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Brothers and Sisters,

I first want to thank all of you who participated in our recent storm work efforts. The past month saw several major weather events hit our area, causing significant power outages. Your hard work in difficult conditions to restore service quickly and safely is appreciated by our customers and the community.

Safety must always be the top priority, whether during storm restoration or regular daily work. I urge everyone to continue following all safety protocols and watching out for one another. Rushing or taking shortcuts is never acceptable when it compromises safety.

The challenges we face often require coordination across different groups within our union. I encourage all of you to maintain an attitude of cooperation and teamwork. We are strongest when we work together toward our common goals as union members.

On a positive note, I want to thank everyone who helped make our annual Tom Kraus golf tournament a success. It was a great turnout and a fun event that raised money for pediatric cancer research. Events like these also build camaraderie amongst our membership.

Don't forget to attend your local union meetings. This is where you can stay informed on important issues, and have your voice heard on matters that affect our lives and livelihoods. An engaged membership is a strong membership.

In Solidarity,

Jeremy Pour
Business Manager/Financial Secretary

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Business Manager's Report

Alliant:

- The Company and Union meet again on June 10 to discuss the FMCP.
- Held Labor/Management meeting
- Met and discussed Cell Phone stipend, will meet again with counter-proposal.

Ameren:

- Quarter 2 Benefits meeting held to discuss prior year claims and tentative premiums for 2025.
- Met with Meter management to discuss glove testing, asbestos issues.
- Received a response regarding the Overtime Response policy.
- DORP true-up and rollover funding is now in everyone's accounts.
- Held two positive Departmental meetings with Stores and Overhead.
- Open Bluehat position is getting approved to be filled.
- General Foreman are all doing a great job in the field.
- Resolved the probing meter issue with Troubleman.

Liberty:

- Received a counter-proposal to raise the 401(k) match to 5%.

City of DeSoto:

- Met to discuss safety issues and a termination.
- City agreed to send employees to competent person training for trenches.

City of Potosi:

- One year contract approved by City Council.

City of Fulton:

- Won the representational vote, now will start the negotiating process.

This is a brief rundown of issues within each bargaining unit. Any questions please reach out to myself, Mike or Eric.

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Utility Conference

By: Mike Arnold

I attended the IBEW Utility Conference in New Orleans this May with President Chad Fletcher. We attended a few breakout sessions, concentrating on transmission, renewable energies, and safety. With the demand for electricity growing at an exponential rate, there is an industry wide push to build and restring tens of thousands of miles of transmission lines involving new 'High performance' lines with carbon fiber cores. There is also emerging use of Artificial Intelligence to monitor dynamic line rates to make more efficient use of our power grid and also the unknown amount of electrical usage for crypto mining.

Safety is one of the principles under which the IBEW was founded. Currently there is a push to encourage IBEW members to report all injuries no matter how small, so that a better database can be formed to assist in making new safety standards with government agencies like OSHA. This will help form a safer future as the IBEW can be an advocate on our behalf to help change, modify or add safety regulations with the intent to keep all brothers and sisters going home at the end of the day the same way you come into work.

During the final day, near the end of the conference there was an eye-opening presentation from Austin Keyser (Assistant to the International President for Government Affairs) regarding <http://www.project2025.org>. I encourage all members to look for themselves to see what could be in store for your future. As a final reminder, I would add that Organized Labor is not for President Biden but; instead, Joe Biden is for Organized Labor. No other president has supported the labor movement as our current one. Vote like your paycheck depends on it.

2024 Meeting & Event Calendar IBEW LOCAL 1439

<p>January</p> <p>01/08/2024 Exec. Brd. 01/09/2024 St. Louis 01/10/2024 St. Charles 01/16/2024 Franklin 01/17/2024 Jefferson 01/19/2024 City of Potosi 01/18/2024 Jackson/ Sikeston 01/23/2024 St Francois</p>	<p>February</p> <p>02/01/2024 Butler 02/05/2024 Exec Brd 02/06/2024 St. Louis 02/13/2024 Callaway 02/15/2024 Hayti 02/15/2024 Malden/ Caruthersville 02/20/2024 Potosi 02/22/2024 City of DeSo- to 02/27/2024 Fort Madison/ Keokuk 02/29/2024 Kirksville</p>	<p>March</p> <p>03/04/2024 Exec. Brd. 03/05/2024 St. Louis 03/12/2024 Jefferson 03/13/2024 St. Charles 03/19/2024 Franklin 03/22/2024 City of Potosi 03/28/2024 Jackson/ Sikeston</p>	<p>April</p> <p>04/01/2024 Exec. Brd. 04/02/2024 St. Louis 04/16/2024 St. Francois 04/18/2024 City of DeSoto 04/23/2024 Fort Madison/ Keokuk 04/30/2024 Hayti 04/30/2024 Malden/ Caruthersville</p>
<p>May</p> <p>05/06/2024 Exec. Brd. 05/07/2024 St. Louis 05/14/2024 Jefferson 05/15/2024 St. Charles 05/17/2024 City of Potosi 05/18/2024 1439 Golf Tournament 05/21/2024 Franklin 05/23/2024 Callaway 05/28/2024 Potosi 05/28/2024 Fort Madison/ Keokuk</p>	<p>June</p> <p>06/03/2024 Exec. Brd. 06/04/2024 St. Louis 06/17-06/20 11th District Progress Meeting 06/20/2024 City of DeSoto 06/25/2024 Jackson/ Sikeston</p>	<p>July</p> <p>07/01/2024 Exec. Brd. 07/02/2024 St. Louis 07/09/2024 Jefferson 07/10/2024 St. Charles 07/16/2024 Franklin 07/18/2024 Butler 07/19/2024 City of Potosi 07/23/2024 St. Francois</p>	<p>August</p> <p>08/05/2024 Exec. Brd. 08/06/2024 St. Louis 08/15/2024 Callaway 08/15/2024 Hayti 08/15/2024 Malden/ Caruthersville 08/20/2024 Potosi 08/22/2024 City of DeSoto 08/27/2024 Ford Madison/ Keokuk</p>
<p>September</p> <p>08/29/2024 Exec. Brd. 09/03/2024 St. Louis 09/10/2024 Jefferson 09/11/2024 St. Charles 09/17/2024 Franklin 09/20/2024 City of Potosi 09/26/2024 Kirksville</p>	<p>October</p> <p>10/01/2024 Jackson/ Sikeston 10/07/2024 Exec. Brd. 10/08/2024 St. Louis 10/12/2024 Fall Festival 10/19/2024 Rodeo 10/22/2024 St. Francois 10/24/2024 City of DeSo- to 10/29/2024 Butler</p>	<p>November</p> <p>11/04/2024 Exec. Brd. 11/05/2024 St. Louis 11/12/2024 Jefferson 11/13/2024 St. Charles 11/15/2024 City of Potosi 11/19/2024 Franklin 11/21/2024 Callaway 11/26/2024 Potosi 11/26/2024 Fort Madison/ Keokuk</p>	<p>December</p> <p>12/02/2024 Exec. Brd. 12/03/2024 St. Louis 12/10/2024 Hayti 12/10/2024 Malden/ Caruthersville 12/19/2024 City of Desoto 12/20/2024 1439 Christmas Party</p>

St. Louis meetings are held at 4:30.

Executive board and all other meetings are held at 4:00 pm.

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 City of DeSoto Union Meetings
 City of Potosi Union Meetings
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