SENATE COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL NO: SB 879

SPONSOR: Fitzwater

HEARING DATE: 2/3/2026

COMMITTEE: Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment	
CHAIRMAN: Cierpiot	
DATE REFERRED: 1/8/2026	DATE HEARING REQUESTED: 1/14/2026

STAFF:

Bryce Beal

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WITNESSES GIVING INFORMATION:

Kurt Schaffer - Missouri Department of Nature Resoures

Stephen Daure - Associated Commissioner Cape Girado County

Laura Hollosy - Missouri Municipal League

WITNESSES FOR:

Lisa Strichlin - Farmer

Ralph Boucher - Farmer

Catherine Vogelwid - Private Citizen

Connie Shoemaker - Farmer

Charles Crawford - Citizen

Vic Stratman - Maries County Commissioner

Tonya Stanford - Macon County

Isaiah Gehlert - Farmer

Sara McDaniel - Farmer

Clay McDaniel - Farmer

Melissa Grisham - Farmer

James Eymmer - Farmer

Jon Adamson - Farmer

Ike Skeltor - Camden County

Susan Cooper - Missouri Cattlemen's Association

Arnie Dienoff - Public Advocate

Susan Burns - Mid MO Landowners Alliance

Molly Eiken - Farmer

Betsy Bell - Farmer

Bret Southard - Farmer

Louis Boucher - Farmer

Patrick Kleffner - Western District

Charles Martin - Farmer

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Stacey Martin - Farmer
Michael Martin - No Vichy Solar
Krystal Martin - Farmer
Benjamin Simpson - Farmer
Melanie Thurnau - Farmer
Kurtis Butler - Farmer
Dale Butler - Farmer
Heather Lanage - Farmer
Mark Fiegenbaum - Missouri Farm Bureau
Cody Holt - Farmer
Amy Castro - Act for Missouri
Doug Westhades - Farmer
Brian Parks - Farmer
Craig Ross - Farmer
Josiah Town - Citizen
Mark Harson - Henry County Commissioner
Robin Crane - Farmer
Sonia Taylor - Farmer
Bob Cooper - Citizen
Mark Taylor - Famer
Baily Carter - Farmer
Marilyn O'Bannon - Farmer
Greg Westhburg - Walker Township and Henry County

WITNESSES AGAINST:

Carolyn Niswonger - Sierra Club Missouri Chapter
Elyse Schaffer - Missouri Coalition for the Environment
Jim Gwinner - Doarl Renewables
Heston Klenk - AES Corp
Zach Monre - Ameren Missouri
Lisa Pannet - Armorvine
Alan Anderson - Polsinelli
Mark Brady - Polsinelli
David Bunge - Azimuth Renewables
David Reed - Farmer
Waylon Brown - Clean Grid Alliance
John Corery - Electric Partners
Noel Torpey - Arevon Energy
James Owen - Renew Missouri Advocates inc

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