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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –Electric Utility Peak Warning

Excessive heat this week could mean the City of Salem electric utility might set a new peak from today, Wednesday, July 26 through Friday, July 28. There is no specific action required at this time, but things could change quickly, and we ask that all electric utility customers conserve or reduce your electrical usage as much as reasonably possible. Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA), the City of Salem’s electrical supplier, is not seeing huge price increases or reliability concerns at this time.

What is a peak warning? There is a chance that a new peak could be set for City of Salem electric customers. Although there are no electric market supply and demand issues right now, setting a new peak does have consequences. Setting a new peak demand would have cost impacts on the cost to the city to purchase power and that would be reflected on your utility bill moving forward.

For tips and ideas on how to conserve electricity and reduce your monthly utility bill check out the “Summer Home Efficiency Tips from MPUA” available on the City’s website at:

https://www.salemmo.com/city/government/departments/utility_department/index.php This flyer was also included as an insert in last month’s utility bills.

The City appreciates everyone’s understanding and assistance in keeping electric usage as low as possible during this time of excessive heat. For questions about your bill or usage call the Utility Office at 729-4117.

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