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DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

NATELLE DIETRICH

UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY, d/b/a AMEREN MISSOURI

CASE NO. GR-2019-0077

Jefferson City, Missouri May 2019



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7	Q.	Please state your name and business address.	
8	A.	My name is Natelle Dietrich. My business address is 200 Madison Street,	
9	Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.		
10	Q.	By whom are you employed and in what capacity?	
11	A.	I am employed by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as	
12	Commission Staff Director.		
13	Q.	Have you provided your educational background and work experience in	
14	this file?		
15	A.	Yes. My educational background and work experience is included in my Direct	
16	Testimony filed with Staff's Cost of Service Report filed in this case on April 19, 2019.		
17	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY		
18	Q.	What is the purpose of this Direct Testimony?	
19	A.	The purpose of this Direct Testimony is to sponsor Staff's recommended rate	
20	design as developed by Staff and described in the Report on Class Cost of Service ("CCOS		
21	Report") filed concurrently with this direct testimony.		
22	Q.	Did Staff perform a Class Cost of Service ("CCOS") study in this case?	
23	A.	Yes it did.	
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CCOS REPORT

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- Q. What is Staff's recommendation in this case?
- A. As more specifically explained in the CCOS Report, relative to the class revenues generated *prior to the interim rate reduction*, Staff recommends that any decrease in permanent rates be allocated to the classes as follows:
 - Maintain the revenue responsibility of the Residential, General Service, and Interruptible classes under permanent rates¹;
 - 2. Apply the first \$286,820 of decrease equally to the Standard Transportation and Large Volume Transportation Classes;
 - 3. Apply any further decreases to the Standard Transportation class, up to a total reduction to that class of \$547,752;
 - 4. Apply any further decreases to all classes as an equal percentage adjustment.

In Staff's opinion, these changes would minimize customer impact; would retain the class revenue responsibilities of the Residential, General Service and Interruptible classes that existed prior to the interim rate reduction; would maintain the revenue responsibility of the Large Volume Transportation class as it exists on interim rates; and, would move the permanent rates of the Transportation classes closer to Staff's CCOS.

Further, Staff provides rate design recommendations for each class, including a residential customer charge of \$17.00 and a residential volumetric rate for all Ccfs of approximately \$.28/Ccf.

- Q. Does Staff address other noteworthy items in its CCOS Report?
- A. Yes. In its filing, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri") is requesting a Weather and Conservation Adjustment Rider ("WCAR"). If the

¹ Rates in effect prior to the interim rate reduction.

Commission determines that a mechanism to account for changes in usage due to variations in weather or conservation is in the public interest and is just and reasonable for Ameren Missouri, Staff witness Michael L. Stahlman recommends a Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider ("WNAR") similar to the example tariff sheets attached as Appendix 2, Schedule MLS-d1 to the CCOS Report. Regarding the existing Special Contract Rates – Transportation Service ("SCR"), Staff recommends increasing the specificity of provisions contained in Ameren Missouri's SCR tariff found at Sheet No. 18.1. Staff's recommended language is provided in Appendix 2, Schedule RK-d1.

In addition, and consistent with Commission guidance in previous cases, Staff witnesses Sarah L.K. Lange, Robin Kliethermes and Kim Cox prepared an inclining block Residential rate design for Commission consideration. The inclining block rate alternative is more fully explained in the CCOS Report.

- Q. Does this conclude your Direct Testimony?
- 14 A. Yes it does.

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AFFIDAVIT OF N	ATELLE DIETRICH
STATE OF MISSOURI	
COUNTY OF COLE) ss.	
	and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind agoing Direct Testimony and that the same is true d belief.
Further the Affiant sayeth not. NA	ATELLE DIETRICH
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Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly conthe County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my of May 2019.	nstituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for fice in Jefferson City, on this/ day of
D. SUZIE MANKIN Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: December 12, 2020 Commission Number: 12412070	Musiellankin Notary Public