatory liability or regulatory asset, as applicable, with the balance of such regulatory 39 asset or liability to be included in the revenue requirement of the electrical corporation in 40 each of its general rate proceedings through an amortization of the balance over a

reasonable period until fully returned to or collected from the electrical corporation'scustomers.

43 4. An electrical corporation is authorized to provide electric service to an industrial
 44 energy user at a special rate authorized by this section in one of two ways:

45 (1) Under a rate schedule reflecting the special rate if the industrial energy user is
 46 located within the electrical corporation's certificated service territory; or

47 (2) Notwithstanding section 393.170, under a contract reflecting the special rate 48 approved by the commission under the terms and conditions of this section.

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50 In any case where the electric service is provided under a contract referenced in 51 subdivision (2) of this subsection, the industrial energy user shall be a 52 commission-regulated retail electric customer of the electrical corporation and the rates, 53 charges, and revenues under the contract shall, for ratemaking purposes, be treated by the 54 commission as if the rates, charges, and revenues arise under the electrical corporation's 55 tariff.

56 5. To receive a special rate, the industrial energy user shall file a written 57 application with the commission specifying the requested special rate and any terms or conditions proposed by the industrial energy user respecting the requested special rate and 58 59 provide information regarding how the requested special rate meets the criteria specified 60 in subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of this section. Such application shall include a memorandum of understanding between the industrial energy user and electrical 61 corporation detailing the amount of full-time jobs and associated wages that would be 62 created, and capital expenditures incurred, as a result of the special rate. Such 63 64 memorandum shall at a minimum contain job creation projections of at least four hundred fifty full-time equivalent personnel and capital expenditure projections of at least \$35 65 66 million. Such memorandum shall be a public record as defined under chapter 610.

67 **6.** A special rate provided for under this section shall terminate three years after approval, thereupon the industrial energy user may file again for the special rate with the commission for additional three-year terms. The commission may impose such conditions and modifications on the special rate throughout the specified term as the commission deems appropriate so long as the commission otherwise complies with the provisions of this section.

73 7. Within ninety days of the filing of an application under subsection 5 of this 74 section, the commission shall approve or deny the application. If the application is 75 approved, the commission shall issue an order directing the electrical corporation to file 76 tariffs containing the rates, terms, and conditions set forth in the application and

77 authorizing the electrical corporation to create a regulatory asset for the difference 78 between the revenues that would have been collected under the previously applicable rate 79 and the newly applicable industrial energy user rate. Such order shall be effective thirty 80 days after its issuance.

81 8. An industrial energy user shall only be eligible for the special rate established 82 under this section if it maintains its job creation and capital expenditure projections 83 established in the memorandum of understanding under subsection 5 of this section, and 84 if the associated wages meet or exceed the county-average wage. If an industrial energy 85 user does not meet the job creation or capital expenditure projections in the memorandum 86 of understanding, pays associated wages below the county-average wage, or otherwise 87 violates the memorandum of understanding, then it shall become ineligible for service 88 under the special rate, shall be ineligible for any state funding or tax credits issued by the 89 state for two years, and shall be served at a rate incorporating the rate charges applicable 90 at the time the special rate became effective and the reduced revenues lost under 91 subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of this section. The electrical corporation's other customers 92 shall thereupon be credited for any excess rates that were charged during the term of the 93 industrial energy user's special rate.

94 9. The commission shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations for 95 the implementation of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined 96 in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become 97 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, 98 if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any 99 of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay 100 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held 101 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted 102 after the effective date of this section shall be invalid and void.

Section B. Because economic development is vital for the continued success of the 2 Missouri economy, this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 3 health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the 4 meaning of the constitution, and this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and 5 approval. ✓