

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

In the Matter of a Motion for an                    )  
Emergency Order Establishing a                )  
Temporary Moratorium on Utility             )  
Discontinuances to Protect Public            )  
Health and Safety by Mitigating the         )  
Spread of the COVID-19 Pandemic.            )     Case No. AO-2021-0164

**APPLICATION TO INTERVENE OF AARP**

**COMES NOW** AARP<sup>1</sup>, by and through counsel, pursuant to Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.075, and respectfully requests formal intervention as a party in the above-captioned matter.

In support of this petition, AARP states as follows:

1. AARP, with its nearly 38 million members in all 50 States and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, nationwide organization that helps people turn their goals and dreams into real possibilities, strengthens communities and fights for the issues that matter most to families such as healthcare, employment and income security, retirement planning, affordable utilities and protection from financial abuse. AARP has over 700,000 members in Missouri, many of whom are residential electric customers of Ameren Missouri.

2. The COVID-19 Pandemic is increasing in intensity throughout our state. Missourians of all ages, but most certainly those over age 50, have

suffered severe illness and death from the coronavirus. This is a health emergency that threatens the very health and lives of older Missourians. AARP supports the Motion for an Emergency Order and believes that it could save countless lives.

3. AARP's interest in this matter is a desire to ensure that residential energy customers, including those over age 50, are represented by a party that is exclusively looking after their interests. These consumers also devote a higher percentage of their total spending than do other age groups towards residential energy costs ("energy burden"). Many older consumers also have special needs and safety concerns about their access to electric, natural gas, or water service. Some of these consumers are vulnerable to the risk of serious injury or death if their household is without power and exposed to extreme weather.

WHEREFORE, AARP respectfully requests intervention in this matter for all purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 10, 2020

/s/ John B. Coffman

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<sup>1</sup>In 1999, the "American Association of Retired Persons" changed its name to simply "AARP", in recognition of the fact that people do not have to be retired to become members.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been emailed to the following persons on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020. This list was derived from the Commission's EFIS contact query function. The intent was to reach as many potentially impacted utilities as possible with this courtesy service.

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