

Letter to the Missouri Public Service Commission

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Dear Commissioners,

I am a homeowner with an all-electric house located in the Lakewood Hills subdivision in northwest Jefferson County. I have a small income from my business in graphic design and communications, and along with my partner's earnings from her job at Webster University, we are able to pay our bills, but it can be tough sometimes.

I ask the Missouri Public Service Commission to please reject Ameren Missouri's proposed \$12.00 monthly rate increase per line charge. The increase is a flat rate—everyone pays the same amount. This will impact lower and fixed income households the most, and we have a lot of neighbors in that category in our community. I feel the flat rate increase request is insensitive and untimely.

We have no access to natural gas where we live, nor would we want it. While we accept that our largest utility bill each month is from Ameren, we would feel much better if Ameren was working much faster to bring renewable energy generation on board. Currently, Ameren is still one of the most dependent users of coal for electric generation among the nation's electric utilities.

I realize that the Rush Island power plant in Jefferson County is closing due to Ameren's insistence that scrubbers were not needed when EPA said there were. Ameren needs to do what it claims it will do and replace the lost power with renewable energy and storage.

I believe we are at the beginning of a climate change crisis that can only be at best abated if we dramatically reduce our carbon emissions now.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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