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Over the past 7 years, the electric utilities in the Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO) and Southwest Power Pool (SPP) have closed 60 power plants (22,000 MW). These plants had the capacity to provide electricity to 14.2 million average homes. By 2030, the electric utilities in MISO and SPP have announced the closure of 34 more power plants 20,400 MW. Enough to power 13.7 million additional average sized homes. In Dec. 2024, the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) issued a 'Long-term Electric Reliability Assessment'. This report lists the MISO as of HIGH risk of electricity shortfall during summer and winter normal peak demand periods. The NERC also reported the SPP as having an ELEVATED risk of shortfall of electricity during extreme weather periods. Missouri electric utilities have closed three power plants (Sibley, Meramec, Rush Island) over the past 6 years. Currently they have listed two more plants (Sioux, John Twitty) by 3031. Enough to power 740,000 average size homes. Both MISO and SPP show that over 80% of the new generation to be renewable. This means this electric generation is based on weather conditions. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) reported in January that our electric demand in the US is expected to grow by 4.7% annually for the next 5 years. A growth of 78,000 MW of electricity. The state of Missouri should protect the reliability of electricity for its citizens. HB 476 insures that an ample supply of reliable (dispatchable) electricity is constructed and operating before closing an existing power plant.



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**Associated Industries of Missouri supports requiring electric utilities to provide replacement baseload reliable energy generation before curtailing or eliminating an existing generation facility.**



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**I am Opposed to this Bill. This Legislation was written and handed to the Sponsor by the Utility Industry and Lobbyist. This is an awful Bill for Missouri Consumers that will cost 100's of Million in increased Utility Costs to Missouri Families. This Legislation is shameful and MUST be defeated!**



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The Sierra Club opposes House Bill 476. This bill is designed for the electrical grid of the past. They could result in replacing old, obsolete coal-burning power plants with other coal or natural gas-generated power, contrary to the direction and economics of electricity supply. In reality, "reliable electric generation" has been redefined and is continuing to transform. Our regulated utilities are embracing the need for solar and wind generation that is cheaper than existing coal plants (which are rapidly fading away) and natural gas with its price volatility. The internet and the advent of "smart" meters have made it possible to ensure reliability with a constant balancing of supply, demand, and energy storage. Demand savings from energy efficiency and demand reduction can now be aggregated and dispatched by the regional transmission organizations with the same reliability as power generation. Energy storage smooths out the intermittency of wind and solar generation. Battery storage is rapidly coming down in price, and electric vehicle batteries will soon be part of the grid. Today's grid works by being resourceful, nimble and resilient. This bill could strand Missouri in the world of vanishing centralized power stations. I am more than an advocate, I am a mother. And as a mother this bill reeks of bad policy and poor planning. When my daughter was born I included expenses in my budget for diapers, wipes, formula, and daycare. But now my daughter is 8, I no longer have need of diapers and formula. Why would I keep buying diapers? House bill 476 makes just as little sense. This bill does nothing but subsidize the fossil fuel industry and create unnecessary expense for Missourians.



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I urge you to vote “no” on HB 476 (Pollitt), as this bill imposes harmful and unnecessary restrictions on the transition to cleaner, more sustainable energy solutions. The bills require utility companies to generate an equal or greater amount of electricity as a current power plant before they can close that plant. This provision slows down the retirement of harmful fossil fuel plants, locking Missouri into continued reliance on outdated and polluting energy sources. It also fails to acknowledge the significant investments individuals, companies, and political subdivisions are making in energy efficiency and renewable energy. While we must ensure Missourians can keep the heat and lights on, this language will have the unintended consequence of delaying the closure of outdated power plants until utilities can generate more electricity—electricity their customers may not even need. This is a step backward for our state’s energy future. Additionally, the bills mandate that “reliable” energy must replace coal plants, a term that disproportionately favors fossil fuel-based solutions like natural gas. By providing favorable accounting deferrals for gas plant construction, these bills prioritize the interests of wealthy utility companies and natural gas conglomerates over the needs of Missourians. Furthermore, the provision allowing businesses to assume ownership of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) for energy provided for their own benefit undermines progress toward cleaner energy solutions. This could hinder the state’s ability to meet its renewable energy goals and shift the financial burden of compliance onto other ratepayers. The complex compliance requirements introduced by these bills will ultimately burden both utilities and consumers, creating unnecessary red tape and increasing costs for Missouri families and businesses. These bills cater to the interests of powerful utility companies at the expense of local tax dollars, public health, and the environment. They ignore the growing demand for clean energy and the economic opportunities it brings, such as job creation and reduced energy costs. Missouri deserves energy policies that prioritize affordability, sustainability, and equity—not policies that protect outdated fossil fuel infrastructure and delay progress. I urge you to vote “no” on HB 476 and instead support legislation that encourages innovation, efficiency, and a just transition to renewable energy.



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**HB 476 requires utility companies to generate an equal or greater amount of electricity as a current power plant they operate before they can close that power plant. This slows down the retirement of harmful fossil fuel plants and fails to acknowledge the investments individuals, companies, and political subdivisions are making in energy efficiency. Although we need to make sure Missourians can keep the heat and lights on, but this language will have the impact of utility companies delaying the closure of outdated power plants until they can generate more electricity that their customers may not even need.**