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ER-2021-0240; GR-2021-0241, VOL. V

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STATE OF MISSOURI

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to Adjust its Revenues for)
Electric Service)

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Ameren Missouri's Tariffs)
to Adjust its Revenues for)
Natural Gas Service)

MORRIS L. WOODRUFF, Presiding
CHIEF REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

RYAN A. SILVEY, Chairman,
GLEN KOLKMEYER,
COMMISSIONERS

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1 JUDGE WOODRUFF: I believe we're ready to
2 get started on the on-the-record portion of this
3 proceeding. This portion of the hearing is intended
4 to allow members of the public to offer testimony to
5 the Commission about the issues that are facing the
6 Commission in this -- in this rate case. It will be
7 recorded and the transcript will be made available on
8 the Commission's website and in the official case
9 file.

10 With us today are -- there are five
11 Commissioners -- members of the Commission. I see
12 Commissioner Rupp with -- is with us today. And is
13 Commissioner Kolkmeier here also?

14 COMMISSIONER KOLKMEYER: Yes

15 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Very good. So --
16 and the other three Commissioners who are not on
17 the -- on the call today will also be able to read the
18 transcript. And what you have to tell us is very
19 important.

20 We'll start the day out by taking entries
21 of appearance from the attorneys. And then after
22 they -- we've established which attorneys are here on
23 the call, we'll take the statements or the testimony
24 of -- of the interested members of the public. I'll
25 swear you in to tell the truth, the whole truth and

1 nothing but the truth and then after you've made your
2 statement, we'll give Commissioners and the parties a
3 chance to ask questions about follow-up type
4 questions. And we do ask that you limit your comments
5 to about five minutes.

6 All right. We'll start by taking entries
7 of appearance. Who's here for staff?

8 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Judge. Mark
9 Johnson on behalf of the Staff of the Missouri Public
10 Service Commission. My business address is 200
11 Madison Street, PO Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri
12 65102.

13 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. And who's
14 here for the company, for Ameren?

15 MR. LOWERY: Thank you, Judge. James B.
16 Lowery. Business address is 3406 Whitney Court,
17 Columbia, Missouri 65203 appearing on behalf of Ameren
18 Missouri.

19 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for Office of Public
20 Counsel.

21 MR. POSTON: Thank you. Marc Poston for
22 the Office of Public Counsel.

23 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And are there any other
24 attorneys here for any -- any other parties?

25 Okay. Then we're ready to take the first

1 witness. And I'm not -- I do not have a list of
2 possible witnesses in front of me so I'll just go
3 ahead and ask, who would like to go first? I can see
4 Call In-User 25 had lit up there for a moment. Did
5 you wish to testify? I'm not sure if you -- who you
6 are. Okay. Is there anybody on the line who does
7 wish to testify at this point?

8 MS. LIMESTALL: Yes, I would I like to.

9 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Is this Sue
10 Limestall?

11 MS. LIMESTALL: Yes, it is. My name is
12 Sue Limestall. I live in Kirksville, Missouri.

13 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right.

14 Ms. Limestall, if you'd please raise your right hand.

15 (Witness sworn.)

16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Very good. What would
17 you like to tell us?

18 MS. LIMESTALL: Well, like other callers
19 during the question and answer portion, I'm also on a
20 fixed income, as others represented during that Q and
21 A session. So an increase of 11 percent if that's
22 what is or 11.78 percent, if that is what is
23 determined, is quite a chunk of change out of the
24 monthly budget when everything else is also going up.

25 Although American does not serve natural

1 gas up in our community, the discussion is about
2 natural gas going up quite a bit more than that
3 11 percent. So I'm -- I'm definitely concerned as
4 somebody on a limited income, you know, what all the
5 utilities are looking at to change rates for the
6 coming year.

7 I certainly support Ameren and other
8 utilities moving towards renewable energies, whether
9 it's the wind farms or the solar energy. So I do
10 applaud it. I think it might have been the state law
11 that went into effect that kind of forced their hand,
12 but nevertheless they are moving in that direction and
13 I support that. But 11 percent or higher rate
14 increase is just a lot that's going to affect, you
15 know, individuals throughout rural Missouri in
16 particular or anybody that's on a fixed income.
17 That's the end of my statement.

18 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Did any of the
19 Commissioners have any questions for Ms. Limestone?

20 CHAIRMAN SILVEY: No, thank you, Judge.

21 COMMISSIONER KOLKMEYER: No, thank you.

22 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Any of the parties have
23 questions? I think I heard a "no thanks" there.

24 MR. JOHNSON: No questions from Staff,
25 Judge.

1 MR. LOWERY: None from the company, Your
2 Honor.

3 MR. POSTON: No, thank you.

4 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Thank you
5 for your testimony, Ms. Limestone -- or Limestall.

6 Anyone else wish to testify? And if you
7 wish to -- if you're on the call and you need to
8 unmute yourself, press *6 and that will unmute you.
9 Anyone else wishing to testify?

10 Was there anyone else who had signed up
11 in advance? I'm asking Jackie Keely.

12 MS. KEELY: No, we don't have anyone else
13 listed.

14 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. All right. Well,
15 then unless somebody else wants to speak up at this
16 point, I thank you all for coming for the -- for this
17 proceeding. And with that, we are adjourned.

18 (WHEREUPON, the local public hearing was
19 adjourned.)

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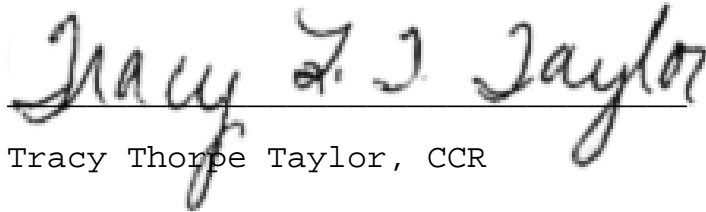
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