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March 4, 2025Renew Missouri Advocates, Inc. 915 East AshColumbia, Missouri 65201Re: Written
Testimony to the House Utilities Committee on House Bill 1059 To
Chairman Bromley and Members of the House Utilities Committee,Renew Missouri, a 501(c)(3)
organized to promote clean energy policy, wishes to testify in support of House Bill 1059. By creating a
reasonable property tax valuation of \$500 per MW, this legislation provides regulatory certainty to
those who have already sought to develop independent power solutions in our state. Renew Missouri
also supports the provision of the legislation that authorizes a de minimus assessment to smaller
systems. We would ask this Committee to go a step further and apply this rate to all ongoing and future
projects as well. With Rep. Banderman's proposed legislation, a fair and reasonable assessment is
proposed providing relief from the sticker shock many local governments seek to impose on solar
projects. Quite simply, Rep. Banderman's bill ensures existing businesses do not face financial ruin or
forces them pick up stakes and move to another state. It is pro-economic development and we
encourage this committee to help solar projects already providing cheap, clean power to the grid.
Further, we appreciate the fact Rep. Banderman recognizes smaller systems should be taxed at a bare
minimum given the investment residential customers and small business owners has placed into the
solar array. This section will help protect the savings these customers are seeing in their solar array
and we appreciate that being considered. Renew Missouri believe that the legislation should go further.
The \$500 per MW assessment should be applied to all future solar projects as well. Right now, there
are elected officials who wish to use excessive property taxes as a way of punishing solar because
they don't like it. But imposing an unfair tax assessment on businesses we quote-unquote don't like is
a case of the government picking winners and losers using the tax system. Renew Missouri believes
using property taxes as a form of punishment is bad public policy. In sum, we urge this Committee to
expand the concept by allowing all future solar projects to take advantage of this property tax
assessment. But otherwise this offers protection for current investments. With that, we would make
ourselves available for any questionsWith respect,James Owen, Executive Director, Renew Missouri



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The International Union of Operating Engineers Local 101,148 and 513 support this bill and ask the members to pass this onto the floor for debate



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I am Mark Ell, Business Representative of Gas Workers Local 11-6 and I want to go on record of supporting HB 1059



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I am Opposed to this Bill. There are way to many different Subject matters within this accumulated Bill. This Bill is highly Unconstitutional and is trying to pass a fast one over Missourians, while many will profit. Defeat this Bill in its tracks!



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March 4, 2025Renew Missouri Advocates, Inc. 501 Fay Street, Suite 206Columbia, Missouri 65201Re:
Written Testimony to the House Utilities Committee on House Bill 1059

To Chairman Bromley and Members of the House Utilities Committee,This testimony is being re-filed to reflect language allowing for PISA to be used for the construction of gas plants. Renew Missouri, a 501(c)(3) promoting clean energy policy, wishes to testify in support of some aspects and oppose others in House Bill 1059. The proposed \$500 per MW property tax valuation offers regulatory certainty for those developing independent power solutions in Missouri. Renew Missouri also supports the provision for a de minimis assessment for smaller systems. We ask this Committee to apply this rate to all ongoing and future projects. We also express concern about the bill's preference for gas over other fuels.We at Renew Missouri support Rep. Banderman's reasonable assessment that prevents financial challenges many local governments impose on solar projects. It ensures existing businesses avoid financial ruin or relocation. It supports economic development, and we encourage the Committee to back solar projects providing clean, cheap power. We also appreciate Rep. Banderman's recognition that smaller systems should be taxed minimally, given the investment from residential customers and small businesses in solar arrays.We do oppose the PISA provisions of this bill which follows the trend of several bills this year which promote natural gas as a solution to reliability and economic development. However, gas has major drawbacks. Its price is volatile, influenced by factors like weather and international trade. For instance, tariffs on Canadian gas raise costs. EPA rules limit gas plant scope and lifespan, and while some expect the current administration to ease restrictions, future administrations may reinstate or tighten them, making gas investments risky. Supporters of increased gas argue it will attract data centers and manufacturing. But companies like Meta, Google, and Nucor have chosen Missouri due to guaranteed clean energy from wind and solar. The question isn't whether gas will create economic opportunities, but which generation source will. Clean energy is key.Renew Missouri doesn't necessarily ask for a vote against the bill, but urges lawmakers to expand the language to allow favorable treatment for all generation types, including clean energy, fossil fuels, and battery energy storage systems, which improve reliability. As written, HB 1059 creates winners and losers. If lawmakers adopt an "all of the above" approach, the bill should address all generation forms, not just gas.In conclusion, we urge the Committee to expand the scope to allow all future solar projects to benefit from the property tax assessment, while protecting current investments. We also recommend expanding accounting incentives to include all energy generation, including battery storage.With respect,James Owen, Executive Director, Renew Missouri



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To: Rep. Bob Bromley, Chair, and MembersHouse Utilities CommitteeFrom: Jeanette Mott Oxford, Board President Consumers Council of MissouriRe: Our opposition to HB 1059Consumers Council of Missouri, founded in 1971, educates consumers statewide and advocates for their collective interests through leadership and partnerships on issues such as utility rates, health care access, personal finance, and others as they arise.We are opposed to the Plant -In-Service-Accounting (PISA) part of this bill (Section 393.1400 – page 16, line 1).In 2018, PISA was passed by the Missouri General Assembly and signed into law by Gov. Greitens. The total cost impact (calculated by the staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission [PSC] n 2018) was projected to be 9.74% in excess rate charges over the ten-year until the law sunsets (2016-2028).A deal was made in the Senate by Sen. Jill Schupp and some Republican legislators to:o Limit the PISA to 85%, so that the utility at least had some “skin in the game”. o A sunset was put into the legislation, and consumers were promised that there would be an analysis of how well it worked before any reauthorization of PISA.o PISA was limited to distribution investments.HB 1059 would violate all of those consumer protections at once:o Increases the extra recovery to 90%.o Extends the sunset until 2035 and beyond.o Adds natural gas power plants to the special extra PISA rate treatment, potentially raising rates for Ameren Missouri and Evergy.Combined, this part of the legislation would cost the average electric consumer an additional \$227.43 per year!There are caps in the current legislation that limit the impact on large commercial customers. This means that when those caps are reached, the excess is shifted to be paid by residential customers, and so the impact on households may be even greater.We ask you to consider removing this portion of the bill through amendment.



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Dear Chairman Bromley and Members of the Committee, Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a statewide, advocacy nonprofit organization that works to empower Missourians to protect their environment and health. HB 1059 unduly favors gas utilities by allowing them to base rates off hypothetical costs for future energy and equipment, potentially inflating rates unfairly. Using a future test year does not guarantee accuracy and might result in rates that either overburden consumers or overly fund utility operations for their services. For this reason, we respectfully ask that you oppose HB 1059. It also weakens penalties for non-compliance with federal gas safety standards, which would signal to current or prospective gas corporations that Missouri leadership is not concerned with the safety of their facilities, and thereby the safety of Missourians. Lastly, it offers significant rate discounts to new and large gas consumers which deters utilities from investing in more renewable energy projects. All of these proposed changes are pointing Missouri's energy future in the wrong direction. Natural methane gas plants are not clean or safe, and we should not be investing in more natural gas given its contribution to climate change. We urge you and the committee to vote "NO" on HB 1059 to protect consumers and support fair, sustainable energy production. In conclusion, HB 1059 introduces uncertainty, unfair financial burdens, potential safety risks, and market inequities into Missouri's utility framework. We must prioritize stability, fairness, and safety in utility regulation. Therefore, We strongly urge a "NO" vote on HB 1059 to protect Missouri citizens and ensure a more equitable and balanced approach to utility management. Thank you for your time.



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