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MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DEAN VANSCHOIACK

State Representative
District 09

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Missouri Public Service Commission
Jefferson City, MO

Dear Commissioners,

After listening to many of my constituents, talking with PSC Legislative Director Douglas Anderson, and talking with representatives of Evergy I have come to the conclusion that the new time of use rates were mandated upon the customers of Evergy with little to no input from the customers themselves. Perhaps you should read the Mission Statement of the Missouri Public Service Commission:

Mission Statement

We will:

- ensure that Missourians receive safe and reliable utility services at just, reasonable and affordable rates;
- support economic development through either traditional rate of return regulation or competition, as required by law;
- establish standards so that competition will maintain or improve the quality of services provided to Missourians;
- provide the public the information they need to make educated utility choices;
- provide an efficient regulatory process that is responsive to all parties, and perform our duties ethically and professionally.

It certainly appears to me that you have missed the mark in this case! Many of my constituents do not consider any of the time of use plans to be “just, reasonable and affordable rates”. Further, they do not believe that mandating time of use rates without the option to keep a rate structure that is substantially like their current rate is not “an efficient regulatory process that is responsive to all parties”. It also appears that in this instance “provide the public the information they need to make educated utility choices” means that you know better than the consumer what works for them and you will make them do it whether they like it or not!

My constituents are confused about the time of use rates, upset that this change has been mandated to them, and are looking for answers from you the Public Service Commission. They do not believe that it is the job of the Public Service Commission to force such punitive rates upon them. They do not believe that you know better than they when they should run their air conditioner, dish washer, dryer, etcetera.

It is my understanding that Evergy came to the Public Service Commission seeking a rate increase on their plans that were currently in place, and that the PSC decided that this was an ideal time to force time of use plans on the public. I believe that Evergy has done an excellent job of putting the best light possible on the time of use plans, but the consumers, the customers, the taxpaying citizens of Missouri are not buying it! Perhaps offering time of use plans in conjunction with the current rate structure and increasing the rates as deemed necessary would have been the optimal answer.

It is my sincere hope that you, the members of the Public Service Commission, will take to heart this and other correspondence from the public and reconsider your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dean Van Schoiack".

Representative Dean VanSchoiack
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