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**UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a AMEREN MISSOURI'S TARIFFS TO INCREASE**

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for Natural Gas Service )

JOHN CLARK, Presiding  
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

MAIDA COLEMAN

DANIEL HALL

COMMISSIONERS

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1 (On the record at 6:32 p.m.)

2 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. We'll go on the record. Good  
3 evening. Today is June 12, 2019. The Missouri Public Service  
4 Commission has set aside this time in Columbia today for a  
5 local public hearing in File Number GR-2019-0077, which is  
6 captioned as In the Matter of Union Electric Company, doing  
7 business as Ameren Missouri's Tariffs to Increase Its Revenues  
8 for Natural Gas Service.

9 My name's John Clark. I'm the Regulatory Law  
10 Judge overseeing this hearing. With me today are Public  
11 Service Commissioner -- Commissioners Daniel Hall and Maida  
12 Coleman.

13 Commissioner, would you like to make any opening  
14 remarks?

15 COMMISSIONER HALL: I'll just say thank you for  
16 being here. These local public hearings are an important part  
17 of the process. The testimony you provide will be a part of  
18 the record in the case, and those commissioners who are not  
19 here today will have access to that transcript. With that, I  
20 look forward to hearing your testimony.

21 JUDGE CLARK: Anything you would like to add?

22 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: We appreciate you being here  
23 tonight.

24 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you so much. I'm going to  
25 begin by asking counsel to enter their appearances for the

1 record, starting with Ameren Missouri.

2 MS. GRUBBS: Good evening. Jermaine Grubbs on  
3 behalf of Ameren Missouri.

4 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Ms. Grubbs. From the  
5 Commission Staff?

6 MR. BERLIN: Thank you, Judge. Bob Berlin  
7 appearing on behalf of the Staff of the Missouri Public  
8 Service Commission. The court reporter has my contact  
9 information.

10 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Berlin. From the  
11 Office of Public Counsel?

12 MR. HALL: Good evening, your Honor and  
13 Commissioners. My name is Caleb Hall, appearing on behalf of  
14 the Office of the Public Counsel. My contact information has  
15 also been provided previously to the court reporter.

16 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Hall. Anybody else?

17 MS. KREMER: Yes, Judge. Lisa Kremer with the  
18 Missouri Division of Energy.

19 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Kremer. And  
20 you're a non-attorney; correct?

21 MS. KREMER: Yes, sir.

22 JUDGE CLARK: It appears we have one person who  
23 has signed up to provide comments to the Commission tonight.  
24 I'll call that person's name in a minute. When I call your  
25 name, please come down to the podium. I'll place you under

1 oath, and then I'll ask you to state and spell your name, and  
2 then you'll have an opportunity to offer your comments to the  
3 Commission.

4 Also, after you've offered your comments, please  
5 remain standing at the podium until you've been excused  
6 because the Commission or myself may have some questions for  
7 you. If the attorneys have any questions, if they'll let me  
8 know just simply by raising their hand, that would be  
9 sufficient.

10 Now, I will say the Commission won't be able to  
11 answer any questions today because they have to remain  
12 impartial until after the evidence is presented at the  
13 evidentiary hearing. If you have any questions, please speak  
14 to the representatives of the company, the Commission Staff,  
15 or the Office of the Public Counsel, who are all here tonight.

16 And so with that -- and please excuse me if I  
17 butcher your name -- Tom Schauwecker?

18 MR. SCHAUWECKER: Close enough. Good evening,  
19 ladies and gentlemen and Commissioners.

20 JUDGE CLARK: Would you raise your right hand to  
21 be sworn, please?

22 MR. SCHAUWECKER: I certainly will.

23 JUDGE CLARK: Do you solemnly swear or affirm that  
24 the testimony you're about to give is the truth, the whole  
25 truth, and nothing but the truth?

1 MR. SCHAUWECKER: Absolutely, yes.

2 JUDGE CLARK: And would you please state and spell  
3 your name for the record?

4 MR. SCHAUWECKER: Thomas Charles Schauwecker,  
5 Boone County Assessor past 30 years. S-c-h-a-u-w-e-c-k-e-r.

6 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Shwecker (phonetic).

7 MR. SCHAUWECKER: SHAW-weck-er.

8 JUDGE CLARK: Sorry. SHAW-weck-er.

9 MR. SCHAUWECKER: Got it.

10 JUDGE CLARK: What would you like to tell the  
11 Commission today?

12 MR. SCHAUWECKER: You know, I would like to tell  
13 the Commission that I've had a wonderful working relationship  
14 with Ameren for 30 years, to start with, from Mike Coleman to  
15 Pam Harrison back here who I've personally met with over the  
16 years, but -- and I noticed in -- in the rate setting hearings  
17 that when the corporate tax income tax was reduced from 35 to  
18 21 percent, roughly a 40 percent reduction, that there was  
19 some forgiveness in the rates setting.

20 I see where Ameren is asking for about a \$4.8  
21 million increase in revenues. There's a recent decision,  
22 Estes, the Assessor in Cole County -- Ameren v. Estes -- that  
23 effectively will -- if that commission -- it was issued by the  
24 Missouri State Tax Commission. It went all the way up to the  
25 Western District Court of Appeals and was remanded back to the



1 Missouri State Tax Commission. The last day of the  
2 legislative session, if that order stands as the body of work,  
3 Ameren's property tax liability will be reduced by 52 percent.

4           There's currently \$3 million in escrow if you --  
5 for 2018, in Boone County. Boone County was not part of that  
6 case. There's \$30 million in escrow for the 18 counties that  
7 are subject to that property tax appeal that -- from 2013  
8 through 2018. Half of that would be refunded back to the  
9 company, and then going forward if that precedent holds, the  
10 property tax liability will be reduced by roughly 52 percent.

11           I've done a little quick math in my head, and it  
12 -- Ameren's property tax liability, Ameren Natural Gas, may be  
13 about \$8 million a year. That would be -- that savings would  
14 be \$4 million. So what I'm asking the Commission to take into  
15 consideration is the most recent Missouri State Tax Commission  
16 decision that would reduce Ameren's property tax liability by  
17 52 percent from the years 2013 through 2018, setting forward.

18           There's an appeal pending in Boone County on their  
19 assets here that we have on the books for about 127 million.  
20 They want 43 million, 47 million in their appeal.

21           So that is why I'm here, to ask the Commission to  
22 take into consideration, just like we did in federal income  
23 tax cut, the property tax liability being cut by 52 percent.  
24 I'm asking the Commission to take that into consideration in  
25 your rate setting.

1 COMMISSIONER HALL: Thank you very much.

2 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you for your comments.

3 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: Thank you, sir.

4 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. I haven't -- I don't see  
5 where anybody else has signed up who wanted to offer comments  
6 tonight, and I don't know who else is here, but if anyone,  
7 having heard the comments given or just realizing that they  
8 would like to offer additional comments of their own, I would  
9 invite them at this time to please raise their hand and I'll  
10 call you up if you would like to offer any comments.

11 Is there anybody at this time who would like to  
12 offer any comments for the Commission?

13 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. I see no hands.

14 Now, the Commission provides local public hearings  
15 so that interested members of the public have an opportunity  
16 to ask questions of the company, Commission Staff, the Office  
17 of Public Counsel, and also so they have an opportunity to  
18 comment directly to the Commission. And interested members of  
19 the public may still provide written comments through the  
20 Public Service Commission website or through the office by  
21 contacting the Office of the Public Counsel.

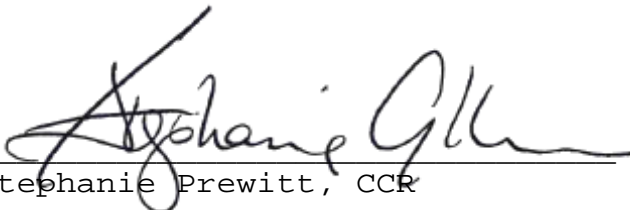
22 Now I'd like to thank everybody who participated  
23 and who came here tonight to make this happen, and with that,  
24 this hearing is now adjourned. We can go off the record.

25 (The local public hearing concluded at 6:39 p.m.)

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I, Stephanie Allen, CCR No. 746, within the State of Missouri do hereby certify that I appeared and reported all testimony and statements made on the record at the Local Public Hearing held on June 12, 2019, at the Boone County Commission Chambers, 801 East Walnut Street, Columbia, Missouri; that I am neither counsel for, related to, nor employed by any of the parties to the action in which this hearing was taken; and further, that I am not a relative or employee of any attorney or counsel employed by the parties thereto, nor financially or otherwise interested in the outcome of the hearing.

  
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