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New Committee to Work to Protect Missouri's Energy Future Senate Leader Names Five Senators to New Joint Committee

JEFFERSON CITY – Missouri [Senate Leader Charlie Shields](#), R-St. Joseph, today announced the names of the five senators to serve on the Joint Committee on Missouri's Energy Future. The committee was created in [House Bill 734](#), which was signed into law last month.

The new panel is charged with drafting a long-term energy strategy to make sure Missourians benefit from an abundant and clean source of electricity to meet residential and business needs at an affordable rate.

The committee consists of ten members, five from the Senate and five from the House of Representatives. Sen. Shields appointed the following senators:

- Sen. Tim Green, D-St. Louis
- Sen. Jolie Justus, D-Kansas City
- Sen. Brad Lager, R-Savannah
- Sen. Rob Mayer, R-Dexter
- Sen. Kurt Schaefer, R-Columbia

Sen. Shields said the committee members have an important role in preparing Missouri to act now to secure the state's energy future.

"We must stop thinking year-to-year and instead put Missouri on a path to succeed in the long-term," Sen. Shields said. "Part of that success means having a secure, clean source for electric power in Missouri that Missouri consumers can afford."

Meeting notices will be available on the [House](#) and [Senate](#) websites. The committee must prepare and submit a report to the General Assembly by the end of the year. The committee will also be dissolved at the end of the year.

The 2009 regular session ended in May. The Senate will next convene on September 16 for the annual veto session.

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