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The Honorable Robin Carnahan
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Carnahan:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 13, 2012, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Paul Wilson regarding a proposed amendment to Chapter 393, Revised Statutes of Missouri. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall Missouri law be amended to:

- increase incrementally the total amount of renewable energy produced from sources such as wind turbines, solar, and hydropower that investor-owned electric utilities are required to purchase, generate, or otherwise acquire to at least 25% of their total retail sales by 2026, and limit rate increases to retail customers for compliance with this standard;
- require that such renewable energy be either procured by an electric utility for Missouri retail customers or generated by such customers; and

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- provide for solar energy incentives for retail customers and additional duties for the Office of Public Counsel?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,



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