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I am in favor of more solar energy for businesses across the state and support this bill.



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My wife and I have solar on our house and it greatly reduces our energy bill. It is nice to take control of our own power while helping the environment. I strongly support solar in Missouri.



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Rep. Stinnett's bill will help businesses across Missouri save money and secure their energy supply. My company, StraightUp Solar, with 120+ employees headquartered in Maryland Heights, has installed several solar PV systems for industrial and manufacturing sites across Missouri. We operate 4 full-time installation and service teams across the state and the interest in solar energy remains strong. By lifting the caps on net metering and interconnection, her bill will enable more businesses to choose solar energy to reduce production costs, improving the economic output while adding solar jobs to Missouri-based companies, like StraightUp Solar



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It is more than past time for Missouri to take advantage of more opportunities to utilize our energy resources. This also will make the process of appealing to one's HOA more efficient and straightforward.



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I as a Missouri resident and home owner support this bill. This will assist Missouri property owners in generating their own energy as well as those utilities to have additional resources of energy making all of Missouri energy stronger and better sustained. This especially important in times when there is more stress on the grid.



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February 18th, 2025
Renew Missouri Advocates, Inc. 915 East Ash
Columbia, Missouri 65201
Re: Written Testimony to the General Laws Committee on House Bill 417
To Chairman Keathley and Members of the Committee,
Renew Missouri, a 501(c)(3) organized in the state of Missouri to promote renewable energy and energy efficiency policy, wishes to testify in favor of Representative Melanie Stinnett's House Bill 846. The legislation provides for the expansion of benefits already found under the Missouri Net Metering and Easy Connection Act that will provide additional opportunity to electric customers including inflationary relief from rising utility bills, additional sources of power to utility companies who point to foreseeable rises in demand, and energy independence to our state that otherwise allows for monopolistic utilities to be the only game in town. Since rooftop solar was allowed by law in 2007, the solar industry has made steady gains in Missouri. Customers have enjoyed the financial and environmental benefits that come along with solar. Utility companies have used this power for a cheap source of generation that eases stress on the grid, which benefits all customers. But the law is limited in parts, failing to allow larger residences and businesses to fully-participate in the process. While controversies ignite over whether solar arrays should be allowed on farmland, many ask why large rooftops and parking lots aren't used. The simple answer is that such large arrays are not allowed by utility companies at these sites because the law does not require them to do so. This legislation would change that and provide the opportunity for larger systems on already-developed land. Moreover, smaller utilities have used the current five percent cap to deny their customers the right to use solar, sometimes unlawfully arguing their system does not need to allow for the additional generation. Which is also interesting given how utilities are currently lobbying for more leeway to build gas plants because they need more power. This legislation expands the cap to fifteen percent and this change could allow for a boom to not only the solar industry but the customers who have been denied the opportunity to "go solar" by their monopolistic utility. These same utilities will surely argue solar costs them money to sustain and is a burden on other non-participating customers. However, these utility representatives never present actual evidence of this. When the Legislature attempted to study the matter back in 2023, the efforts were mysteriously stopped by leadership. I would argue it was stopped by these very utilities who knew the study would show that solar actually benefits not only their system but other customers as well. Their real fear is competition for power generation from their own customers. Monopolies hate nothing more than the concept of competition. In short and to summarize, HB 846 is a win for solar customers, customers who choose not to use solar but can still see the benefits of a more robust grid, and utility companies who will have more power produced on their behalf. We urge you to vote yes on this legislation. I may be reached at 417-496-1924 or james@renewmo.org if questions or concerns remain. Thank you. With respect,
James Owen, Executive Director, Renew Missouri



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Good Afternoon Chairman and committee members. Thank you for your time today. Myself and the small businesses that I represent today appreciate the task in front of you and appreciate you taking the time to hear from us. A little about me, I was born and raised in the Kansas City area. After high school I attended the University of Missouri in Rolla where I received my degree in Nuclear Engineering after which I served 7 years as a Nuclear Trained Officer in the United States Navy aboard the Aircraft Carrier the USS Abraham Lincoln. I have worked in the solar industry for the past 14 years and am the owner of Artisun Solar. At Artisun Solar we help business reduce their energy costs and strengthen their customer relationships by using solar power. We have installed over 500 Solar projects throughout the Midwest from Louisiana, to South Dakota and from Utah to Georgia. The reason for my testimony is to ensure fair access to distributed generation for the small businesses in your state. With the continual improvement of battery & Solar technology we are at the beginning where Missourians are able to use these two technologies to reduce their load from the utility and send no load back to the utility. The ability of a business or person to self generate their own energy when they can and use the services of the local utility ONLY when they need it is the epitome of freedom of choice. With the changes in technology that are now available Missouri's law needs updating so that Missouri businesses and Missourians can take advantage of these technologies and reduce their exposure to skyrocketing energy costs. So why would a utility be against this? Well the first thing you will probably hear is "Cross-subsidization". Cross-subsidization is just a fancy way of saying "not average". What they will say is that solar is being subsidized by other customers. But what they don't tell you is that their current billing system already subsidizes customers with different energy use profiles. Consider 2 Companies or home owners right next door. Both are on the same billing tariff but one uses more energy at night and the other during the day. Since tariffs are based on average costs both customers will pay the same even though the cost to the utility to serve the night time customer is lower than the customer using energy during the day, hence one is "cross-subsidizing" the other. If the utilities want to fix this or to ensure Solar customers "Pay their fare share" they can by matching their billing methods with their associated cost structures. The other argument they will use is that there are "bad actors" in the solar industry. Lets be honest here, there are bad actors in all industries. Especially with high pressure in home sales people selling financed products. We in the solar industry are all for cleaning up the bad actors within our industry and any industry that takes advantage of these tactics. Lets then ask ourselves, who really loses when the overall consumption on the grid goes down? The large wholesalers who buy and sell on the RTO's/marketplace. Who do you really want to protect? Large corporations who can manipulate the cost of energy in a limited access market or Missourians? See the below article for more information. <https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/investing/2024/12/13/uk-gas-plants-made-millions-in-a-few->

hours-during-price-spike/In my experience working with customers in Missouri and other states I have seen a wide range of interconnection processes and compensation methods and a lot of different levels of knowledge behind that process. Without clear guidance from state legislatures it is often left up to a local utility what they will “allow” a business to do. Energy choice is important, yet too often we experience resistance or obstruction by utilities when customers are seeking to use readily available technology. Some of what we have seen includes:

- Limiting the size of what a business can install which doesn’t allow a company to meet customers requirements and delaying or excessively delaying the process over different interpretations of the current language around “What is appropriately sized”.
- Insisting that the business sell all of the energy to the utility at a wholesale rate and then the utility would sell the same energy back to the company at a retail rate. Yes this actually happens. This is the standard policy for all MPOA owned city utilities
- Not knowing or following FERC Small Generator Interconnection Procedures.
- Wholesalers who control the RTO’s not giving a carve out to small utilities so that consumers cannot receive fair compensation for energy they produce.

With technology improving and energy costs rising, more consumers are looking for ways to take control of their energy future. By updating Missouri Net Metering statutes you will give all Missourians access to technologies that will help them reduce their energy costs and keep Missouri Businesses competitive throughout the world.



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I am in support of this bill.



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Azimuth Renewables supports net metering solutions that do not interfere with a landowner's ability to generate and store energy behind the meter



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I am Opposed to this Bill at this time. Something just does not sound right about this Legislation.



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My name is Darrell Dunlap, and I am the Utility Superintendent for the City of Fulton. I am concerned with the proposed changes in HB846. The following items are my main concern:- What is the definition of "Virtual Net Metering"? How will this be measured and returned back to the retailer if there are any extra costs associated with this "Net Metering"? How is this going to interface with our current metering/billing software? As we see it, it would increase our need for new software and or personnel to ensure the readings are correct. - If the electricity exceeding the monthly usage is paid at retail rates, it will not cover the distribution, capacity costs, and workforce costs of the utility and shifts these costs to the customers that are not customer-generators. - I do not agree with PSC regulating the City Fulton as we have an elected City Council and Utility Board that oversees rates and rules of operation.



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This is Ian Wrobel from Kirkwood Electric, writing on behalf of Director Mark Petty. As a member of the MPUA, and alongside all other members of the Public Utility Association, we unequivocally oppose this bill in its entirety. The proposed changes will have severe and detrimental effects on the City of Kirkwood and its utility system. We urge you to reject this bill and not allow it to pass out of committee. Our primary concerns are as follows:

- **Raising the cap to 1MW:** This change will undoubtedly strain the capacity of our distribution system, triggering the need for costly and disruptive system upgrades that will be detrimental to the City of Kirkwood.
- **Increasing the net metering availability requirement to 15% peak:** This provision will further exacerbate the strain on our distribution system and magnify the challenges we face in maintaining system stability and integrity.
- **Virtual Net Metering:** The introduction of virtual net metering is a grave concern. Kirkwood has its own power portfolio and rate recovery system that aligns with our metered power load. Virtual net metering will disrupt this balance, making it impossible for the utility to recover costs accurately and putting us at financial risk. It will undermine the entire rate structure and severely hinder our ability to meet the needs of our customers and properly manage our system.
- **PSC Regulation of Municipal Utilities:** Allowing municipal utilities to fall under PSC regulation is an unacceptable power grab. It will strip the local control of our utility system from the Kirkwood City Council and undermine our ability to manage our system in the best interest of our community.
- **Increased Requirements for Protective Equipment and Liability Insurance:** The bill's significant increase in the threshold for protective equipment and liability insurance is not only ill-conceived, but it also fails to take into account the real dangers posed to our line workers. As solar operations grow in size, so do the risks to safety, and this bill does nothing to address those hazards.
- **Unclear Definition of Virtual Net Metering:** The bill introduces the concept of "virtual net metering" without providing a clear and comprehensive definition. It leaves major questions unanswered, such as how energy retailers will be compensated for the added costs of virtual net metering customers. This vagueness creates further regulatory uncertainty and risk. We strongly urge you to reject this bill and ensure it does not proceed out of committee. The consequences of these proposed changes are far-reaching and will undoubtedly harm the participating members of MPUA, City of Kirkwood, our utility systems, and our residents. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Ian Wrobel Kirkwood Electric



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My name is Rodney Bourne, and I am the General Manager of Rolla Municipal Utilities. I am concerned about many of the changes proposed in HB846, but will focus on just a few problematic areas:•

The bill introduces an undefined concept of “Virtual Net Metering.” There is no definition of what virtual net metering would entail, nor does the revised bill language discuss how energy retailers would be compensated for any higher costs directly attributed to a virtual net metering customer. In my experience, most billing software systems have difficulty with our current net metering law. Adding Virtual Net Metering would require expensive modifications to software, if possible at all. Or it would require bills to be hand calculated and processed requiring additional manpower and expense. • HB846 would place municipal electric operations within the purview of MoPSC which historically has not been the practice in Missouri. Cities are independent political subdivisions of the State with current authority to regulate their own retail electric supply. • HB846 also significantly increases the threshold for protective equipment and liability insurance. As the size of a solar operation increases, so does the potential for creating hazardous conditions for our lineworkers. HB846 does not adequately address these hazards. • We, in the municipal sector, are deeply concerned that the proposed changes, such as raising the cap to 1MW, expanding the net metering availability requirement to 15% of peak load, allowing virtual net metering, and permitting indefinite credit rollover, will exacerbate any cost shifts and further increase the financial burden on non-solar customers. I have testified in previous sessions with regard to consumer protections which have been met favorably by those in Missouri promoting sales of solar systems. None of the changes in HB846 address consumer protections. In conclusion, any proposed changes to Missouri’s net metering laws should be carefully evaluated with a focus on protecting consumers and ensuring the long-term reliability of the electric grid. The electric grid is a critical resource, and the costs of maintaining its reliability should be equitably shared among all customers. It is essential that the electricity needs of all Missourians, regardless of their energy choices, are met safely, affordably, and reliably.



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The City of Nixa is strongly opposed to HB 846. Nixa is deeply concerned that the proposed changes, such as raising the cap to 1MW, expanding the net metering availability requirement to 15% of peak load, allowing virtual net metering, and permitting indefinite credit rollover, will exacerbate the cost shift and further increase burden on non-solar customers. Any proposed changes to Missouri's net metering laws should be carefully evaluated with a focus on protecting consumers and ensuring the long-term reliability of the electric grid. The electric grid is a critical resource, and the costs of maintaining its reliability should be equitably shared among all customers. It is essential that the electricity needs of all Missourians, regardless of their energy choices, are met safely, affordably, and reliably.



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