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Good morning,

Please find attached a press release reminding customers of important safety precautions for Mylar balloons, which are popular this time of year. Mylar balloons conduct electricity and may cause outages and safety issues if they are released and connect with power lines. We are urging customers to properly dispose of Mylar balloons, or consider safer alternatives for celebrations this graduation season.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Have a great day!

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Ameren Missouri warns against Mylar balloon releases near power lines

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[Editor's Note: Click here for video of balloons in power lines.](#)

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“The damage from tangled Mylar balloons can leave even the best celebrations deflated,” said **Chip Webb**, director of the central division at Ameren Missouri. “Mylar balloons are metallic and conduct electricity. When they get tangled in power lines, they can lead to surges and shorts that cause power outages.”

In addition to power disruptions, Mylar balloons pose a safety hazard for linemen who must safely untangle and remove what’s left of the balloons from energized high voltage lines.

“This time of year, there’s a lot to celebrate,” Webb added. “We want people to celebrate safely and help us keep the lights on.”

If you notice a balloon or another toy entangled in electric infrastructure, always assume the line is live. Do not attempt to remove the object yourself. Call Ameren Missouri at 800.552.7583 to report the object.

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