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Voltus quickly educated St. John's about MISO's various demand response programs that help to offset significant energy cost increases. The church and its facilities will reduce electricity consumption in response to market signals, which will generate energy income and savings, while supporting the stability of the grid for its congregation and community. "St John's encourages all not for profits to research options such as demand response programs with Voltus, not just to offset increasing power bills, but to support the safety of their communities," Buckellew added.

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Earlier this year, Voltus announced that its nearly 500 MW MISO portfolio is prepared to help meet a projected 5,000 MW shortfall, while calling on state regulators and FERC to lift demand response bans.

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BLOOMINGTON, IL, November 1, 2022 - Voltus, Inc. ("Voltus"), the leading distributed energy resource (DER) software platform, today announced that it has enrolled St. John's Lutheran Church ("St. John's") in demand response programs in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator ("MISO") Illinois region. Earlier this year, the MISO 2022/2023 Planning Resource Auction



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resulted in a 50x electricity capacity price increase while revealing a power reliability gap. It has been forecasted that customers in seven MISO zones spanning eleven US states are at risk of seeing controlled power outages and even higher bills in the 2023/2024 MISO auction.

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In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, County administrative offices will be closed Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29. Holiday Closures

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