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Service Commission

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As we conserve usage of gas and electric because of rate increases our costs continue to rise. As commercial users of gas and electric continue to get better usage rates it is the residential users who are required to balance the cost. Residential users are required to make up the differences. The increases are excessive and people on fixed incomes would encounter serious hardship.

Thank you for taking my comments,

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My income is capped at \$1000/mo SSI. AN INCREASE OF \$99.00 TO MY yearly electric utility Bill would greatly impact my charges such as medicine/food

Thank you for taking my comments,

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*I'm on a fixed income and currently have a tight budget for my household expenses. An 8% increase would make it very hard for me to pay all my bills + health care costs.*

Thank you for taking my comments,

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I am a teacher living on a very low income. Many of my students are low income their families ~~enough~~ struggle enough on tight budgets.. This is a choice between food, medicine, and tuition or heat. An increase is not acceptable

Thank you for taking my comments,

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I now live on a fixed income and, of course, there's lots of calls for my money. My income isn't going to increase — especially under the new administration. Ameren not only wants to raise rates to do business, but they want to be able to have bigger profits. Does this make sense? \$99.00 will be a large percentage of my income.

Thank you for taking my comments,

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Decrease in my monthly budget due to the increase which will affect my ability to sustain my modest life style. Profits + earnings of Ameren is already ~~substantial~~ substantial with cost of living increases which is not the way my income works. Utility companies are suppose to serve the public consumer not them selves.

Thank you for taking my comments,

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I can't support it at this time but I understand if you have to go up because of environmental regulations. I'm interested in what can be done with renewable energy and deregulation. I hope you can build more power plants to produce cheaper energy. I would like to be emailed the plan as well as sit down with you to talk about alternatives.

Thank you for taking my comments,

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I already cannot afford my utilities. Seriously... This will be one more strike against living in St Louis City. I have been thinking of moving anyway and this will be one more reason. \$99/ household doesn't sound like much but when you don't have the money and don't know where it will come from, it will have to come from money budgeted for a different critical need.... Because I have no disposable income

Thank you for taking my comments,

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Not that much, but I'd be happy to pay a graduated rate based on my income, or the value of my property taxes or similar, since this seems like it might affect my less-well-off neighbors rather more than me.

Thank you for taking my comments,

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I am on a fixed income caring for my elderly grandmother in-home. A rate increase of this size is more than a months worth of electric use for this house.  
I will default on service if there is another increase.

Thank you for taking my comments,

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I own a startup and my personal budget is pretty tight. This will negatively impact my ability to focus on my business.

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This will make it harder to pay the bills and harder to make ends meet. Another meal or Christmas present taken away from each Missouri household. Ameren is a predatory monopoly aggrandizing itself at the expense of the people of Missouri.

Thank you for taking my comments,

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We're already struggling with a mortgage, a small business and roommates.

Thank you for taking my comments,

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Increasing the rate prevents me from paying for necessities such as food. I am on a fixed income.

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Negative. We are low income and already struggle to fight off disconnect notices by meet sometimes unrealistic deadlines. More fees means a lesser chance of us being able to pay that. Also I never see anyone come out to read my meter so why am I paying a grid fee if I'm being frivolously charged for services that are estimated instead of gauged exactly?

Thank you for taking my comments,

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We simply cannot afford an increase of nearly \$1200 a year. This is an extreme increase that should not be approved.

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One more nail in the coffin for the working middle-class. Ameren-you call yourself a public utility BUT now you want to charge an access fee? Access fee?! You are already the monopoly.

This 8% request is exorbitant and completely devours any small raise and MORE the working middle-class and the poor might have received.

No 8%. No.

Thank you for taking my comments,

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I can't afford the hi rates now. Every time they ask for an increase you give it to them. Make them be more fiscally responsible like the rest of us have to

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Honestly, I feel like I should just start using solar power, and get off the grid to avoid these and future fees and rate hikes. Rates keep going up, but is Ameren looking at the future, into resources other than coal and natural gas? Ameren should be setting the standard. Switch to solar; I will.

Thank you for taking my comments,

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Cause monetary hardship for the houaehold.

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According to Ameren data, my household uses twice the average energy of households in my zip code. We have new windows, LED bulbs, programmable thermostats, and energy efficient appliances. But this house is over 100 years old. It is cost prohibitive (and in some instances impossible) to get it up to current energy efficiency standards. Under the proposed rate increase, we would pay almost \$200 more per year for our electricity. I feel that this is excessive and that we are indirectly being penalized for owning an old (historic) home.

Thank you for taking my comments,

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Our home and investment properties will switch to solar cells to provide the electricity needed if Ameren increases rates at all.

Thank you for taking my comments,

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I will be unable to afford the increase and I am fully employed, this is a ridiculous rate increase that will damage even the most stable households.

Thank you for taking my comments,

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It will affect the already tight budget I am on, and I don't know if there is another electric company I could go to.

Thank you for taking my comments,

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This is not only bad business, but must be halted \*as a matter of safety\* for many Missourians.

First and foremost, an additional \$5/mo and ~\$99/year nickels and dimes our low-income communities to death - and in the cases of powerful heat waves or powered medical equipment, that is a \*literal statement\*. Our elderly, veterans, single parents, disabled, and other marginalized groups make up this community and should be protected, not threatened. Life will also simply be made harder for those who are already struggling to find work, take care of their families, be healthy - all of which require power.

Second, this is bad business because Ameren knows full well that solar and wind energy are far cheaper (and are non-toxic, and create and maintain safe jobs, and prepare us for fuel shortages thereby increasing national security) in the long-run

Thank you for taking my comments,

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My rates have DOUBLED in the last 2 years. When is it going to level out? I'm not using twice as much electricity. You can continue to raise prices because there are no other utility providers. This is called a MONOPOLY and it is CROOKED. My service is not getting better. I am not using more electricity.

Thank you for taking my comments,

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As a small business owner this will add to the list of expenses that keep piling up. With no alternatives or options this will be essentially running my business an additional one-two months per year and make the situation even more challenging.

Thank you for taking my comments,

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If Ameren increases their rates by this much, I will have to cut back in other areas where I've already cut back too much. Why does Ameren think they need this increase? They waste our money and pollute our air with dirty coal when they should be investing more in clean energy. Please reject this rate hike.

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less money to buy groceries

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As a senior citizen, I live on a fixed income. Increased utility costs will reduce my spending on other necessary items. I find it unjust to stick residential customers with bigger utility bills, because Ameren has failed to strategically plan for efficiencies and keep pace with advances in alternate sources of energy. Ameren continues to be a major polluter of our environment with its predominance of coal-fired energy plants. The company's pollution leads to negative health outcomes for residents of Missouri. We are already paying a high price for Ameren's lack of social responsibility. Until Ameren's leadership commits to aggressive retirement of coal-fired plants and a switch to renewable energy, I find it imprudent to increase rates. This only rewards the firm's irresponsible behavior.

Thank you for taking my comments,

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It will be much harder to afford monthly electric payments. We already are very conscious about turning off and unplugging all appliances, keeping heat/air con low. I don't know how much more we can conserve, but we are already trying out best. Another \$100 a year is a lot of money. Can't it be gradually increased over time? 8% in one year is excessive. If it was 3% a year for 3 years that would be more reasonable. Incomes don't grow that quickly, so why should the cost of electricity?

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I am strongly against the need for a flat fee which, no matter how conservative you are with usage, will hurt the low income families the most. But above and beyond that, an 8% increase is too drastic. Budgeting for my electric usage is difficult, and while I feel I am more conservative than most, I am still surprised with my usage in the heat of the summer. An 8 % increase will mean the difference between being comfortable in my home and sweating out the summer for fear I'll over spend on electric.

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