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Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2024 9:36 AM
To: Myers, Jamie; Hahn, Kayla
Cc: Wood, Warren; Wills, Steven M; Antal, Alexander; Ketchum, Charlene; Manning, Kristy; Johnson, Mark
Subject: RE: Requesting letter of support for Ameren Missouri's Grid Resilience Grant Application
Attachments: Letter in support of Ameren Missouri's Grid Resilience Grant Application.pdf

Thank you very much!

We will keep you up to date as this process moves forward.

Gaye

From: Myers, Jamie <Jamie.Myers@psc.mo.gov>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Requesting letter of support for Ameren Missouri's Grid Resilience Grant Application

Gaye,
Please see the attached letter in support. Thank you for reaching out on this.
Jamie

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Subject: Requesting letter of support for Ameren Missouri's Grid Resilience Grant Application

Chair Hahn,

I am writing to you today requesting the Missouri Public Service Commission consider submitting a letter of support regarding Ameren's Round Two Topic Area 1 Grid Resilience Grants application under the Department of Energy's Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships funding opportunity.

With support from the grant, Ameren plans to transform a significant area within St. Louis City and County through hardening efforts for overhead and underground 3-phase circuit. Currently St. Louis City and County contain some of the oldest, worst performing, least resilient, and most difficult-to-maintain electrical circuits on Ameren Missouri's distribution grid. Through this proposed project, Ameren seeks to improve grid resiliency and reliability, thus improving the quality of life for residents in St. Louis which contains the highest concentration of disadvantaged communities within Ameren's territory.

I have attached the letter of support template for your consideration, a copy of the concept paper submitted to DOE on January 12th, and a copy of the slides that will give context to the grant we are seeking. Please note that the letter

template has two of the statements highlighted and we feel inclusion of these statements will help improve the competitiveness of our application, but please make changes to this letter as you see fit.

We have begun the process of refining our project scope, so the mileage targeted is subject to change. We expect to have a draft of the technical volume ready toward the end of next month and I will keep you updated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gaye
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February 15, 2024

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Washington DC, 20585

Re: Letter in Support of Ameren Missouri's Application for Federal Funding Under DE-FOA-0002970 – Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Missouri Public Service Commission, we are pleased to provide this letter of support regarding Ameren Missouri's Round Two Topic Area 1 Grid Resilience Grants application under the Department of Energy's Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships funding opportunity.

With the goals of addressing aging infrastructure and stimulating economic growth, workforce development, and community engagement, this program aims to underground several miles of distribution circuits running through the backlot of properties as well as harden dozens of distribution backbone feeders that serve 100% disadvantaged communities in St. Louis City & County, improving reliability, flexibility, and safety.

The Missouri Public Service Commission understands that the benefits delivered by Ameren Missouri's proposed portfolio of line projects with the Department of Energy's assistance are substantial and worthwhile for Missouri's residents and businesses. The proposal will continue to foster a safer, more reliable, and efficient electrical grid capable of supporting future load growth and investments. The program aligns with and aims to advance the Missouri Public Service Commission's mission to "ensure that Missourians receive safe and reliable utility services at just, reasonable, and affordable rates." The Missouri Public Service Commission welcomes the opportunity for Missouri utilities to partner with the federal government for infrastructure investment in our State.

The Missouri Public Service Commission applauds and supports Ameren Missouri's application under this historic federal funding opportunity. To provide additional oversight and accountability, the Missouri Public Service Commission is committed to continued engagement with Ameren Missouri on the proposed project via periodic progress reports and presentations. These progress updates will be in addition to existing updates that occur periodically for grid investments under Ameren Missouri's Smart Energy Plan (SEP).

On behalf of the Missouri Public Service Commission, we urge the federal government to recognize the benefits of Ameren Missouri's application for funding. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,



Kayla Hahn
Chair



Scott T. Rupp
Commissioner



Maida J. Coleman
Commissioner



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