

**PRELIMINARY INVENTORY  
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ELECTRIC RATE PAYERS PROTECTION PROJECT RECORDS**

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**Introduction**

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In 1984, a coalition of civil rights activists, religious organizations, social service agencies, and environmentalists organized to place a voter-initiated anti-nuclear proposition on the November 1984 ballot. Proposition B, which was defeated, would have inhibited Union Electric from charging customers for the Callaway County nuclear plant. The collection includes proposed legislation, meeting minutes, press releases, correspondence, memoranda, taped radio announcements, and petitions.

The Electric Ratepayers Protection Project, a coalition of civil rights groups, religious organizations, social service agencies, anti-nuclear power activists, and environmentalists, began in 1982 as a response to Union Electric's proposed rate increase. In 1984, Union Electric requested a 70% increase for over five years to pay for its nuclear power plant in Callaway County.

ERPP began a petition drive to place a voter-initiated proposition, called Proposition B, on the November 1984 ballot, which would protect consumers from unfair rate hikes. The Missouri Public Service Commission had been given authority in 1984 by the Missouri General Assembly to phase in the rates over several years but refused to set a cap on rates as sought by Proposition B.

Efforts to educate electricity consumers about Proposition B included public speeches, radio, television, and newspaper ads, and public service announcements. The petition drive reached a peak on June 23, 1984, with "Super Market Saturday," an effort to collect signatures at grocery stores throughout the state. On July 5, 1984, over 84,000 signatures, more than twice the required number, were turned in to the Secretary of State in Jefferson City.

State Representatives Wayne Goode, Karen Benson, Jim Riley, and Jerry Cox sponsored House Bill #1169 to prevent electric companies from, 1) increasing rates more than 6% a year; 2) charging customers for nuclear power plants' electricity costs until a waste disposal site was built; and 3) charging customers for construction cost overruns caused by mismanagement, accidents, and production of unneeded power. The proposed law would have ensured fair division of net-after-tax losses between ratepayers and company investors in the event of plant cancellation. Finally, the law would have prevented Union Electric from transferring its assets to a holding company without the permission of the Missouri Public Service Commission. After a lengthy court battle Proposition B was placed on the ballot on October 24, 1984, by the Missouri Supreme Court. The court battle involved Union Electric's claim that not enough Legal voters had signed the ERPP petitions and that the proposed law was vague. Attorneys for the ERPP, Lewis C. Green and Rusty Green, argued that the initiative title adequately expressed the initiative's

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content, and a petition recount proved that the required amount of signatures and been collected.

ERPP raised \$100,000 in the campaign to pass Proposition B. Contributions came from business, industry, labor, religious groups, and other organizations. A coalition of civic and business leaders, "Missourians Against Irresponsible Government," formed by Union Electric and other utilities, spent approximately 3 million dollars on the campaign against the proposition. The "No on B" campaign committee claimed Proposition B would force the shutdown of Callaway, prevent Missourians from receiving electricity from Kansas City Power and Lighting's Wolf Creek plant, and force ratepayers to pay for Callaway and Wolf Creek without receiving any electricity from them.

Proposition B was defeated by Missouri voters on November 6, 1984, by a 70% "no" to a 30% "yes" vote. Bob Jordan, a spokesman for the "No on B" campaign committee, considered the defeat a mandate for Callaway. Although ERPP disbanded after the November defeat of Proposition B, its founder, Kay Drey, continued to be active in anti-nuclear activities.

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