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Jefferson City, Missouri - State Sen. Doug Libla, R-Poplar Bluff, is urging citizens to attend one of two open hearings of the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC), regarding an electric rate case filed by Ameren Missouri. The local public hearing schedule:

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 – Cape Girardeau - Osage Centre – Room 4AB, 1625 North Kingshighway - NOON

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 – Charleston - Charleston High School, Clara Drinkwater Newman Auditorium, 606 S. Thorn St. – 6PM

Each hearing will begin with a public information/question and answer session conducted by the PSC Staff, followed by the Commission receiving testimony from the public.

On July 1, 2016, Ameren Missouri filed an electric rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to increase annual electric revenues by approximately \$206.4 million. According to the filing, residential customers would pay approximately \$99 more per year if the rate request is approved. Citizens will be given the opportunity to speak on the proposed rate increase.

“We have seen evidence in recent years that Ameren continues to earn more than it’s authorized as a monopoly utility. Yet, it still seeks to charge Missouri customers more, who have no other avenues to purchase utilities,” said Sen. Libla. “These increases jeopardize the ability of local businesses to operate, fall most heavily on the backs of struggling families, and frequently seem unnecessary. It’s important these cases are properly vetted, and that includes gathering sufficient public testimony. This rate increase would affect all of us. I strongly encourage all citizens in my district to attend this important meeting. Make your voices heard.”

If you are unable to attend a local public hearing and wish to make written comments or secure additional information, you may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (866) 922-2959 email **opcservice@ded.mo.gov** or the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211, email **pscinfo@psc.mo.gov**.

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