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I encourage the committee to vote no on HB 853, because it will require Missouri ratepayers to pay for unnecessary natural gas expansion. We need a clean energy future, and now is the time to transition to affordable renewable energy.



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I very opposed to this Bill! This all for the Utility Company and Huge Rater Increases for Missourians. Defeat this terrible Bill!



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January 29th, 2025Renew Missouri Advocates, Inc. 915 East Ash St. Columbia, Missouri 65201Re: Written Testimony to the House Utilities Committee re: HB 853 and 963

To Chairman Bromley and Members of the Committee, Renew Missouri, a 501(c)(3) organized to promote clean energy policy for all Missourians, wishes to express its concerns with House Bill 963 in its current form. We are concerned about how the bill encourages choosing gas generation over other fuel sources. The reality is there's a number of bills contemplated by the Legislature this year that views the burning of natural gas as an end-all solution to reliability concerns and economic development. There are things to keep in mind about gas. First of all, its price is volatile. Half of the costs that come with natural gas involve volatility from such elements as weather and trade conditions with other countries. If tariffs are imposed against Canada, for instance, those tariff costs will be absorbed into the price of gas. Further, existing EPA rules limit the size and scope of gas plants and how long they can be in operation. While there is a belief the current administration will ease these regulations, there is no certainty administrations in charge during the course of these plants' life span will reinstate current restrictions. Maybe they will even increase restrictions, leaving short-term investments in gas unusable and an albatross around the neck of customers. Speaking of customers, proponents of increased gas production cite attracting data centers and manufacturing to Missouri as part of their support. But look at companies like Meta or Google or Nucor. They have located new facilities in Missouri due to utilities guaranteeing clean energy sources such as wind and solar will power their facilities. Just this past weekend, the St. Louis Business Journal wrote an article on MasterCard's operations demanding more solar to meet their sustainability goals. The question should not be about whether gas generation will create economic opportunities. The question should center around what type of generation will create economic opportunities. The answer to that is clean energy is critical. Renew Missouri doesn't ask for a vote against this legislation but to rather say, if you are going to pass this legislation, open up the language to allow favorable accounting treatment for all generation. Clean energy and fossil fuel generation. Not to mention battery energy storage systems that have also proven to bolster reliability in other parts of the country. We often hear about whether the Legislature should be picking winners and losers with potential laws. As written, HB 853 and 963 creates winners and losers. If lawmakers wish to take an "all of the above" approach to energy policy. this legislation should address all forms of generation and not simply gas production. With that, Renew Missouri urges you to vote against both HB 853 and 963 in their current iteration and consider amending it to include language more inclusive of all forms of energy generation including battery energy storage. With respect, James OwenExecutive Director, Renew Missouri



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I am a 70-year-old retired Missourian, living with a disability, and a former member of the Missouri House of Representatives (2005-12). I have been executive director of two not-for-profits focusing on reducing poverty and also public policy and advocacy manager at an independent living center. I remain active in multiple ministries and not-for-profits that serve the needlest members of my community, and I am honored to currently be the president of the board of directors of the Consumers Council of Missouri (CCM), but I testify here as an individual, not on behalf of CCM. Through the duties of these vocations and volunteer positions, I have learned how the high cost of utilities is often the tipping point for families that are struggling to cover their housing expenses. Low monthly rents almost always mean high heating and cooling bills as substandard and inexpensive housing generally has little insulation, no modern energy-efficient HVAC systems, etc. I ask members of the House Utilities Committee not to move HB 853 or HB 963 forward because Construction Work in Progress (CWIP) legislation risks making our utility bills even higher. In the 1970's Missourians passed a ballot measure opposing CWIP. Missourians do not support socializing risk and privatizing profit when it comes to utility plant construction. We ask you not to overturn the will of the people by passing HB 853 or HB 963. Those of us who are customers of investor-owned monopoly utility companies cannot shop for a better price; we are trapped in a closed system with only one place to buy our electricity, gas, or water/waste water services. We need legislators to act as consumer advocates and guard our household budgets. We need the Missouri Public Service Commission to do the same. Some terrible abuses have happened in states that allow CWIP:- In South Carolina, a CWIP-funded power plant project was completely canceled in 2017, but not before customers had been charged \$9 Billion dollars.- In Georgia, the recent CWIP-funded Vogtle boondoggle had cost overruns of \$17 Billion, and the final cost is more than twice the original estimate. Please do not pass HB 853 or HB 963.



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January 29, 2025Chairman Bob BromleyHouse Utilities Committee201 West Capitol AvenueRoom 401-AJefferson City MO 65101 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. House Bill 853 would allow utilities to charge customers for new natural gas power plants before they are completed and operational. This bill would undo the long-standing ban on Construction Work In Progress (CWIP) that passed in 1976 under Proposition 1 with a 63% of the statewide vote. Due to these concerns and the following reasons, MCE is opposed to this bill and therefore we urge you to vote "no" on HB 853. There are consumer inequity concerns and climate change concerns associated with this framework by facilitating the development of natural gas plants. This testimony intends to highlight our concern with this bill, incentivizing the creation of new natural gas plants and the subsequent pollution that comes with them. The provision allowing current work in progress to be included in base rates for natural gas is troubling. It transfers the financial risk of these projects from the utilities to the ratepayers, who will see their utility bills increase to cover the costs of construction that may not even be completed or necessary. Companies should not bear the cost of new developments, especially developments that lock us into more fossil fuel use, onto their customers.HB 853 disincentivizes renewable energy sources and long-term environmental sustainability. It appears to prioritize traditional energy sources, such as natural gas, which could lock Missouri into reliance on fossil fuels for decades to come, counteracting efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate climate change. In conclusion, HB 853 prioritizes the interests of electrical corporations over those of Missouri ratepayers. It imposes unnecessary financial burdens, locks the state into outdated energy infrastructure, and undermines accountability and regulatory oversight. Instead of advancing this bill, I urge you to Vote NO on HB 853 and instead support policies that promote affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy solutions while protecting the interests of Missouri families and businesses.



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