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MPUA CALENDAR

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March 12 | 10am
MAMU Legislative
Committee Mtg
Gov. Office Bldg 460
Jefferson City, MO

March 29-30
APPA Rodeo
Colorado Springs, CO

March 31-Apr. 3
APPA E&O Conference
Colorado Springs, CO

Apr. 2-3
Advancing
Renewables in the
Midwest Conference
Columbia, MO

TRAINING

Spring Tech 2019
March 13 - Waynesville
March 14 - Hannibal

Apr. 5 | 10am
Work in Water training
Columbia, MO

HEARING WEDNESDAY ON UTILITY SALE TRANSPARENCY

The MAMU Legislative Committee is scheduled to meet TOMORROW, Tuesday, March 12 at 10am. All MAMU board members are welcome to join us by phone or at 460 Governor Office Bldg in Jefferson City (200 Madison St).

A hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13 on [SB 383](#) (Emery-R), a bill to improve transparency for voters when deciding on the sale of a utility. Several MPAU members are expected to attend the hearing in support of this bill. If you can't attend, please reach out to your local senators and representatives asking that they support SB 383 and its companion House bill, [HB 909](#) (Francis-R). Last year the law was changed to lower the public vote from a supermajority to a simple majority when privatizing water, wastewater, and natural gas utilities. It applied only to 4th class

cities. The bill did not address how to provide voters with appropriate information to make an informed decision. As directed by the Missouri Public Water Council and the Municipal Gas Commission of Missouri, MPAU supports legislation to require an appraisal to determine the fair market value of the asset in question, provide appropriate public notice, and conduct an analysis of the sale's impact to city funds and revenues, other city services, and city growth/annexation.

This week, in addition to activities in support of [SB 383](#) (utility sale transparency), MPAU will monitor House budget hearings on [HB 6](#) (DNR – water commissions) and [HB 7](#) (DED – broadband); bill markup sessions [HB 482](#) (cybersecurity records closure) and [HB 831](#) (license plates for utility training); and public hearings on [HB 614](#) (tax exemp-

tions for utilities – food prep), [HB 1162](#) (Broadband Fund), [SB 377](#) (ISRS for water and sewer corps), and [SB 173](#) (EE property assessment contracts).

The House Utilities Committee voted out [HB 287](#) last week. The bill defines "electric vehicle charging station" and exempts from the definition of "electrical corporation" municipal utilities, electric cooperatives, and anyone not engaged in the sale of wholesale or retail electricity that owns, operates, or manages equipment that supplies electricity exclusively for the service of charging electric vehicles. MAMU worked hard to ensure the legislation doesn't create unintended territorial issues. [SB 296](#) is the companion bill.

Legislators head home for Spring Break this Thursday, March 14. They return March 25.

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK . . .

[New federal broadband funds can help rural Missouri — if utilities buy in](#) – MissouriNet, March 4
[Fitzwater's plan to reduce size of state House moves forward](#) – Missouri Times, March 8
[Public power voices support for bill that would overturn FCC order](#) – Public Power Daily, March 5
[KC native & FCC commissioner: Closing digital divide 'critical' in MO/KS](#) – KC Business Journal, March 4
[House committee proposes to exempt critical info from open records laws](#) - Columbia Missourian, March 2

MEET YOUR LEGISLATOR

Senator Jeanie

[Riddle](#), R - District 10

Elected to Senate: 2014

Committees:

Chair — Professional Registration; Vice-Chair — Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy & the Environment; Member — Administration; Appropriations; Gubernatorial Appointments; Seniors, Families & Children

Lives In: Callaway County

MPUA Cities: Fulton, Holts Summit, Madison, Monroe City, Paris,

Tidbit: Sen. Riddle taught and coached in the South Callaway School District for 28 years.



BILL BYTES: A quick look at bills being tracked by MPAU

[Find the complete bill report online here.](#)

[HB 614](#) [Dohrman, Dean\(R\)](#)
Authorizes a sales tax exemption for utilities used for commercial food preparation

[HB 1025](#) [Black, John\(R\)](#)
Modifies definition of "electric supplier" as it relates trespass rules for trimming, removing, and controlling trees

[HB 1162](#) [Riggs, Louis\(R\)](#)
Specifies that the Department of Economic Development shall maintain all funds obtained under the Broadband Internet Grant Program

[SB 383](#) / [HB 909](#) Senate: [Emery, Ed\(R\)](#)
House: [Francis, Rick\(R\)](#)
Modifies provisions relating to sale of utilities in 4th class cities
NOTE: Senate hearing Wednesday at noon. Please consider attending.

[SB 453](#) [Hough, Lincoln\(R\)](#)
States that certain records of municipally owned utilities may be closed under the Sunshine Law



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