

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In re: Union Electric Company's 2017	)	
Utility Resource Filing Pursuant to	)	Case No. EO-2018-0038
4 CSR 240 – Chapter 22	)	

COMMENTS OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-22.080(6), submits the following comments concerning Ameren Missouri's 2017 Integrated Resource Plan.

The Integrated Resource Plan is deficient because it contravenes the fundamental objective that Ameren "provide the public with energy services that are safe, . . . in a manner that serves the public interest." 4 CSR 240-22.010 (2). Specifically:

The Integrated Resource Plan does not in any manner prioritize or otherwise consider access to affordable, renewable energy for persons who reside in low income or minority communities;

The Integrated Resource Plan does not in any manner prioritize or otherwise consider air quality benefits in low income or minority communities; and

The Integrated Resource Plan does not in any manner prioritize or otherwise consider minimizing localized air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions in low income or minority communities.

This planning process presents Ameren with an opportunity to advance the health and well being of people of color in this State. This 2017 Plan, however, with its over-

reliance on coal-fired power, is an assault on their health and well being.

Carbon pollution fuels climate change, it triggers more asthma attacks and respiratory disease, it worsens air quality, and it contributes to more frequent, destructive, costly and deadly extreme weather events. Dirty air exacerbated by climate change disproportionately affects people of color and low income communities in Missouri and throughout the nation.

Nationwide, 68% of African Americans live within 30 miles of a coal plant and low income communities are more likely to be host to a coal plant. African American children are twice as likely as white American children to die from asthma. African American children are three times more likely to be admitted to the hospital for an asthma attack. African American adults are more likely to die of lung disease than white adults, even though they are less likely to smoke.

An adequate Integrated Resource Plan, based upon adequate and timely clean energy, would go a long way to improving the health and well-being of people of color in this state. The Ameren Missouri Plan, with its over-reliance on coal-fired power, endangers the people's health and well-being.

For the foregoing reasons, the Integrated Resource Plan is contrary to the requirement that Ameren provide the public with energy services which are safe and in a manner which serves the public interest.”

Respectfully Submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct PDF version of the foregoing was filed on EFIS and sent by email on this 28th day of February, 2018, to all counsel of record.

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