

**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	)	File No. ER-2026-0291
Revenues for Electric Service.	)	

MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING
IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS

COMES NOW the Consumers Council of Missouri ("Consumers Council"), and respectfully requests that the Commission hold an additional in-person local public hearing in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, along with the other local public hearings proposed for in the month of January 2027 in this case.

In support of this application, Consumers Council states as follows:

1. In this rate case, Ameren Missouri ("Company") is proposing another double-digit percentage rate increase for residential electric customers. This case comes at a time when the affordability of electric rates ranks as a very high concern among the general public. This case also involves several new rate proposals that originate from the new law that was known as Senate Bill 4 (2025) in the state legislature. Some of those new proposals could make any electric rate increase resulting from this case even higher.

2. This rate case also includes several issues involving income-based programs and/or low-income rates, under the authority of that same new law. Those program and rate proposals must be based, in part, on "energy burden". The City of St. Louis contains large concentrations of high energy burden neighborhoods, and the

customers in those neighborhoods deserve an opportunity to speak directly to the commissioners.

3. The City of St. Louis struggles with acute health care issues, including a higher than average infant/maternal death rate, and one-fourth of all children in the City of St. Louis has asthma.¹ This is relevant because the cost of electricity is a social determinate of healthcare outcomes.

4. For many decades, every Ameren Missouri electric rate case processed at the Commission has always included an in-person local public hearing scheduled within the city limits of the City of St. Louis.

Of the 11 historical electric rate cases for Ameren Missouri from Case No. ER-2007-0002 through Case No. ER-2024-0319, all but one of those cases had physical local public hearings where the public could speak on the record from within the city limits of the City of St. Louis. The only exception was Case No. ER-2021-0240 (during the pandemic) in which all five public hearings were virtual.

6. Over the last few years, there has been a substantial decline in the number of geographically distributed, in-person hearings: 16 were scheduled in the 2007 case, at least 13 in the 2017 case, 8 in the 2020 case, four in the 2023 case, and five in the 2025 case. And now only 5-6 are planned for the entire service territory. Consumers Council believes that this is an insufficient number of opportunities for the ratepaying public to participate in this important case. Overall, we believe that the Commission should be scheduling more local public hearings in its rate cases, not less.

¹ <https://www.thinkhealthstl.org/indicators/index/view?indicatorId=289&localeTypeId=2>

7. Consumers Council believes that the Commission should at least schedule one more in-person local public hearing to be held within the City of St. Louis, Missouri. Consumers Council believes that it would be well-attended, giving customers who live in that city to more conveniently participate in this rate case. The testimony gathered there will help develop the evidentiary record in a manner that would more meaningfully assist the Commission in matters of public importance at issue in this rate case.

WHEREFORE, Consumers Council respectfully requests that the Commission hold an additional in-person local public hearing within the City of St. Louis, Missouri, sometime during the month of January 2027, in addition to the other in-person local public hearings proposed in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 16, 2026

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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 16th day of October, 2026.

/s/ John B. Coffman
