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Chairman Robert Kenney Missouri Public Service Commission

<u> Hand Delivered</u>

RE: Senate Bill 207

Dear Chairman Kenney:

Pursuant to 386.380 RSMo, I am requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) open a case for investigation, hearings and a Commission report regarding the legislative proposal within Senate Bill 207.

Senate Bill 207 would authorize new rate making methods for electric utilities regulated by the PSC. This legislation would significantly modify the statutes governing the PSC's ratemaking authority.

In particular, I request the PSC's analysis and information on the following:

- The safety, adequacy and reliability of Missouri's current electric infrastructure;
- Identification of electric infrastructure problems, costs and needs;
- Rate impact of the implementation of Senate Bill 207;
- Electric utilities' financial need for legislation;
- Due process and appropriate procedure in respect to the new rate mechanisms proposed by Senate Bill 207;
- Other information which the PSC finds relevant to this legislation.

I appreciate greatly the Commission's expertise and assistance in providing information crucial to our determination of whether Senate Bill 207 is in the public interest, and respectfully request that the Commission open this case immediately. In addition, please let me know at your earliest convenience when I will be expecting a full reply to this request.

If you have any questions regarding this request please call me at 573-751-2853.

Yours truly,

ERIC S. SCHMITT