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Tariffs to Increase its Revenues )  
for Electric Service. )

JUDGE MORRIS WOODRUFF, Presiding  
CHIEF REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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MR. SCOTT RUPP,  
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Let's start the hearing.  
3 Off to my right is Commissioner Maida Coleman. To  
4 my -- second to the left over there is Commissioner  
5 Scott Rupp. And to my immediate left is Chairman  
6 Daniel hall. And, Commissioner Hall -- or Chairman  
7 hall, do you wish to make a greeting?

8 COMMISSIONER HALL: Very briefly. Good  
9 evening. Welcome. This is the last of our 13  
10 local public hearings in the Ameren rate case.

11 The evidentiary hearing is set for Jeff  
12 City in -- in late February or early March. We  
13 look forward to hearing your testimony.

14 As -- as the Judge noted, there are only  
15 three Commissioners up here. The two that were  
16 unable to attend today will have access to the  
17 transcripts, so rest assured that your comments  
18 will be received and considered by all five of us.  
19 We look forward to your testimony. Thank you.

20 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. The way this  
21 will work is there was a sign-up sheet out front as  
22 you were coming in.

23 I'll call the names on the list as they  
24 were listed here. I think when I get to the end of  
25 the list, I'll ask if there's anyone else in the

1 audience that wants to testify. So even if you  
2 didn't sign up, I'll give you a chance to testify  
3 if you want to.

4 When I call your name, you'll come up to  
5 the podium up here, and I'll swear you in to tell  
6 the truth, the whole truth, nothing but the truth,  
7 and we'll give you a chance to tell the  
8 Commissioners whatever you want to tell us.

9 You may notice that I have a timer up  
10 here. We ask that people limit their comments to  
11 about five minutes, and that's just so that  
12 everybody has a chance to speak to us tonight.

13 I think -- and before I call the first  
14 witness, then I have to -- one housekeeping duty.  
15 I need to make sure of which attorneys are here for  
16 the parties. So I'll ask Ameren to enter their  
17 appearance.

18 MS. GIBONEY: For Ameren Missouri, I'm  
19 Sarah Giboney, and the court reporter has been  
20 provided my contact information.

21 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. For Staff of  
22 the Commission?

23 MR. JOHNSON: For the Staff of the  
24 Missouri Public Service Commission, I'm Mark  
25 Johnson, and I've already provided my information

1 to the court reporter.

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Office of Public Counsel?

3 MR. POSTON: Mark Poston for the Office of  
4 the Public Counsel.

5 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. I believe  
6 that's all the parties who are represented here by  
7 Counsel tonight. So we'll call the first name on  
8 the list, and that is David Sidwell.

9 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And if you'd please raise  
10 your right hand.

11 DAVID SIDWELL,  
12 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole  
13 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows:

14 TESTIMONY OF DAVID SIDWELL

15 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. And you are  
16 David Sidwell?

17 MR. SIDWELL: Yes, sir.

18 JUDGE WOODRUFF: S-i-d-w-e-l-l?

19 MR. SIDWELL: Yes, sir.

20 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. And are you  
21 an Ameren customer?

22 MR. SIDWELL: Yes, sir.

23 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. What would  
24 you like to tell us?

25 MR. SIDWELL: Well, I've got a written

1 statement, so I'll try and keep it brief. I live  
2 in Skyler County where our property rates were  
3 raised over 18%.

4 And I work as volunteer at a food bank.  
5 In December, we distributed free food to 203  
6 families in one day who could not afford to buy  
7 groceries.

8 Raising electric rates is a very serious  
9 concern to our citizens. Ameren has informed us  
10 that the Mark Twain power line project needs to be  
11 completed because their electricity needs are so  
12 great.

13 They have stated they need a charge added  
14 on the electric bill of all Ameren customers to pay  
15 for that project. Ameren is also offering credits  
16 to consumers for buying electricity conserving  
17 appliances.

18 Now Ameren is saying they need a charge  
19 added to the electric bill of their customers  
20 because their customers have been conserving and  
21 using less electricity. I assume that's one of the  
22 reasons we're here today.

23 I believe it makes no sense to have two  
24 separate charges added to our electric bills for  
25 two opposite reasons. One charge will be because

1 our electric needs are so great. And one charge is  
2 needed because we've been using less electricity.

3 I am requesting that the Missouri Public  
4 Service Commission reject Ameren's ridiculous  
5 request for a rate increase.

6 I'd like to quote to you from Ameren's  
7 2015 stockholder's report. For the year ended  
8 December 31, 2013, their net operating income  
9 revenue less expenses was 1,184,000,000.

10 The year ended December 31, 2014, they  
11 increased net -- their net operating profit  
12 increased 1,254,000,000. The year ended  
13 December 31, 2015, net operating profit increased  
14 again to 1,254,000,000.

15 The year end of December 31st, 2015, net  
16 operating profit increased again to \$1,269,000,000.  
17 That is a three-year total of \$3,697,000,000.

18 In that same three-year period, the  
19 cumulative stockholders return increased by 60%.  
20 In 2015, their CEO received total compensation of  
21 \$6,323,000.

22 The top five officers for 2015, including  
23 the CEO, received total compensation of  
24 \$14,169,000.

25 I believe these numbers imply that the

1 Ameren company and the stockholders are enriching  
2 themselves at the expense of electricity customers.  
3 Many of those customers are the poor and the  
4 elderly. Please help control this runaway  
5 corporate green machine.

6 I'd also like to say this. Ameren has a  
7 problem because -- one of their problems is that  
8 they don't seem to want to show Missouri citizens  
9 the respect that they deserve.

10 And I'd like to make a few comments about  
11 that. Ameren advertised an open public meeting  
12 where citizens were invited to ask questions  
13 concerning the Mark Twain power line project.

14 I arrived 20 minutes early. I was sitting  
15 alone in my car in a parking lot full of empty  
16 cars. I placed a No Mark Twain Power Line sign in  
17 the windshield of my car and was waiting for the  
18 meeting to start.

19 Three of Ameren's thugs came out of the  
20 building and surrounded my car. One stood in front  
21 of my car and was staring at me. One stood behind  
22 my car while a third one stuck his head in my car  
23 window and informed me that, We're not going to  
24 tolerate my sign in my car window.

25 This did not occur in Communist Russia.

1 This happened the United States of America where I  
2 served this country.

3 The last time I testified before the  
4 Missouri Public Service Commission was in the  
5 Student Union building in this room on Truman State  
6 University campus.

7 Ameren brought at least two other thugs to  
8 that meeting tonight -- that night. One stood at  
9 the back of the room. One stood against the north  
10 wall while we were testifying and as we left the  
11 meeting.

12 Their intent was clearly to intimidate  
13 Missouri citizens. The Ameren thug against the  
14 north wall was wearing a bulky garment to cover him  
15 below his waste.

16 When asked why he was wearing such a  
17 garment at an indoor meeting, he replied that he  
18 could not take it off. I suggest to you that he  
19 was wearing a concealed weapons, not only while  
20 attending a Missouri Public Service Commission  
21 meeting, but on the campus of a Missouri  
22 University.

23 I believe Ameren's use of thugs to  
24 intimidate ordinary Missouri citizens destroys  
25 their credibility, and it needs to stop. If I

1     could, I have supporting documents that I'd like to  
2     -- can I record that as --

3             JUDGE WOODRUFF:  Yes.  You can offer it an  
4     exhibit, yes.  Come on forward.

5             MR. SIDWELL:  Sure.  Thanks a lot for your  
6     time.  I appreciate it.

7             JUDGE WOODRUFF:  We have -- we have some  
8     questions for you.

9             MR. SIDWELL:  Sure.

10            JUDGE WOODRUFF:  And this is the -- okay.  
11     I'll go ahead and mark this as Exhibit 1.  And I  
12     will receive it into the record.

13            (Exhibit 1 was admitted into the record.)

14            JUDGE WOODRUFF:  Now --

15            MR. SIDWELL:  Did you say you had a  
16     question?

17            JUDGE WOODRUFF:  Go on back up, and I'll  
18     ask it from here.

19            MR. SIDWELL:  Sure.

20            JUDGE WOODRUFF:  All right.  My question  
21     was about your -- your meeting -- with the Ameren  
22     people when -- when they surrounded your car.  
23     Where was that?  Where was that at?

24            MR. SIDWELL:  Urich, Missouri, right  
25     across from Charlie Sharp's home.  And it's hard --

1 when I get treated that way as a Missouri citizen  
2 in the State of Missouri in the United States of  
3 America by a bunch of company thugs, I intend to be  
4 as vocal about it as I can, report it as many times  
5 as I can and not tolerate it.

6 Because if they treat me that way, they're  
7 going to treat other people that way, also.  
8 There's -- it shouldn't be allowed to run a company  
9 and treat people that way.

10 We're honest, hard working citizens. I  
11 was invited to their meeting to come and ask  
12 questions.

13 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Any other questions,  
14 Commissioners or the parties?

15 COMMISSIONER HALL: I have a question.  
16 Did you consider filing a police report?

17 MR. SIDWELL: Well, there's three of them  
18 and one of me. And they were, I assume, ex-cops.  
19 And no, I didn't. But would I have any grounds to  
20 do that, you know? It's like they've got cops and  
21 ex-cops around here tonight. You might ask one of  
22 them. Do we have a case?

23 COMMISSIONER HALL: It occurred to me that  
24 the story that you relayed would -- would -- would  
25 have some criminal implications, but that's not --

1           MR. SIDWELL: That's what I assumed. They  
2 can't treat people that way in the United States of  
3 America. That's the way they treated me, and I'm  
4 doing this under testimony. And that's --  
5 that's --

6           COMMISSIONER RUPP: Sir, I have a question  
7 for you. Did you -- you said you testified at Mark  
8 Twain hearing here in the this room about what was  
9 that a year or so ago?

10          MR. SIDWELL: Yes, sir.

11          COMMISSIONER RUPP: Did that incident  
12 happen before or after the meeting?

13          MR. SIDWELL: That was before.

14          COMMISSIONER RUPP: That was -- that was  
15 before. Did you bring that up at that hearing? I  
16 was here, and I don't remember that.

17          MR. SIDWELL: I -- I brought it up -- this  
18 is a separate incident with them. I went to one of  
19 their open house meetings and asked one question,  
20 and I was really naive about this. I walked in and  
21 asked was Peggy Ladd and Morris I think was the  
22 guy's name, and asked them about the State law  
23 where counties have to give power lines permission  
24 to cross their county.

25                 I just asked them that question. They got

1 mad. They told me they were going to throw me out  
2 of there. So I came to the Kirksville meeting and  
3 they -- and they -- the gentleman at the front door  
4 said, If you have any question. I said, Can I ask  
5 any question I want?

6 And they said sure. I asked that one  
7 question. They called the security over and threw  
8 me out of the meetings. That's what I testified  
9 about.

10 COMMISSIONER RUPP: I remember that  
11 testimony. I just didn't remember --

12 MR. SIDWELL: That's the way they treat  
13 Missouri citizens at their meetings, and they're a  
14 thug company. That's why -- please help protect us  
15 from this thug company.

16 And when they treat citizens that way, how  
17 legitimate are these people really? When you look  
18 at your electric bill, you have to look at yourself  
19 and ask yourself, really?

20 CHAIRMAN HALL: I would encourage you to  
21 give as many details as you can about that  
22 altercation with -- to our staff here.

23 MR. SIDWELL: Sure. I'd be glad to do  
24 that.

25 COMMISSIONER HALL: Okay. Thank you.

1           MR. SIDWELL: What staff member do I need  
2 to talk to? Okay. I'll sure do that. Thanks for  
3 your help and your time.

4           JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thanks. The next name on  
5 the list is Greg Lawrence. Good evening, sir. And  
6 you are Greg Lawrence?

7           MR. LAWRENCE: Yes.

8           JUDGE WOODRUFF: Please raise your right  
9 hand.

10                               GREG LAWRENCE,  
11 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole  
12 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows:

13                               TESTIMONY OF GREG LAWRENCE

14           JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. And are you an  
15 Ameren customer?

16           MR. LAWRENCE: Yes. I got two bills from  
17 them.

18           JUDGE WOODRUFF: Well, what would you like  
19 to tell us?

20           MR. LAWRENCE: Okay. On my bill, I just  
21 got it in '17 here. And it's got an energy  
22 efficiency investment charge, 2.64. And it shows  
23 down here that in January of the 26th, they got  
24 another \$3 increase on the electric bill.

25           And it says it's -- this fee is a result

1 of a 2009 Missouri energy efficient investment. So  
2 there's another \$3 on that one. Right? Would this  
3 be another \$3 on this bill?

4 JUDGE WOODRUFF: We can't answer your  
5 questions.

6 MR. LAWRENCE: Okay. So then it comes out  
7 here. And now they're wanting another rate  
8 increase for another \$90 a year on the bill because  
9 -- and it shows on that one that it's energy  
10 efficient right here.

11 It says, Increase, net energy costs  
12 exclude or reduced Noranda and other sales volumes,  
13 23 million. Recover of the increased transmission  
14 expense, 34 million. Increase of income tax,  
15 15 million. Reduced customer sales volumes,  
16 51 million.

17 And that's one of the big ones in effect  
18 from May. That's been four months they're going to  
19 get extra raises. Then on top of that, they went  
20 to the Senate and talked to two Senators and put in  
21 a bill where they can automatically raise your  
22 rates for infrastructure.

23 And that's being brought up, and that's  
24 going to be in front of you guys the way I got it.  
25 One of these days, they're going to come in front

1 of you about it. So where does it end?

2 Now, then I have another problem. It's  
3 kind of a problem. I know you guys are appointed  
4 by the Governor, the past Governor. And what I  
5 seen is that the past Governor got \$50,000 in 2014  
6 for a contribution from Ameren.

7 And I know you guys -- some of you have  
8 been Senators, Representatives and been with the  
9 Government -- the State Government forever.

10 And so I wondered in the back of my mind,  
11 is that kind of a conflict of interest? That's  
12 what I'm thinking. I don't know for sure. But it  
13 kind of sways that way because looks to me like  
14 there's a pattern developing every time Ameren  
15 wants a raise. So that's all I've got to say.  
16 Thanks.

17 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you, sir. Any  
18 questions?

19 COMMISSIONER HALL: No questions. Thank  
20 you for your time.

21 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: Thank you.

22 JUDGE WOODRUFF: The next name on the list  
23 is Randy Shahan. Good evening, sir.

24 MR. SHAHAN: Good evening. How are you  
25 gentlemen this evening?

1 JUDGE WOODRUFF: We're good. And you are  
2 Randy Shahan?

3 MR. SHAHAN: Shahan. Yes.

4 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Do you want to spell your  
5 last name?

6 MR. SHAHAN: S-h-a-h-a-n.

7 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Please raise  
8 your right hand.

9 RANDY SHAHAN,  
10 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole  
11 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows:

12 TESTIMONY OF RANDY SHAHAN

13 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And are you an Ameren  
14 customer?

15 MR. SHAHAN: I have been an Ameren  
16 customer in Kirksville. Right now, my sister is an  
17 Ameren customer. I'm no longer in the city limits  
18 anymore. My sister is, and I'm representing her  
19 here, too.

20 JUDGE WOODRUFF: What would you like to  
21 tell us?

22 MR. SHAHAN: Well, the first thing I just  
23 want to bring up, some of this has already been  
24 mentioned. And everybody here loves electricity.

25 I remember when I was a boy, there was

1 people on -- if you didn't live on a hard surface  
2 road, all hard surface roads used to use have  
3 electricity. So electricity is very important in  
4 this country.

5           And we have no problem with AmerenUE when  
6 they do a very fine job. I'll get on to my point  
7 here. You just got a \$3 increase this month. And  
8 now you're asking for another -- basically, an \$8  
9 increase per month, which comes to about a hundred  
10 dollars per year per household.

11           Just bringing these facts up. Some of  
12 it's been brought up. Affordable income persons on  
13 a formal income, they pay that hundred dollars more  
14 per year. That's hard on them.

15           You get three or four utility companies,  
16 water, electricity, gas, whatever, that adds up to  
17 about \$400 per year. I mean, per this -- this  
18 part. Just say everybody went that way.

19           And then you turn around another two years  
20 from now and you ask another increase. That's  
21 \$800. Well, I'm lucky I'm not there yet. You  
22 know, I am retirement age and past retirement age.  
23 I still work. But one day, who knows? Who knows?

24           And the gentleman talked about clean  
25 energy. And one of those is wind energy. And it's

1 subsidized and does not pay for itself. It's  
2 subsidized by the Government. And where does the  
3 money get from the Government to pay for these  
4 subsidies? Individual taxpayers in Missouri and  
5 the United States, wherever this is at.

6 So there's another added income. Then it  
7 becomes a rate increase to customers. And I  
8 already iterated what Greg Lawrence said here about  
9 Missouri lawmakers.

10 Ameren asked Missouri lawmakers to help  
11 them get money more quickly from customers to pay  
12 for infrastructure and improvements.

13 Ameren and other utilities told a panel of  
14 State Senators that proposed the bill to recover  
15 costs which enabled modernization and promote  
16 economic development.

17 Well, I think this is unfair to help  
18 utility companies because if you, as a public  
19 person, does not have a right to comment on this  
20 and it just goes to the -- they pass the Bill in  
21 the Government that you cannot have a say, they can  
22 automatically raise your increases without a public  
23 hearing like right here, that's not good. That's  
24 not good for the customers of the United States.

25 And I'll go right back to what Mr. Sidwell

1 said right here about being some kind of thugs. I  
2 was asked to come to a meeting. I've got land on  
3 this -- one of these projects they have. And I was  
4 asked to come to a meeting by them. They sent a  
5 letter. Come to the meeting.

6 They asked me to sign in a thing and I  
7 said, What's this for? So we're allowed to take  
8 pictures of you, was one of the comments up there  
9 on the stage at the church. My church, mind you.

10 They had a camera taking pictures of  
11 everybody -- everybody that comes in that place.  
12 Well, I didn't like that, so I said, I don't think  
13 I'll sign this.

14 So they asked me to leave. I was escorted  
15 out by the Kirksville Police Department. I did  
16 nothing but stand there. Nothing but stand there.  
17 And one of those policemen are outside tonight. We  
18 talked. We're friendly. No problem. He was just  
19 doing his job.

20 But I come to all these meetings, and all  
21 I see is surrounded by law enforcement officers.  
22 Not one incidence in all these things have I ever  
23 seen one bit of aggression from anybody in this --  
24 in this -- physical aggression or anything like  
25 that from anybody, anybody.

1           But yet, here we are surrounded by law  
2 enforcement and Ameren's people standing in here.  
3 I've got 20 seconds. I want to thank you,  
4 Commissioners, for listening to my comments. And I  
5 think this Legislation coming up is a terrible,  
6 terrible thing. Thank you very much.

7           JUDGE WOODRUFF: Any -- any questions?

8           CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you for your  
9 testimony.

10          JUDGE WOODRUFF: I -- I do have one  
11 question.

12          MR. SHAHAN: Yes, sir.

13          JUDGE WOODRUFF: That meeting where you  
14 were escorted out of, was that the same meeting  
15 Mr. Sidwell was at?

16          MR. SIDWELL: Yes.

17          MR. SHAHAN: Well, it was the church here  
18 at Kirksville.

19          MR. SIDWELL: Yes.

20          JUDGE WOODRUFF: Mr. Sidwell has indicated  
21 that it was the same meeting.

22          MR. SHAHAN: The church?

23          MR. SIDWELL: Yes, sir.

24          JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Well, I hope  
25 you've been treated better than that here.

1 MR. SHAHAN: No. No, not really. The  
2 next time I brought a lawyer.

3 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay.

4 MR. SHAHAN: And he said just sign  
5 something. So I put an X instead of my name.

6 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay.

7 MR. SHAHAN: Other people came an signed  
8 in Mickey Mouse. I guess I could have done  
9 something like that. But I'm not that quite -- I  
10 want to be honest and straightforward who I am.  
11 And that's -- that's the deal.

12 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Thank you,  
13 sir.

14 MR. SHAHAN: Thank you very much.

15 JUDGE WOODRUFF: The next name on the list  
16 is Debra Games?

17 MS. GAMES: Yes.

18 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Good evening, ma'am.

19 MS. GAMES: Good evening.

20 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And your name is?

21 MS. GAMES: Debra Games, like Olympic  
22 games, G-a-m-e-s.

23 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. Please raise  
24 your right hand.

25 DEBRA GAMES,

1 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole  
2 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows:

3 TESTIMONY OF DEBRA GAMES

4 MS. GAMES: I affirm.

5 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. And are you  
6 an Ameren customer?

7 MS. GAMES: I am.

8 JUDGE WOODRUFF: What would you like to  
9 tell us?

10 MS. GAMES: So two of the four main  
11 drivers of this rate increase request include the  
12 fact that -- include that there are reduced  
13 revenues in Ameren Missouri's largest customer and  
14 reduced revenues due to reduced demands on Ameren  
15 Missouri's system.

16 Similarly, Ameren Missouri's integrated  
17 resource plan, a 20-year projected plan, indicates  
18 a 7 percent reduction in electricity generation due  
19 to reduced demand from a weakened economy and  
20 deficiencies on both sides of the meter.

21 With the current and projected long-term  
22 reduced demand on Ameren Missouri's system, I don't  
23 find a need for the proposed Kirksville substation  
24 or the additional transmission line proposed by the  
25 Mark Twain transmission project.

1           If half the reasons for Ameren Missouri's  
2 rate increase is due to reduced demand, then why is  
3 Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois indicating  
4 Kirksville needs another substation and a 100-mile  
5 345,000 volt line as well?

6           It doesn't make sense to be adding  
7 infrastructure where the projected 20-year demand  
8 is decreased by 7 percent. Local demand doesn't  
9 warrant the Mark Twain transmission project, and it  
10 makes me wonder if Ameren is hoping the  
11 transmission line and substation would generate  
12 revenue to offset the reduced revenue.

13           It's important to remember that the --  
14 that Missouri reformed its eminent domain law in  
15 2006 to prohibit condemnation of private property  
16 for economic reasons such as increased corporate  
17 profits.

18           It's also important to remember that  
19 utilities have a responsibility to minimize land  
20 use impacts. This would include using existing  
21 easements wherever possible even though it may be  
22 more profitable to build a new line.

23           For instance, on the connecting line in  
24 Iowa, Mid American Energy is using the existing 161  
25 KV line and adding a 345 KV line. Mark Twain would

1 cost Missouri ratepayers 8 percent of the \$224  
2 million project cost or \$18 million to serve a  
3 population of only 12,000 Ameren Missouri  
4 customers.

5 Plus, Missouri ratepayers would be  
6 required to pay for a portion of all the other MVP  
7 transmission projects in all 15 MISO states. This  
8 is an additional 16 transmission projects in 2011  
9 alone and all others since then.

10 Ameren was just approved for a \$3 a month  
11 increase on Missouri customer bills, and now they  
12 are looking for an additional \$8 a month increase.

13 And on top of that, they proposed Senate  
14 Bill 190, which would allow utilities to tack on  
15 transmission line costs in their fuel adjustment  
16 clause. This would add fixed fees and volatility  
17 to a customer's monthly bill.

18 Furthermore, Senate Bill 190 carves out a  
19 large discount for one of our state's largest  
20 utility customers, Doe Run so that residential  
21 customers are being asked to shoulder a larger  
22 share of any rate increase to subsidize Doe Run.

23 If all of Ameren's proposed transmission  
24 lines are included in their fuel adjustment clause,  
25 our bills will sky-rocket as MISO has already

1 proposed another four transmission lines in  
2 Missouri.

3 If Ameren receives everything they ask  
4 for, customer bills will be excessive and  
5 unavoidable.

6 As an Ameren Missouri ratepayer, I find  
7 rate increases for the Mark Twain project  
8 unnecessary due to the following: Paying  
9 \$18,000,000 for 12,000 Ameren Missouri customers to  
10 receive a small amount of wind energy. Paying a  
11 portion of all MVP transmission projects in 15  
12 states, which was 16 projects in 2011 alone.

13 And building new transmission when  
14 existing easements can be used as Mid-America  
15 Energy doing in Iowa, along with additional  
16 transmission is not needed to meet reduced demand  
17 on Ameren Missouri's system.

18 Based on imprudent use of ratepayers funds  
19 from Mark Twain, I don't support Ameren Missouri's  
20 rate increase.

21 Ameren Missouri would benefit from  
22 learning from Associated Electric Cooperative.  
23 AECI runs 300 megawatts of wind on the existing 161  
24 KV line. They don't ask for excessive rate  
25 increases, and they're AA rated.

1           The only difference is that AECI is not  
2 for profit. If Ameren were not investor-owned, it  
3 would be more willing to use the existing 161 KV  
4 line instead of building Mark Twain and could  
5 eliminate some of the requested rate increases.

6           As an Ameren Missouri ratepayer, I am  
7 motivated to get solar panels and get off the  
8 over-priced grid.

9           Most of this additional transmission that  
10 could be in the base rate if Senate Bill 190 passes  
11 is for industrial wind energy.

12           And while I fully support the use of  
13 renewable energy, I'm concerned about the economics  
14 of industrial wind. It was initiated at ENRON --

15           JUDGE WOODRUFF: Go ahead and finish -- go  
16 ahead and finish your thought.

17           MS. GAMES: Okay. Can I have another  
18 minute or two? Thank you. Industrial wind was  
19 initiated in the U.S. by ENRON as a tax shelter  
20 generating scheme.

21           Warren Buffet owns Birkshire Hathaway in  
22 Mid-America Energy, which owns 7 percent of the  
23 country's wind generation. Buffet publicly stated,  
24 We get a tax credit if we build a lot of wind  
25 farms. That's the only reason to build them. They

1 don't make sense without the tax credit.

2 Without the tax credit, there's no reason to  
3 build wind farms because they don't produce enough  
4 energy to pay for themselves, ever. Sorry. His  
5 quote ended with, They don't make sense without the  
6 tax credit, end quote.

7 My comment, Without the tax credit,  
8 there's no reason to build wind farms because they  
9 don't produce enough energy to pay for themselves  
10 ever. They're financially unsustainable and funded  
11 by the taxpayers while the corporations reap the  
12 benefits.

13 It's estimated that Birkshire Hathaway's  
14 subsidiary, Mid American Energy, pays no taxes on  
15 their \$1.5 billion of income as a result of the  
16 wind tax credit.

17 That estimate is from Fred Sawyer, who is  
18 a Stanford business school graduate and a Fellow at  
19 the National Legal and Policy Center, a non-profit  
20 whose mission is to promote ethics in public life.

21 It's latest invest of 3.6 million -- 3.6  
22 billion in wind development will be recouped within  
23 a decade. So by saving about half a billion  
24 dollars a year in taxes in approximately seven to  
25 eight years, they saved the \$3.6 billion and recoup

1 their investments. I'm concerned that --

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Since you are over time  
3 here, if you'd like, you can offer your -- your  
4 paper you're reading off of in the record, and  
5 we'll take it that way.

6 MS. GAMES: Okay. I can finish up in one  
7 minute if you'll allow it.

8 JUDGE WOODRUFF: I'll give you one minute.

9 MS. GAMES: Thank you. I'm concerned that  
10 renewable energy credit seems to be more about the  
11 money than the environment, although they're  
12 supposed to spur more wind development. In fact,  
13 the brokers earn up to ten times the amount of the  
14 wind farm.

15 I'm concerned that industrial wind is more  
16 about the tax credit and less about the  
17 environment, the infrastructure and the energy.

18 More than 14,000 turbines have been  
19 abandoned because they're too expensive to  
20 maintain. And the actual amount of electricity  
21 produced is only 32 percent of the capacity amount  
22 listed and evaluated.

23 That's far less than the capacity or name  
24 plate amount advertised. I'm concerned that  
25 taxpayers will pay an enormous amount for a small

1 amount of wind energy.

2           There's been subsidies of more than  
3 176 billion since 2000 for wind alone. Thank you  
4 very much for your time.

5           JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. Any  
6 questions?

7           COMMISSIONER HALL: No questions. Thank  
8 you.:

9           COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: Thank you.

10           JUDGE WOODRUFF: The next name on the list  
11 is John Leunen. Good evening, sir.

12           MR. LEUNEN: Good evening.

13           JUDGE WOODRUFF: And you are John Lennon?

14           MR. LEUNEN: John Leunen, actually.

15           JUDGE WOODRUFF: And can spell it for us?

16           MR. LEUNEN: It's L-e-u-n-e-n.

17           JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Okay. You  
18 like a Lennon to me.

19           MR. LUENEN: All right. Thank you.

20           JUDGE WOODRUFF: Please right raise your  
21 right hand, and I'll swear you in.

22                                 JOHN LEUNEN,  
23 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole  
24 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows:

25                                 TESTIMONY OF JOHN LEUNEN

1 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. And are you  
2 an Ameren customer?

3 MR. LEUNEN: No, I'm not.

4 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. What would  
5 you like to tell us?

6 MR. LEUNEN: Well, like has been said --  
7 several things have been said before. Ameren just  
8 got about \$3 a month increase on the bill. The  
9 increase they're asking for now is roughly 8  
10 percent.

11 And the \$3, according to the way they're  
12 figuring the bill, is probably 3 percent of the  
13 average bill that they're talking about.

14 And if the Mark Twain project goes  
15 through, which it's possible it could go through  
16 the end of this year, that would add another 8  
17 percent to everybody's bill. Or eight -- eight and  
18 a half, something like that, which if you total  
19 that up, that's close to 20 percent.

20 That's a very large increase for people on  
21 a small fixed income in one year. Like the  
22 gentleman said earlier before you were here, Social  
23 Security has not had an increase in three years.

24 But Ameren's officials, CEO, their  
25 salaries have increased by 15 percent in the last

1 three years. Their stock price has gone up 38  
2 percent in the last three years. And that's from  
3 today's Wall Street Journal.

4 And now they have an EPA lawsuit that was  
5 ruled against them in the last few days from a  
6 project they did in 2011 on some refurbishing on a  
7 coal-fired plant that they didn't get the proper  
8 EPA permits for. Are we going to be asked to pay  
9 for that, also?

10 And the main point is that they're getting  
11 all these increases, but we don't get any extra  
12 income. I think Ameren -- or -- yes. Ameren needs  
13 to work on their budget a little more and maybe the  
14 stockholders dividends a little more and eliminate  
15 this increase completely.

16 I'm glad to see that the Office of Public  
17 Counsel and the Public Service Commission Staff are  
18 in favor of doing that, cutting their increase way  
19 down and not giving them exactly what they want  
20 because they will be back in two years like they  
21 are every two years asking for more money.

22 And I think they need to do a little more  
23 budget housekeeping and eliminate this increase  
24 altogether. Thank you very much.

25 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you, sir. Any

1 questions?

2 COMMISSIONER RUPP: No questions.

3 CHAIRMAN HALL: No questions. Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: Thank you.

5 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you, sir. Jean  
6 Sidwell?

7 MS. SIDWELL: Sir, my husband that  
8 testified, he brought up the points I was wanting  
9 to make, so I'm going to defer.

10 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Thank you. The  
11 next name is a Ms. Martin? I can't read the first  
12 name.

13 MS. MARTIN: Jean Martin. Yes. I will  
14 respectfully pass. Thank you.

15 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Thank you.  
16 Donald Smith? Good evening, sir.

17 MR. SMITH: Good evening.

18 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Please raise your right  
19 hand, and I'll swear you in.

20 DONALD SMITH,  
21 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole  
22 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows:

23 TESTIMONY OF DONALD SMITH

24 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. And are you  
25 an Ameren customer?

1 MR. SMITH: Yes.

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. What would  
3 you like to tell us?

4 MR. SMITH: I'd like to know where you get  
5 off on wanting to raise everybody's bill when  
6 there's people out here on fixed income and don't  
7 even get a raise. But yet you take even more. I  
8 think that's legalized stealing.

9 Now, the City, they get one every year.  
10 You're just digging in more. We've got to have  
11 water, yes. But I checked in Illinois. They don't  
12 even pay half of what we do.

13 Same thing with electricity. You're  
14 screwing the hell out of people. I don't think  
15 it's the American way. I think you're fixed with  
16 Obama. And I think you're Communists.

17 And you know what they do with the  
18 Communists? We're going to have a war with them.  
19 And there's a lot of military guys that's left out  
20 here. They know how to fight.

21 And that's what you're wanting is one hell  
22 of a war. I'd say no mercy on you guys. You're  
23 screwing the living shit out of people. Why ain't  
24 you got Obama suits on? I don't think it's fair at  
25 all. That ain't what America was.

1           You're fixed right up there at the top.  
2   Give me \$6 million. I can live comfortably. A lot  
3   of poor people out here. And that's all budget  
4   bill. Yeah. What have they got left after that?  
5   Not enough to eat on. They have to go to the food  
6   line.

7           Do you know how disgraceful that is? You  
8   have to wait on somebody else to get food? You  
9   ought to try it. It's disgraceful. I guarantee  
10   you that.

11           I'm going to go solar so I don't have to  
12   pay on you guys. I'd rather have you pay me.

13           JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Thank you,  
14   sir.

15           COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: Thank you.

16           JUDGE WOODRUFF: Sue Limestall?

17           MS. LIMESTALL: Hello.

18           JUDGE WOODRUFF: Good evening, sir. Or  
19   ma'am. I'm sorry. Do you have -- you are Sue  
20   Limestall?

21           MS. LIMESTALL: Uh-huh.

22           JUDGE WOODRUFF: Would you spell your last  
23   name, please?

24           MS. LIMESTALL: L-i-m-e-s-t-a-l-l.

25           JUDGE WOODRUFF: Please raise your right

1 hand.

2 SUE LIMESTALL,  
3 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole  
4 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows:

5 TESTIMONY OF SUE LIMESTALL

6 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. And are you  
7 an Ameren customer?

8 MS. LIMESTALL: Yes, I am.

9 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. What would  
10 you like to tell us?

11 MS. LIMESTALL: Well, first of all, I want  
12 to thank you for this opportunity. I'm glad this  
13 is part of the process with the Public Service  
14 Commission.

15 I have probably attended at least a half a  
16 dozen of these here in Kirksville over the last few  
17 years. I think it's every 13 months that you file  
18 for a rate increase.

19 I think I've been at every one of those,  
20 and it's really nice not to be the first or maybe  
21 the only name on list testifying, so I do  
22 appreciate the fellow citizens coming out here  
23 today.

24 We talked a little bit about the large  
25 customers for Ameren, and I know they get an

1 unbelievable rate discount that is on the backs of  
2 the rest of the ratepayers that covers that Ameren  
3 does have those revenues. I think that's very  
4 unfair, whether it's Doe Run and Noranda or one of  
5 those other companies that gets such a -- a great  
6 rate deal from Ameren.

7 I'm also concerned, and these have been  
8 brought up before, the Legislature is looking at  
9 the rules to change that make it easier to do those  
10 rate increases without the PSC reviewing this  
11 public process.

12 So I'm certainly not supportive of that,  
13 and I would encourage everybody in this room to  
14 write their -- or communicate to their local  
15 Legislature or Representatives in the Legislature  
16 about that and let them know you're not in favor of  
17 it.

18 And then, third, there was comments about  
19 the fixed income, and I know there's a lot of  
20 citizens up here. We're not a very rich part of  
21 Missouri, people that are on fixed incomes that are  
22 barely getting by that are getting food banks  
23 assistance.

24 You know, Governor Greitens is cutting  
25 budgets for the State because the economy of

1 Missouri is just not there, not growing what it  
2 needs to in order to support all these increases in  
3 these budgets for State agencies.

4           So, you know, fixed income people are the  
5 same, whether it's \$3 this month, \$8, you know,  
6 next summer if this increase is granted, you know,  
7 \$10, it seems like every new year from the City of  
8 Kirksville for water and sewer increase, whether  
9 it's natural gas or my -- you know, the gas  
10 provider, propane provider, whatever.

11           It's too much every single year that our  
12 citizens that are on fixed income have to afford.  
13 And I'm glad that the Public Service Commission  
14 looks at this and the Office of Public Counsel and  
15 certainly disqualifies some of those expenses  
16 requested by Ameren.

17           I think Ameren is a greedy company that  
18 just asks a lot out of the citizens just because  
19 it's allowed. And so they come every 13 months or  
20 so and ask for those increases and ask for the moon  
21 knowing they're only going to get a small sliver.

22           JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. Any  
23 questions?

24           COMMISSIONER HALL: No. Thank you for  
25 your testimony.

1 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: Thank you.

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. The next name  
3 is Walter, I think it's Spilard or Spillen?

4 MR. SPILARD: Spilard.

5 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Spilard. Okay. And if  
6 you'd please spell your last name for the court  
7 reporter?

8 MR. SPILARD: S-p, as in Paul, i-l-a-r-d.

9 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Can you please  
10 raise your right hand?

11 WALTER SPILARD,  
12 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole  
13 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows:

14 TESTIMONY OF WALTER SPILARD

15 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And are you an Ameren  
16 customer?

17 MR. SPILARD: No, I am not.

18 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. And what  
19 would you like to tell us?

20 MR. SPILARD: I'm sorry. I didn't have  
21 time to prepare comments for tonight. But I thank  
22 you for your time and coming in and hearing our  
23 concerns.

24 I'm very concerned about rate increases in  
25 general, especially back door rate increases like

1 the one being proposed in the Missouri Senate, and,  
2 also, the -- the FERC tariffs, if I'm using that  
3 acronym correctly that are also, I feel, a back  
4 door rate increase that's going to come into effect  
5 if more of these power lines get built that, in my  
6 opinion, are not needed.

7 We heard the Ameren representatives before  
8 this -- your part of the meeting got started heard  
9 over and over again about the grid being mature and  
10 needing probably refurbished and whatnot.

11 But I don't think it needs to be  
12 duplicated. And projects like the Mark Twain  
13 transmission project is a duplication. This is, in  
14 my view, part a corrupt system that's been built  
15 over the past, oh, since around 2007, I believe  
16 with these back door things like the FERC tariffs  
17 and other things, automatic rate increases that are  
18 trying to be instituted.

19 I would just like to ask you to look in  
20 the mirror next time you get a chance and ask  
21 yourselves, are you -- are you participating in a  
22 possibly corrupt system? Are you doing your part  
23 to minimize that corruption, to minimize the impact  
24 on ratepayers? You know, have you possibly  
25 facilitated the trampling of private citizens

1 rights and their property in some of the decisions  
2 you've made? Thank you for your time.

3 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you, sir.

4 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you.

5 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Questions?

6 COMMISSIONER RUPP: Thank you, sir.

7 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: Thank you, sir.

8 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Mr. Poston, did you have  
9 a question?

10 MR. POSTON: No.

11 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Oh. I'm sorry. I  
12 thought you were trying to get my attention.

13 MR. POSTON: No.

14 JUDGE WOODRUFF: The next name is  
15 Stephanie Budrus.

16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Good evening.

17 MS. BUDRUS: Hello.

18 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And if you could tell us  
19 your name?

20 MS. BUDRUS: Stephanie Budrus.

21 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Can you spell the last  
22 name for the court reporter?

23 MS. BUDRUS: Yeah. It's B-u-d-r-u-s.

24 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Please raise your right  
25 hand.



1 interesting. And he seemed really interested in  
2 what we were saying then. But then I keep looking  
3 around, and I can't find him anywhere. And so it  
4 just kind of further contributes that perhaps it  
5 was a little bit disingenuous to, you know, feign  
6 this whole interest in how the community feels  
7 about this rate increase and just kind of hightails  
8 it as soon as we start talking to you guys and  
9 letting you know how we actually feel about it.

10           And there was a matter of some  
11 disagreements between that gentleman and the Office  
12 of Public Counsel about whether or not any of their  
13 increased profits are going to go towards lobbying.

14           He, of course, was under the impression  
15 that they weren't. But then there was the matter  
16 that just an increase in profits that was driven  
17 agencies, you know, and the members of our  
18 community would, you know, eventually be part of  
19 the system that does go to fund all of the lobbying  
20 that they do.

21           And they've just given an unbelievable  
22 amount of money in the state, and they keep trying  
23 to get Legislation passed. And, of course, it's  
24 going to be a little bit easier for them if they're  
25 really big hitters.

1           So that just kind of left me feeling with  
2 a really bad taste in my mouth kind of about the  
3 whole, you know, system and him just kind of  
4 hightailing it out of here.

5           And then, also, personally, I'm on  
6 Tri-County right now. And the CEO of the Northeast  
7 Missouri Power Corp. was saying today at a meeting  
8 or yesterday that they have more power than they  
9 need in the region. We're good. We're set. You  
10 know, we have more than enough.

11           And it would seem as though Ameren also  
12 has more than enough in the region, and you don't  
13 see him out here asking, you know, the community to  
14 pay for that.

15           And I don't really understand why if they  
16 have a decrease in demand, then, you know, why we  
17 have to make up the difference for that.

18           And a hundred dollars in a year, that's a  
19 lot for the members of this community. And if you  
20 go down on our square and you see all the vacant  
21 store fronts and you see all the stores that are  
22 closing, all the stores that are just trying to  
23 stay open, trying to make it by and not making it  
24 very far.

25           If everybody in the community who was on

1 Ameren Electric, and that's a lot of people, had a  
2 little bit more money to kind of spend locally and  
3 not just shipping off the people that already have  
4 more than enough, then I feel like there's a better  
5 way that we could be served by that. So thank you  
6 for your time. I appreciate you being here.

7 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you, ma'am. Any  
8 questions?

9 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: Thank you.

10 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. The next name  
11 on the list is Sarah Van Hala. Spell your last  
12 name for the court reporter.

13 MS. VAN HALA: Okay. It's V, as in  
14 Victor, a-n, space H-a-l-a.

15 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. And if you'd  
16 please raise your right hand.

17 SARAH VAN HALA,  
18 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole  
19 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows:

20 TESTIMONY OF SARAH VAN HALA

21 JUDGE WOODRUFF: What you would like to  
22 tell us?

23 MS. VAN HALA: I just wanted to say that  
24 I'm here to support my community and that my  
25 neighbors should not have to pay more money because

1 Ameren has reduced revenue.

2 And I'm just -- that's ridiculous. And  
3 I've been to a lot of these hearings. And I've  
4 testified before, and I think that you guys look  
5 like really nice people.

6 And I feel like it's your -- I feel like  
7 you're good people, and I just -- I hope that you  
8 will protect my neighbors from this horrible,  
9 greedy company. Thank you.

10 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Just one more question  
11 for you.

12 MS. VAN HALA: Yes.

13 JUDGE WOODRUFF: I forgot to ask you, are  
14 you an Ameren customer?

15 MS. VAN HALA: No, thankfully.

16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Any other  
17 questions?

18 COMMISSIONER HALL: No questions.

19 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Thank you. She  
20 was the last witness who signed up to -- to  
21 testify. Is there anyone else here in the room who  
22 would like to testify now? All right. I don't see  
23 any other hands -- come on -- come on up. Good  
24 evening.

25 MS. MILLER: Hi.

1 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Can you tell us your  
2 name, please?

3 MS. MILLER: Danna Miller.

4 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And is Miller just like  
5 it sounds?

6 MS. MILLER: Yeah.

7 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And if you'd please raise  
8 your right hand.

9 DANNA MILLER,  
10 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole  
11 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows:

12 TESTIMONY OF DANNA MILLER

13 MS. MILLER: I affirm.

14 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And are you an Ameren  
15 customer?

16 MS. MILLER: No. I'm Tri-County.

17 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right.

18 MS. MILLER: I am in this area.

19 JUDGE WOODRUFF: That's fine. What would  
20 you like to tell us?

21 MS. MILLER: I would like to say that by  
22 increasing the rate, it's not only the individuals  
23 that are going to be affected, but it's all of our  
24 businesses.

25 And when their overhead increases, prices

1 go up. I mean, electric lights in grocery stores,  
2 sports complexes, the lights like this college.  
3 Their electric bill must be astronomical and  
4 getting bigger.

5 And it just seems like it's going to hurt  
6 everybody because -- it will hurt me coming up -- I  
7 live down close to La Plata, but yet I shop and I  
8 do everything in Kirksville. It's going to affect  
9 everything. So it's -- it's not just an electric  
10 bill. Okay. Thank you.

11 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. Any  
12 questions?

13 COMMISSIONER RUPP: No.

14 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: Thank you.

16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. Does anyone  
17 else wish to testify?

18 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Come on up, sir. And  
19 could you tell us your name?

20 MR. BAMBRICK: John Bambrick.

21 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Could you spell your last  
22 name?

23 MR. BAMBRICK: B-a-m-b-r-i-c-k.

24 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. And please raise  
25 your right hand.

1 JOHN BAMBRICK,  
2 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole  
3 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows:

4 TESTIMONY OF JOHN BAMBRICK

5 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. And are you  
6 an Ameren customer?

7 MR. BAMBRICK: No.

8 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. What would  
9 you like to tell us?

10 MR. BAMBRICK: Yeah. I live right across  
11 the street from Danna Miller who just testified.  
12 So I live in La Plata, but I do come in here into  
13 town and have a lot of family and friends and  
14 community in the area. So this -- although it's  
15 I'm not a direct customer, it will affect me and  
16 the people I know.

17 Earlier today -- or where I -- I live in a  
18 not for profit farm called the White Rose Catholic  
19 Worker. And we do hospitality to the homeless,  
20 organic farming, and we do education programming.  
21 And a lot of Truman students come and volunteer for  
22 us throughout the spring and summer and fall.

23 And we don't have electricity on our farm.  
24 So maybe I'll be the representative for people who  
25 don't have electricity here. I was actually in

1 town getting some bee's wax from the Hollenback  
2 Honey Farm just down the way because we make -- we  
3 hand dip our own candles. So that's how we light  
4 -- that's how we get our light at night is from  
5 candles.

6 But I -- I guess I'm here to speak from  
7 the guests who come and stay with us who are  
8 homeless and from being a volunteer at the food  
9 pantry in La Plata. Danna Miller and myself and  
10 many others go to serve many, many people every  
11 month who are in need of food.

12 And it's just a hard sell for me -- and  
13 not that this is anything new with this rate  
14 increase. When you try to put a company or an  
15 individual that says, Well, I've got \$14 million  
16 and you've got almost nothing and we're going to  
17 take more from you, you know, I under -- you can  
18 give me all the fact sheets and everything. We  
19 need this more money.

20 But it just seems so obvious that who  
21 should we take more from? Should we take more from  
22 these people that have -- or a lot of people? I'm  
23 not saying all Ameren customers have nothing, but a  
24 lot have very little.

25 Should we take more from them? Or maybe

1 they would not have 14 million. They would just  
2 have 13 or 10 or 1 million. So it seems just so  
3 obvious to me to say, No, Ameren you don't need  
4 more money. You have probably, way, way more than  
5 you need as it is.

6 So I'm here to ask you to help support the  
7 most marginalized, the hungry, the homeless, the  
8 people who are right on the edge who when -- yeah.  
9 A hundred more dollars a month, maybe that's how  
10 they come -- have to call us and say, Oh, I have no  
11 place to go and, you know, they'll come to us.

12 And we do our best with an open heart to  
13 say, you know, we love you. We'll offer you a  
14 place to stay. And we do our best. And we're just  
15 one place. We only house one or two people at a  
16 time. I know there's many others who are in need.

17 And I -- and I -- when I think about this,  
18 I also think that we're all in this together. All  
19 of us here, all of us here, of all the problems  
20 that we're facing, all the challenges.

21 And I think this -- this kind of disparity  
22 doesn't help us be together when we have people  
23 with so much and so little. It doesn't help us.

24 And I'm not asking you, you know, for the  
25 Government to regulate all the money. But it -- it

1 seems like this is an easy case to keep it -- try  
2 to keep us a little more connected and together as  
3 we try to face all the challenges in the community.

4 There is a great quote that I like that  
5 says, There's enough for everyone's need in the  
6 world, but there's not enough for everybody's  
7 greed.

8 So we have enough if we're in this  
9 together, and we can share and work with each  
10 other. And this does not seem like -- you know,  
11 that Ameren's taking much more than they need.

12 MAN IN AUDIENCE: It's called greed.

13 MR. BAMBRICK: Yes. So I appreciate your  
14 openness to hearing all of the -- the system and  
15 wanted to offer a different point of view, I guess.

16 And, yeah, I think we can do better as a  
17 community and we don't have to say yes just because  
18 they asked and that they have a lot of money and a  
19 lot of power. We can say no, and we'll be better  
20 for it. So thank you for listening.

21 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you, sir. Any  
22 questions?

23 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you for your  
24 testimony.

25 COMMISSIONER RUPP: Thank you.

1 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Anyone else wish to  
2 testify? Yes, sir. Come on up. Good evening.  
3 Tell us your name, please?

4 MR. BRADSHAW: Melvin Bradshaw.

5 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Melvin Bradshaw?

6 MR. BRADSHAW: Yes.

7 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. And if you'd  
8 please raise your right hand?

9 MELVIN BRADSHAW,  
10 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole  
11 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows:

12 TESTIMONY OF MELVIN BRADSHAW

13 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. And let me ask  
14 you first, are you an Ameren customer?

15 MR. BRADSHAW: Yes, I am.

16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. And what  
17 would you like to tell us?

18 MR. BRADSHAW: Well, I'm on a fixed  
19 income. And like the rest of the people, you know,  
20 we haven't received a raise on Social Security for  
21 two or three years, but yet Ameren has raised their  
22 rates every year.

23 And it's -- you know, the people on a  
24 fixed income, there comes a limit to -- to what  
25 they can do.

1           And besides that, when we come up here to  
2 testify. We have to swear to tell the truth and  
3 all that. But yet the Ameren guy stands up here,  
4 and you never ask him to swear to tell the truth.  
5 I wonder why that is. That's my main question.

6           JUDGE WOODRUFF: We can't normally  
7 question -- answer questions, but I will explain  
8 that one. Ameren will be giving its testimony  
9 under oath at the -- at the evidentiary hearing in  
10 Jefferson City in a few weeks. So that's -- that's  
11 where Ameren gets to say what they want to say  
12 under oath.

13           MR. BRADSHAW: That way -- that way, the  
14 public don't get to hear what they have to say.

15           JUDGE WOODRUFF: Well, that's open to the  
16 public. And, actually, you have a chance to -- if  
17 you want to, you can watch it live on the Internet,  
18 the entire three weeks of testimony.

19           And if you want to go to the Commission's  
20 web site, which is [psc.mo.gov](http://psc.mo.gov), you can watch it  
21 live there, live streaming.

22           MR. BRADSHAW: Okay. That's all I have.  
23 I just wondered why they didn't have to tell the  
24 truth and we do.

25           JUDGE WOODRUFF: Well, they will tell the

1 truth later. I -- I want to make sure of that,  
2 too.

3 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Yes, sir.

4 MR. SPILARD: May I ask you a question?

5 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Well, we really can't  
6 answer questions on the record. If you want to  
7 come talk to one of our Staff people afterwards  
8 about a question about the case --

9 MR. SPILARD: Okay. I'll talk to Staff.

10 JUDGE WOODRUFF: They're right in front of  
11 you there. All right. Anybody else want to  
12 testify? All right. I don't see anyone else. So  
13 at this point, then we are adjourned. Thank you  
14 all for coming.

15 (The proceedings were concluded at  
16 7:45 p.m.)

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