

Energy Efficiency

1 **WHEREAS**, Missouri spends approximately \$20 billion every year on its primary energy sources
2 (such as coal, oil, natural gas), most of which leaves the state;

3 **AND WHEREAS**, Missouri's economy would benefit from reducing its energy expenditures
4 through energy efficiency, by keeping more energy dollars in the state;

5 **AND WHEREAS**, Missouri is approximately 85% dependent on coal for its electricity
6 generation;

7 **AND WHEREAS**, Missouri's environment would benefit from reducing the combustion of fossil
8 energy sources through energy efficiency and renewable energy use;

9 **AND WHEREAS**, Section 393.1040, RSMo establishes as a policy of this state that electrical
10 corporations should be encouraged to develop and administer energy efficiency initiatives that
11 reduce the annual growth in energy consumption and the need to build additional electric
12 generation capacity;

13 **AND WHEREAS**, Missouri's regulated electric and natural gas utilities lose money by investing
14 in energy efficiency, even though it is the lowest cost energy source, due to the existing regulatory
15 framework in which energy efficiency results in lower revenues and profits from reducing energy
16 sales;

17 **AND WHEREAS**, to address this problem, Missouri enacted the Missouri Energy Efficiency
18 Investment Act (MEEIA) in 2009 to encourage to encourage electric utilities to continue to
19 increase investments in energy efficiency programs for customers by authorizing the Public
20 Service Commission to provide timely cost recovery and financial incentives to utilities;

21 **AND WHEREAS**, following adoption by the Public Service Commission of the administrative
22 rules to implement the MEEIA in 2011 after a lengthy stakeholder process, Missouri's regulated
23 electric utilities are reducing rather than increasing investments in energy efficiency programs for
24 their customers;

25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of Missouri
26 assembled at the Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO this 26th day of February, 2012
27 urges the Missouri General Assembly, the Public Service Commission, the regulated electric
28 utilities and other interested stakeholders to work together to find a resolution that is fair to both
29 customers and shareholders and results in increasing investments in energy efficiency programs in
30 an expeditious manner, for the benefit of the State of Missouri.