



STATE OF RENEWAL

Fighting Waste, Prevailing in Rate Cases:

While not as high profile as our efforts in the Legislature, Renew Missouri is even more hard-charged before the Public Service Commission (PSC), the state agency that regulates investor owned utilities. In 2017, Renew Missouri engaged in rate cases with the state's two largest electric utilities: Ameren Missouri and Kansas City Power & Light (KCP&L). We set the goal of achieving better rate designs that discourage energy waste and encourage strategies like solar and efficiency. In both cases, we fought to move toward a rate structure that makes electricity more expensive as customers use more energy, providing a signal for customers to save energy while benefiting low-income customers who use less energy than average customers.

We also fought for Time-of-Use (TOU) rates that allow customers to shift high usage to the cheapest parts of the day. In both cases, we managed to attain important progress.

Renew Missouri helped to defeat Ameren Missouri's attempt to institute a new "Energy Grid

Access Charge," which would have added nearly \$5 to each customer's bill regardless of whether the customer used any energy at all. These types of "fixed charges" make it harder for customers to reduce their bills through energy efficiency and conservation, and they diminish payback times for solar customers.

Renew Missouri also intervened in its first-ever gas rate case; advocating for energy efficiency programs for Spire. The Company, also known as Laclede Gas in St. Louis and MGE in Kansas City, is committed to investing into these programs at levels not seen in the past. While regulators and the Public Counsel initially balked at providing these programs, Renew Missouri was able to work with its partners for a successful outcome that will save resources and money.

2018 promises much more work. Empire Electric and Ameren Missouri have both filed for aggressive renewable energy policies that we have pushed for over the past eleven years that are slowly becoming reality.

We are committed to making those more inclusive and more beneficial for the public. Renew Missouri is also working with our Kansas partners to review the Great Plains Energy (also known as KCPL's holding company) and Westar's mergers. There are opportunities to strengthen the Company's management of renewable energy resources through this process.

These efforts are worth the time and effort, but they are very expensive to wage. Our lawyers and staff must contend with experienced regulatory agencies and with extremely well financed utilities and consumer groups, armed only with the non-profit resources we can muster. Please consider donating to Renew Missouri to support our work at the PSC and the Missouri Legislature.



Energy Efficiency Expanded:

For years, Renew Missouri sought to remove a restriction preventing owners and tenants of low-income housing from using key energy efficiency incentives. Finally, this fix passed both the House and the Senate on the last day of Legislative Session through Senate Bill 112. Renew Missouri continues to educate lawmakers at the state and federal level on this important of energy efficiency.

Solar-Killing Fee Defeated:

House Bill 340 would have allowed utilities to charge a fee equal to 75% of your current customer charge (e.g. if your customer charge is \$20.00, you could be hit with another \$15.00 solar charge even before you consume a single kilowatt-hour!). This is part of a national strategy among utilities and opponents of solar to weaken the economics of solar and slow the industry's growth. Renew Missouri partnered with the Missouri Solar Energy Industries Association (MOSEIA), solar companies, and concerned citizens to counter bogus utility arguments at committee hearings, mobilize public opposition, and educate scores of state lawmakers. Thanks to this effort, the bill died in the Senate. But it will surely be back.



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