



August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Chairman Scott Rupp  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
200 Madison Street  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Chairman Rupp,

We write to you today asking the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) to reverse its position on mandated time of use (TOU) rates for Evergy customers.

As you are aware, under the PSC's mandate, the price of electricity would skyrocket in the warmer months from \$0.09 to \$0.38 per kilowatt hour (kWh) for Evergy customers right as Missourians are getting home from work and school. This price hike would be hard on families and bad for our economy. Additionally, this mandate may place vulnerable Missourians on a fixed income in danger by forcing them to choose between staying safe and saving money.

A hallmark of any free market is the ability for customers to choose the product and pricing that works best for them and their business or family. By forcing a TOU model on every household and business, the Missouri Public Service Commission has taken away this choice from hundreds of thousands of Missourians. Simply put, the commission's TOU mandate is a top-down, big government directive telling people how to live their lives.

Instead, we recommend the Missouri Public Service Commission return to a proven system of an optional TOU model. If the commission is unwilling to make this commonsense change, the General Assembly will be forced to pursue bipartisan legislation to protect consumers from unnecessary rate hikes and government mandates.

We look forward to your swift action on this matter before the TOU mandate takes effect this fall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cindy O'Laughlin".

Cindy O'Laughlin  
Senate Majority Leader- District 18

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Rizzo".

John Rizzo  
Senate Minority Leader- District 11

CC: Public Service Commission