BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of a Working Case to Address)	Colvide Colliniación
Legislative Concerns Regarding Proposals to)	File No. EW-2013-0425
Modify Ratemaking Procedures for Electric Utilities.)	

COMMENTS OF KURT SCHULZ, PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE ELECTRICAL BOARD OF MISSOURI AND ILLINOIS

Commission Requests for Information

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

A. The safety, adequacy and reliability of Missouri's current electric infrastructure;

As an experienced manager in the electrical products industry, I understand the need and importance for products that perform reliably, efficiently and safely for businesses across industries. This translates to Missouri's energy infrastructure as well.

As it stands now, Missouri's energy infrastructure is falling behind other states, with troublesome regulations that delay the necessary upgrades we need to provide reliable and efficient power to consumers and businesses.

The need for updates goes beyond installing new utility poles and transformers; it's our aging substations, distribution systems and power generation facilities all need to be made more efficient and reliable.

Advancements in technology and modern regulations will create a stronger electric grid that encourages infrastructure investment. It will also create an incentive for new technologies like the Small Modular Reactor to be built in Missouri and better position Missouri as a manufacturing hub. That means more quality jobs, a better energy future, and a stronger, competitive Missouri economy.