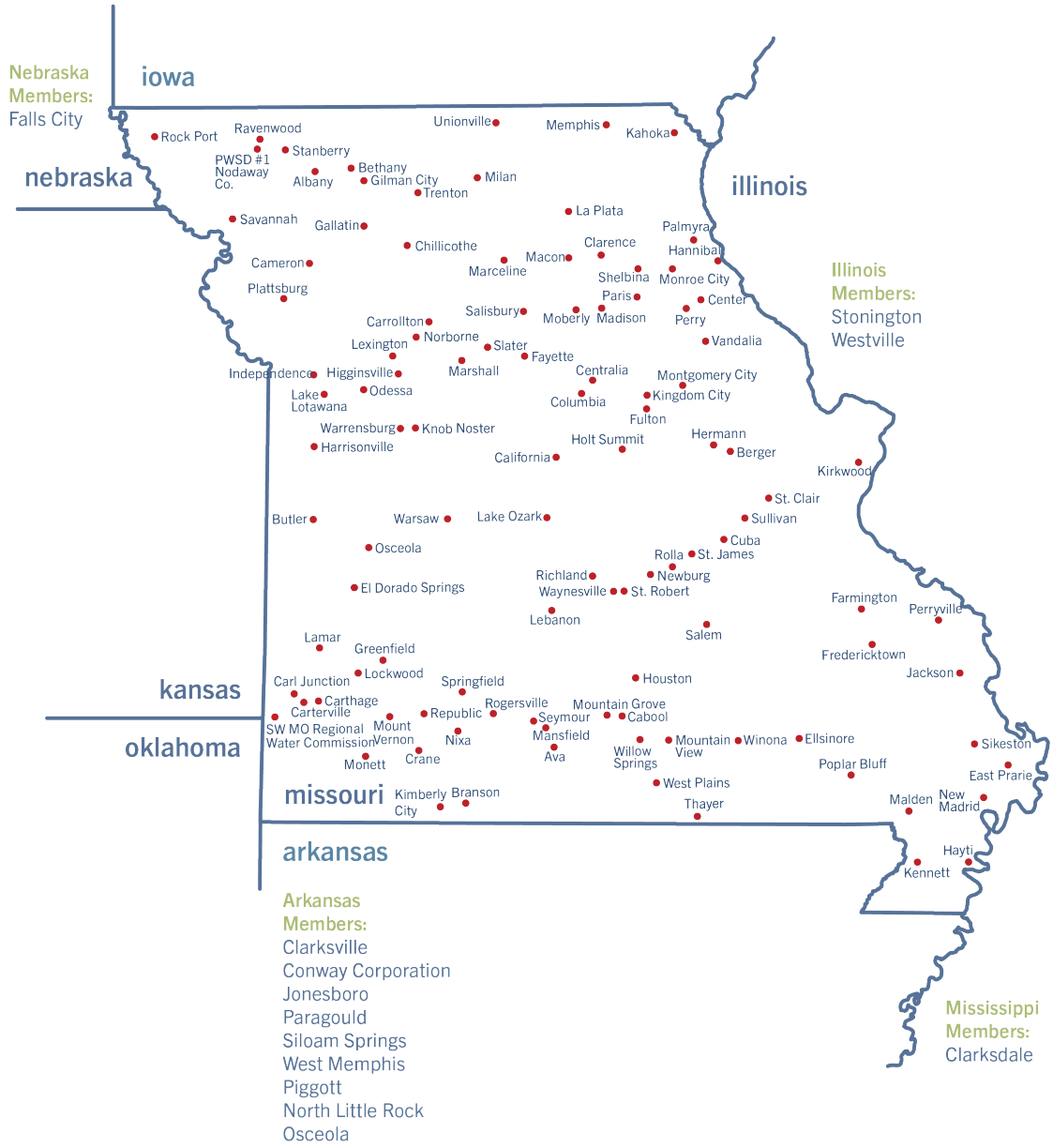


improving local quality of life through hometown utilities



Essential utility services



Civic led



Service guides mission, not profit



Responsive, reliable, affordable

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Broadband

Broadband access is a critical utility service for community and economic growth. MPUA supports state policies and incentives encouraging a highly flexible range of solutions for affordable and reliable broadband service, including community ownership and public private partnerships.



Infrastructure Investment

Utility infrastructure underpins the quality of life and economic prosperity for all Missouri communities. MPUA urges state and federal investment in hometown utility infrastructure that supports funding access, local control in development, and collaboration among like utilities.



Telecommunication Collocations

MPUA supports local control and management of pole attachments and rights-of-way. Safety and utility service reliability must be prioritized when allowing access to hometown utility assets and the full value of usage should be recovered to the benefit of local asset replacement, maintenance, and system growth.



Regulatory Policy

Environmental permitting and regulatory requirements should include considerations relating to cost and integrated planning. MPUA also believes permits should be affordable and include information on the resources available to mitigate financial burden to utility customers.



Net Metering

MPUA supports the safe and fair connection of customer-owned generation to hometown utility systems without a mandate on costs above existing supply arrangements or at the expense of other customer classes. MPUA supports consumer protections for utility customers that invest in alternative energy.



Underground Facilities (MO One Call)

MPUA supports state laws that improve worker safety, protect vital underground assets, and establish safe excavation standards without increasing utility liability or diverting resources from efficient utility service delivery.



Eminent Domain

Eminent Domain may be used by utilities for access by easement to private property at fair market value. MPUA supports due process and just compensation for land-owners while preserving the safe, reliable delivery of affordable utility services.

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