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MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION INDUSTRY ANALYSIS DIVISION TARIFF AND RATE DESIGN DEPARTMENT

DIRECT TESTIMONY Revenue Requirement

OF

MICHAEL L. STAHLMAN

UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY, d/b/a AMEREN MISSOURI

CASE NO. ER-2022-0337

Jefferson City, Missouri January 2023

1		DIRECT TESTIMONY
2		OF
3		MICHAEL L. STAHLMAN
4 5		UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY, d/b/a AMEREN MISSOURI
6		CASE NO. ER-2022-0337
7	Q.	Please state your name and business address.
8	A.	My name is Michael L. Stahlman, and my business address is Missouri Public
9	Service Co	mmission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102.
10	Q.	Please provide your credentials.
11	A.	Please see Attachment MLS-d1.
12	Q.	What is the purpose of your testimony?
13	A.	I will explain Staff's normalized usage by rate block adjustments to the Residential
14	and Small	General Service (SGS) classes.
15	Q.	Why does Staff make an adjustment to these blocks?
16	A.	The winter rates for residential and SGS customers are split into two blocks with
17	different rates. This adjustment is necessary to properly apply the correct rate to a class's usage	
18	to account for the change in usage that occurs with Staff's normalization process.	
19	Q.	Why does Staff not apply the change in usage to the block with the highest usage?
20	A.	Some customers only have usage in the first block, even in winter. Since
21	block two has a lower rate than block one, assuming that all changes occur in block two would	
22	underestimate the revenue impact of Staff's normalization process.	
23	Q.	How did Staff develop the normalized usage by rate block adjustment for the
24	Residential class?	

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- Michael L. Stahlman A. Staff used the data provided by Ameren Missouri in the Response to Staff Data Request 0147 to determine how much usage would have occurred in the first block for all months, including the summer months as if the summer months also had a block one for all usage 750 kWh or less. Staff then performed a regression analysis of the percentage of usage that would have occurred in the first block to the actual total usage per customer. Staff then used these regression results to estimate the block one percentages for each month by using the normal usage per customer which was provided by Staff witness Kim Cox. I provided the results to Staff witness Kim Cox. Q. What factors were used in Staff's regression analysis? A. Staff used the actual usage per customer determined by the data in the Response to Staff Data Request 0147 and two dummy variables, one for summer and another for a
 - shoulder period.
 - Q. What do the summer and shoulder dummy variables account for?
 - A. These variables likely account for a larger percentage of customers using electric air conditioning in the summer than electric resistance heating in the winter.
 - Q. Do the summer and shoulder dummy variables match Ameren Missouri's tariffed summer months?
 - A. No. The two shoulder periods are June and October and the summer months are in-between. However, much of June's usage would have occurred in May (and October's usage in September) due to the meter reading cycles.
 - Q. How did Staff develop the normalized usage by rate block adjustment for the SGS class?

A. Staff performed a regression analysis using the actual block one percentage				
and the winter usage per customer. Staff then used these regression results to estimate the				
block one percentages for each month by using the normal usage per customer from				
Staff witness Kim Cox.				
Q. Did Staff consider using the Response to Staff Data Request 0147 for the				
SGS class?				
A. Yes. However, the SGS class subject to block rates is a smaller subset of the entire				
SGS tariffed rates and the data included in the Response to Staff Data Request 0147 was for all				
SGS customers and not separated by tariffed rates. Analysis of the data in the Response to				
Staff Data Request 0147 indicated that the customers making up the various SGS tariffed rate				
classes were not homogeneous, including a large divergence in block one usage percentages,				
making the data unsuitable to use for estimating normalized block one usage.				
Q. Did you provide the estimated block one percentages for SGS and Residential				
customers to other Staff witnesses?				
A. Yes. I provided the estimates to Staff witness Kim Cox.				
Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?				
Δ Ves it does				

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tariffs to Adjust Its Revenues for Electric Service) Case No. ER-2022-0337
AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL L. STAHLMAN
STATE OF MISSOURI)
COUNTY OF COLE) ss.
COMES NOW MICHAEL L. STAHLMAN and on his oath declares that he is of sound
mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing Direct Testimony of Michael L. Stahlman;
and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.
Further the Affiant sayeth not.
MICHAEL L. STAHLMAN
JURAT
Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for
the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this day
of January 2023.
D. SUZIE MANKIN Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: April 04, 2025 Commission Number: 12412070

Michael Stahlman

Education

M. S., Agricultural Economics, University of Missouri, Columbia.
 B.A., Economics, Summa Cum Laude, Westminster College, Fulton, MO.

Professional Experience

2010 -	Regulatory Economist, Missouri Public Service Commission
2007 - 2009	Graduate Research Assistant, University of Missouri
2008	Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Missouri
2007	American Institute for Economic Research (AIER) Summer
	Fellowship Program
2006	Price Analysis Intern, Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute
	(FAPRI), Columbia, MO
2006	Legislative Intern for State Representative Munzlinger
2005 - 2006	Certified Tutor in Macroeconomics, Westminster College, Fulton, MO
1998 - 2004	Engineering Watch Supervisor, United States Navy

Expert Witness Testimony

Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE

GR-2010-0363

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Natural Gas Service Provided to Customers in the Company's Missouri Service Area

Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri

GT-2011-0410

In the Matter of the Union Electric Company's (d/b/a Ameren Missouri) Gas Service Tariffs Removing Certain Provisions for Rebates from Its Missouri Energy Efficient Natural Gas Equipment and Building Shell Measure Rebate Program

KCP&L Great Missouri Operations Company

EO-2012-0009

In the Matter of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company's Notice of Intent to File an Application for Authority to Establish a Demand-Side Programs Investment Mechanism

Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri

EO-2012-0142

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Filing to Implement Regulatory Changes Furtherance of Energy Efficiency as Allowed by MEEIA

Kansas City Power & Light Company

EO-2012-0323

In the Matter of the Resource Plan of Kansas City Power & Light Company

KCP&L Great Missouri Operations Company

EO-2012-0324

In the Matter of the Resource Plan of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company

Kansas City Power & Light Company

EO-2012-0135

KCP&L Great Missouri Operations Company

EO-2012-0136

In the Matter of the Application of Kansas City Power & Light Company [KCP&L Great Missouri Operations Company] for Authority to Extend the Transfer of Functional Control of Certain Transmission Assets to the Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

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Kansas City Power & Light Company, KCP&L Great Missouri

EA-2013-0098

Operations Company, and Transource Missouri

EO-2012-0367

In the Matter of the Application of Transource Missouri, LLC for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to Construct, Finance, Own, Operate, and Maintain the Iatan-Nashua and Sibley-Nebraska City Electric Transmission Projects

Kansas City Power & Light Company

EU-2014-0077

KCP&L Great Missouri Operations Company

In the Matter of the Application of Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company for the Issuance of an Accounting Authority Order relating to their Electrical Operations and for a Contingent Waiver of the Notice Requirement of 4 CSR 240-4.020(2)

Kansas City Power & Light Company

EO-2014-0095

In the Matter of Kansas City Power & Light Company's Notice of Intent to File an Application for Authority To Establish a Demand-Side Programs Investment Mechanism

Veolia Energy Kansas City, Inc

HR-2014-0066

In the Matter of Veolia Energy Kansas City, Inc for Authority to File Tariffs to Increase Rates

Grain Belt Express Clean Line, LLC

EA-2014-0207

In the Matter of the Application of Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing It to Construct, Own, Operate, Control, Manage, and Maintain a High Voltage, Direct Current Transmission Line and an Associated Converter Station Providing an Interconnection on the Maywood - Montgomery 345 kV Transmission Line

Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri

ER-2014-0258

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tariff to Increase Its Revenues for Electric Service

Empire District Electric Company

ER-2014-0351

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers in the Company's Missouri Service Area

Kansas City Power & Light Company

ER-2014-0370

In the Matter of Kansas City Power & Light Company's Request for Authority to Implement a General Rate Increase for Electric Service

Kansas City Power & Light Company

EO-2014-0240

In the Matter of Kansas City Power & Light Company's Filing for Approval of Demand-Side Programs and for Authority to Establish a Demand-Side Programs Investment Mechanism

KCP&L Great Missouri Operations Company

EO-2014-0241

In the Matter of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company's Filing for Approval of Demand-Side Programs and for Authority to Establish a Demand-Side Programs Investment Mechanism

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois

EA-2015-0146

In the Matter of the Application of Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois for Other Relief or, in the Alternative, a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Maintain and Otherwise Control and Manage a 345,000-volt Electric Transmission Line from Palmyra, Missouri to the Iowa Border and an Associated Substation Near Kirksville, Missouri

Empire District Electric Company

ER-2016-0023

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's Request for Authority to Implement a General Rate Increase for Electric Service

KCP&L Great Missouri Operations Company

ER-2016-0156

In the Matter of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company's Request for Authority to Implement a General Rate Increase for Electric Service

Kansas City Power & Light Company

ER-2016-0285

In the Matter of Kansas City Power & Light Company's Request for Authority to Implement A General Rate Increase for Electric Service

Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri

ER-2016-0179

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tariff to Increase Its Revenues for Electric Service

Grain Belt Express Clean Line, LLC

EA-2016-0358

In the Matter of the Application of Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to Construct, Own, Operate, Control, Manage and Maintain a High Voltage, Direct Current Transmission Line and an Associated Converter Station Providing an Interconnection on the Maywood-Montgomery 345kV transmission line.

Spire Missouri, Inc.

GR-2017-0215 and GR-2017-0216

In the Matter of Spire Missouri, Inc.'s Request to Increase Its Revenues for Gas Service

Liberty Utilities

GR-2018-0013

In the Matter of Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities' Tariff Revisions Designed to Implement a General Rate Increase for Natural Gas Service in the Missouri Service Areas of the Company

Spire Missouri, Inc.

GO-2019-0058 and GO-2019-0059

In the Matter of Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire's Request to Decrease [Increase] WNAR

Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC

EM-2019-0150

Invenergy Transmission LLC

Invenergy Investment Company LLC

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Invenergy Transmission LLC, Invenergy Investment Company LLC, Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC and Grain Belt Express Holding LLC for an Order Approving the Acquisition by Invenergy Transmission LLC of Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC

Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri

GR-2019-0077

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tariffs to Increase its Revenues for Natural Gas Service

Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri

ER-2019-0335

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tariffs to Decrease Its Revenues for Electric Service

Empire District Electric Company

ER-2019-0374

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's Request for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service Area

Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri

EA-2020-0371

In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri for Permission and Approval and a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Under 20 CSR 4240-3.105

Spire Missouri, Inc.

GR-2021-0108

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s d/b/a Spire Request for Authority to Implement a General Rate Increase for Natural Gas Service Provided in the Company's Missouri Service Areas

Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri

ER-2021-0240

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tariffs to Adjust Its Revenues for Electric Service

Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri

GR-2021-0241

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tariffs to Adjust Its Revenues for Natural Gas Service

The Empire District Electric Company

ER-2021-0312

In the Matter of the Request of The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service Area

The Empire District Gas Company

GR-2021-0320

In the Matter of The Empire District Gas Company's d/b/a Liberty Request to File Tariffs to Change its Rates for Natural Gas Service

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois

EA-2022-0099

In the Matter of the Application of Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Under Section 393.170.1, RSMo. Relating to Transmission Investments in Southeast Missouri

Evergy Metro, Inc d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro

ER-2022-0129

In the Matter of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro's Request for Authority to Implement A General Rate Increase for Electric Service

Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West

ER-2022-0130

In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's Request for Authority to Implement A General Rate Increase for Electric Service

Spire Missouri, Inc.

GR-2022-0179

In the Matter of Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire's Request for Authority to

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Implement a General Rate Increase for Natural Gas Service Provided in the Company's Missouri Service Areas

Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri EA-2022-0245 In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri for Approval of a Subscription-Based Renewable Energy Program

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