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Missouri Public Service Commission  
200 Madison Street, Suite 100  
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RE: Working Case to Study Wildfire Mitigation and Preparedness

Dear Chairwoman Hahn and Commissioners:

Missouri's electric cooperatives recognize the impact wildfires can have on communities. All 47 of Missouri's electric cooperatives are actively developing and implementing Wildfire Mitigation Plans (WMPs) that demonstrate our commitment to reducing wildfire risk through proactive planning and mitigation efforts. While no plan can eliminate all risk, we take seriously our responsibility to safeguard the people and places we serve.

We are committed to strengthening collaboration with fire response agencies and enhancing targeted outreach to our members. Cooperatives proactively work with local, state, and federal officials, community stakeholders, and consumer-members on wildfire education, preparedness, and response planning. We remain dedicated to protecting public safety while delivering reliable and affordable electricity.

Missouri's cooperatives are currently developing WMPs using a standardized template created by a third-party engineering firm with expertise in wildfire mitigation. This approach ensures consistency, technical accuracy, and alignment with industry best practices, while allowing each cooperative the flexibility to tailor its plan to its unique electrical system.

Our WMPs include thorough risk analyses that identify key wildfire risk factors, along with prevention strategies, infrastructure inspections, vegetation management programs, and emergency response procedures. The framework set up by the cooperatives includes monitoring/oversight protocols and provisions for ongoing revisions to the plans to adapt as conditions change ensuring long-term effectiveness.

Detailed risk maps, integrated with GIS and mapping systems, help our teams proactively manage high-risk areas. While the WMPs provide structure and documentation, much of what's included reflects practices our cooperatives already follow. The plans unify these

efforts into a coordinated, comprehensive approach. A well-structured plan helps reduce liability exposure and demonstrates our strong commitment to protecting critical infrastructure, our members, and the communities we serve from wildfire threats.

Missouri's electric cooperatives appreciate the opportunity to submit this letter outlining our approach to wildfire mitigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caleb Jones', written in a cursive style.

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