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## News Release

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### **Lt. Governor Kinder Applauds Utility Company's Commitment to Seniors**

**JEFFERSON CITY** – Lt. Governor Peter Kinder, the state's Official Senior Advocate, lauded AmerenUE today for their "Clean Slate" initiative, a program to help low-income senior citizens pay off their past due electric bills.

"During these hot summer days, it is refreshing to see a utility company lend a helping hand to Missouri seniors," Lt. Governor Kinder said. "Ameren deserves to be commended for their commitment to the communities they serve, and for this effort to help ease the burden on low-income Missourians."

\$3 million from AmerenUE will be set aside for the "Clean Slate" program to help low-income elderly and low-income disabled Ameren customers who have fallen behind on their bills. Any remaining funds will be directed to assist other low-income customers. The initiative is fully funded by AmerenUE and customers will not be charged for the program.

In his role as Missouri's Official Senior Advocate, Lt. Governor Kinder has made a priority of helping to ensure that Missouri seniors are cared for, especially during the hot summer months.

In 2008, Lt. Governor Kinder signed Senate Bill 720 into law. The bill created a statewide hot weather utility rule. From June 1st to September 30th, utility companies are prohibited from disconnecting service to customers when the temperature is expected to rise above 95 degrees for a twenty-four hour period.

For more information on the "Clean Slate" program visit,  
<http://www.ameren.com/cleanslate>.

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