

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Union Electric Company            )  
d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tariffs to Adjust its        )  
Revenues for Electric Service.                        )        **Case No. ER-2024-0319**

**RECOMMENDATION ON LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

COMES NOW the Consumers Council of Missouri, AARP, and Renew Missouri to offer the following recommendations:

1. On September 13, 2024, the Commission proposed four in-person local public hearings to be held in this case, and asked that any recommendations on these proposed hearings be filed by this day, September 20, 2024.

2. The undersigned parties are generally supportive the framework for local public hearings, although they have some concern about accessibility to a public hearing for many Ameren Missouri customers who reside in the southern portion of the greater St. Louis metropolitan area. The proposed location of the community college in Florissant Valley is an acceptable hearing location for customers residing in the northern parts of the St Louis area, but is a long drive for many customers residing in the southern portions of the St. Louis area.

3. Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Commission had the habit of conducting multiple hearings in the St. Louis metropolitan area, and in the past had as many as 12 local public hearings altogether covering the entire Ameren Missouri service territory.

3. In the interest of allowing closer access to a local hearing for more customers, the undersigned parties specifically recommend that the Commission schedule an additional local public hearing that is located closer to people that live in the southern portion of St. Louis City and southern St. Louis County. While the undersigned parties are not recommending any particular location for this additional local public hearing; however, we note that, in previous rate cases, such local public hearings have been held at the Sunset Hills City Hall, and also have been held at two St. Louis County library facilities located in southern St. Louis County.

4. The undersigned parties also generally support the recommendations filed today by the Office of the Public Counsel. We also support the suggested location of Harris-Stowe State University. Facilities at UMSL have also served well for the Commission in the past, as a central location for local public hearings covering the St. Louis area.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned parties respectfully offer this recommendation for the Commission's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ John B. Coffman

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to all parties listed on the official service list on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

/s/ John B. Coffman

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