



MISSOURI CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION

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Case No. EW-2019-0229: Request for Party Submissions
Regarding Subsidies Relating to Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC):

The Missouri Corn Growers Association (MCGA) understands the importance of environmentally friendly fuels and vehicles. MCGA played an active role in formulating and pushing former Sen. Jim Talent's legislation, which put in place the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). Furthermore, MCGA helped create the model for the farmer-owned ethanol plant cooperatives that surged throughout Missouri in the mid-2000s. We have long been serving on the frontlines of clean energy policy and infrastructure development.

MCGA cannot support utility companies, who operate much like monopolies, increasing the cost to ratepayers to pay for the cost of installing infrastructure for EV charging stations. As with any monopoly, consumers do not have a choice of where or how to obtain the necessary electricity for their family's homes. But apparently, utility companies seem to have the ability to request charging consumers more per month to pay for the EV infrastructure; of which only a small number of Missourians would benefit from.

Our members oppose utility ratepayers being forced in any way to subsidize, directly or indirectly, the costs associated with electricity, promotional practices, lines, infrastructure, construction, or maintenance costs of EV charging stations. We oppose investor-owned utilities receiving legislative or regulatory (PSC) authority to charge ratepayers more on their monthly bills to fund the implementation of EV charging stations. Allowing utilities to subsidize the costs and risks associated with EV charging stations or promotional practices to advance them and unfairly compete in the private sector of retail motor fuel markets should not be allowed.

Lastly, MCGA strongly believes EV charging stations need oversight by the Missouri Department of Agriculture's Division of Weights and Measures. Moreover, the need to introduce mechanisms, other than alternative fuel decals, to pay for the use of Missouri's roads and bridges is evident. The current alternative fuel decal does not equitably measure the impact of EV's on Missouri's highway infrastructure, and those driving EV's should be held to the same standards and pay for their fair share of road utilization.

MCGA appreciates the opportunity to weigh in on this matter and hopes to work with others to find better solutions for all consumers, as well as ensure the funding is available to adequately maintain our state's roads and bridges.

Sincerely,

Mike Moreland
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