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Subject: Comments on rule regarding data privacy

Judge Dippell and members of the Public Service Commission,

Thank you for allowing me to email these comments directly since I could not wait for the meeting to resume after the break. My name is Anne Schweitzer and I am an alderwoman in the City of St. Louis. I am writing to share my testimony on the rule you are considering regarding data privacy.

While I deeply respect and value the need for data privacy, I am concerned about this rule for two reasons and I would be interested in your opinion of whether or not the below would be possible (or how they would be possible) under the proposed rule:

1. In 2017, the city of St. Louis enacted an ordinance for property owners of buildings of over 500,000 square feet to report their yearly energy usage. This benchmarking process is part of a strategy to reduce the overall amount of energy consumption in St. Louis and is an idea that was mentioned in Dr. Mark's testimony today. I am concerned that this rule will make it difficult or impossible for property owners to share and gather this data on their buildings if they are not the tenant of the building or the one paying the energy bill.

2. I am working with the President of the Board's office as well as with Ameren, Spire, and several other stakeholders to make it possible for potential tenants of a building to find out how much the unit they are interested in generally costs in terms of energy. This would help a tenant know if they can truly afford to live in a potential unit, and help encourage property owners to make energy efficiency upgrades, which further meets St. Louis' goal of reducing energy consumption. Spire and Ameren have worked with us on this and have created platforms that do not share customer data besides the yearly average cost.

Is it your understanding that the proposed rule - and any changes to the proposed rule that you consider - allows for the uses that I have outlined above? Is it possible to create changes in the rule to allow for this use or any compromise we could make it order to make sure the spirit of the rule and the goals outlined above can work in tandem?

I appreciate your consideration of this testimony and your service to our state!

Sincerely,

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