BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of a Working Case to Address)	Service Commission
Legislative Concerns Regarding Proposals to)	File No. EW-2013-0425
Modify Ratemaking Procedures for Electric Utilities.)	THE NO. EW-2013-0423
Mounty Ratemaking Procedures for Electric Offices.	,	

COMMENTS OF SUSAN STUART, CHIEF BRAND OFFICER FOR CENTREX

Centrex has served the St. Louis area as a family-owned business for 30 years. As electric suppliers and a small business that cares about our employees, we pay particular attention to economic opportunities in Missouri.

Commission Requests for Information

With regard to each of the specific issues that the Commission asked interested stakeholders to address, Susan Stuart provides the following comments:

A. Identification of electric infrastructure problems, costs and needs;

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We have invested a lot in Missouri, and we see great things for the future. Like all small businesses, we pay particular attention to policies that are going to impact economic development in Missouri.

- B. That's why I support House Bill 398. Our business depends on the state's ability to attract new employers. House Bill 398 would better position our state to compete for commercial and manufacturing development, in turn providing more jobs for companies like Centrex. These are the types of projects we need to grow our business and sustain our employees.
- C. Also, we think of ourselves as part of a larger Missouri family. And we think it's vital that we protect our state's valuable assets. Over 30 years, we've seen our employees' families grow. We think it's important that their children have the opportunity to live in a prosperous Missouri, where we are doing all we can to attract jobs. That's the best reason to support House Bill 398. It's a jobs bill for now and the future. And it's reliable, affordable power for all of us.
- D. I strongly urge this committee to pass HB 398. Local businesses like ours depend on it. Thank you for your time.