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Ameren/UE  
Rate Increase & The City of Dexter Concerns

Missouri Public  
Service Commission

I would like to open by saying that I work for the City of Dexter and we appreciate Ameren/UE for providing us with power and jobs at the local level. I have truly enjoyed working with Eric Boyer, Rick Morrow and your Economic Developer Skip Smallwood. When we call they do all they can at the local level to address our issues and help with our needs. BUT

- **What will the City see in return?** Currently the reducing of the local staff prolongs power outages and we have to wait until help from surrounding municipalities such as Cape Girardeau can arrive. With this type of response if a similar incident happens in those cities we have to wait until they have addressed and repaired their outages and this can cause loss of production to plants and stressful situations to our nursing facilities and residential areas in general.
- **What can be done about power surges?** Currently we are trying to address an issue with one of our largest employers. They see continual outages and surges that have been extremely costly to their production.
- **Has Ameren/UE explored how much business they could possibly lose?** With this type of increase Ameren/UE could see reduced revenue do to some jobs moving out of the area because our Industries cannot afford to pay these rates with the competitiveness in their business.
- **Will the City see improved services and needed attention?** The bottom line is the service has drastically declined over the last 5 yrs or more. We continue to see no response from the local level due to reduced work force and the crew being stretched too thin. The tree trimming is not being done and this causes power outages and service in general is not being performed and we are the ones that suffer. Being a part of the City of Dexter if we want to increase our rates we have to improve our services to the public.
- **What this will do to the City's services.** The voters just passed a \$4.5 million dollar bond issue to improve our wastewater treatment lagoons. This will add aerators to the west lagoon and double the power usage we are currently paying for our treatment facilities. Last year water/waste water paid \$160,170.00 for Electric used. This increase will hit our citizens twice once at their home and then again when their water and sewer bill has to be adjusted to pay the increase for the city's utilities. (See attached sheet on our current charges.)

Dexter  
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**UTILITY EXPENSE  
JUNE 2005-JULY 2006  
AMEREN UE**

	ACTUAL EXPENSE	RUMOR 27% INCREASE	ILLINOIS APROVED 22% IN.
ADMINISTRATION	\$7820.72	\$9932.01	\$9541.27
POLICE	\$12,380.65	\$15,723.43	\$15,104.39
STREET-STREET LIGHTS	\$ 811.25	\$ 1030.28	\$ 989.72
STREET	\$ 5835.11	\$ 7410.59	\$ 7118.83
FIRE	\$ 9277.90	\$ 11,782.93	\$11,319.04
WATER	\$160,170.12	\$203,416.05	\$195,407.98
LIBRARY	\$ 7685.31	\$ 9760.35	\$ 9376.08
PARK	\$ 14,574.47	\$ 18,509.58	\$ 17,780.85
POOL	\$ 5390.97	\$ 6846.53	\$ 6576.98
<u>AIRPORT</u>	<u>\$ 4766.86</u>	<u>\$ 6053.91</u>	<u>\$ 5815.57</u>
	\$228,713.36	\$ 290,465.97	\$279,030.30
<b>PROJECTED INCREASE</b>		<b>\$ 61,752.61</b>	<b>\$ 50,316.94</b>