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## **Ameren welcomes four more energy companies as Midwest utilities expand nation's largest interstate electric vehicle charging collaborative**

**Editor's Note: [Map of ten-state charging network available here.](#)**

ST. LOUIS (March 16, 2021) – Last year, Ameren announced a first-of-its-kind collaboration among energy companies that committed in good faith to build an extensive network of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations across the Midwest. Today, Duke Energy, MidAmerican, Liberty and Midwest Energy are joining the existing group of six utilities to support the growing use of electric vehicles. With this network of stations, EV drivers will be able to travel 1,200 miles from Detroit to Colorado – and points in between – with confidence there will be ample locations to recharge along the way.

The automotive industry expects EV adoption to grow from 1.5 million to 18.7 million vehicles by 2030. To meet the demand, an estimated 9.6 million public EV charging stations will be needed. Only about 100,000 stations are in service today, which is why Midwest energy companies are joining forces to support cleaner transportation.

The four energy companies, serving customers in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, and Oklahoma, are the newest companies to sign the Memorandum of Cooperation already in place among Ameren Illinois, Ameren Missouri, Consumers Energy (Michigan), DTE Energy (Michigan), Evergy (Missouri and Kansas) and Oklahoma Gas and Electric. Midwest Energy is the first member-owned electric cooperative to join the agreement with investor-owned utilities.

"In the Midwest, large cities are connected by vast rural areas, so drivers spend more time on the road and travel longer distances," said **Richard Mark**, chairman and president of Ameren Illinois. "The EV movement is happening, and we're proud to be part of a coalition that will help to provide motorists with convenient and economical charging options throughout the region."

Ameren has its own plans to be part of the EV revolution. By 2030, Ameren intends for 100% of its new light-duty vehicle purchases to be electric. In addition, Ameren will electrify 35% of its overall vehicle fleet, including light-duty, medium-duty, heavy-duty, forklifts and ATV/UTV by 2030.

"We recently set our own goal to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050," said **Marty Lyons**, president of Ameren Missouri. "That means looking internally to transition more of our own energy generation to renewables, as well as thinking about how we can help other industries reduce their own carbon footprint. Transportation is the largest



source of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States, which is why we're making it easier for consumers and businesses to charge and use EVs."

Utility programs supporting the Memorandum of Cooperation are subject to regulatory approvals and aim to have the charging infrastructure in place by the end of 2022.

**About Ameren Corporation**

St. Louis-based Ameren Corporation powers the quality of life for 2.4 million electric customers and more than 900,000 natural gas customers in a 64,000-square-mile area through its Ameren Missouri and Ameren Illinois rate-regulated utility subsidiaries. Ameren Illinois provides electric distribution and transmission service, as well as natural gas distribution service, while Ameren Missouri provides vertically integrated electric service, with generating capacity of approximately 10,100 megawatts, and natural gas distribution service. Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois develops regional electric transmission projects. For more information, visit [Ameren.com](http://Ameren.com), or follow us on Twitter at [@AmerenCorp](https://twitter.com/AmerenCorp), [Facebook.com/AmerenCorp](https://facebook.com/AmerenCorp), or [LinkedIn.com/company/Ameren](https://linkedin.com/company/Ameren).

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