

**Sikeston Board of Municipal Utilities Announces Energy Planning Process**  
***Development of an Integrated Resource Plan Will Help the Board Better Understand the Community's  
Future Electricity Needs and the Best Way to Meet Them***

June 7, 2023 – Today, the Sikeston Board of Municipal Utilities (SBMU) announced that it is initiating a review of the community's future energy needs and the best way to meet them. The process SBMU is using will help the utility understand options and which ones are best able to provide rate stability, energy reliability, the ability to serve current and future electrical loads, the use of technology options for customer benefit, and maintaining SBMU's ability to provide future benefits for the community through the supply of power.

The IRP process kicks off with an open house event where the public can come to learn more about the challenges and opportunities SBMU is contending with as it evaluates the best ways to meet the community's energy needs going forward. An initial draft analysis is anticipated late 2023.

**Where:**                      **Clinton Building**  
                                     **501 Campanella Drive**  
                                     **Sikeston, MO 63801**

**When:**                        **June 14, 2023 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

**What to Expect:**        **The open house will present information regarding the opportunities and challenges the utility is confronting, the process the utility will be using to evaluate them, and allow the public to ask questions**

In initiating the effort, SBMU Board Chairman, Jon Gilmore said, "The Board knows how important low-cost, reliable power is to the community. Our rate payers, businesses and employers, and our neighbors have all benefited from the investment our community decided to make nearly 50 years ago. We owe it to our community to look forward, do the analysis, and consider the best options to continue to support low-cost, reliable electricity for the community."

Sikeston Mayor Greg Turnbow added, "The City is committed to a process that involves our community, considers all the options, focuses on keeping rates low and electricity reliable, and supports jobs."

**The Sikeston Board of Municipal Utilities (SBMU)** is a city-owned utility that provides electricity, water, and sanitary sewer services within the city. The utility owns and operates the Sikeston Power Station, a 235-megawatt coal-fired electricity generating facility which began operations in 1981.

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