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REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

OF

JOHN BUCHANAN

ON

BEHALF OF

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DIVISION OF ENERGY

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

3 A. John Buchanan, Missouri Department of Economic Development, Division of Energy, 301
4 West High Street, Suite 720, Jefferson City, Missouri.

5 **Q. Have you previously filed testimony in this case?**

6 A. Yes. On December 19, 2014, I filed direct testimony on behalf of the Missouri Department of
7 Economic Development's Division of Energy ("DE").

8 **Q. On whose behalf are you presenting rebuttal testimony in this case?**

9 A. Like my direct testimony, I am testifying on behalf of the DE.

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11 **II. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY**
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13 **Q. What is the purpose of your rebuttal testimony in these proceedings?**

14 A. The purpose of my rebuttal testimony is to respond to the direct testimony of the Missouri
15 Public Service Commission Staff ("Staff") regarding Ameren Missouri's low income
16 weatherization program.

17 **Q. Please identify the witness who provided testimony regarding the Ameren Missouri's
18 low income weatherization program.**

19 A. Ameren Missouri's low income weatherization program was addressed by Staff witness
20 Henry E. Warren, PhD.¹

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¹Missouri Public Service Commission Case No. ER-2014-0258, *In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tariffs to Increase Its Revenues for Electric Service*, Staff Report Revenue Requirement Cost of Service, December 5, 2014, page 138 – 141.

1 **III. AMEREN MISSOURI'S LOW INCOME WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM**
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3 **Q. What is Staff's position regarding Ameren Missouri's low income weatherization**
4 **program?**

5 A. According to the direct testimony of Dr. Warren²:

6 Staff recommends the Commission order:

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- 8 1) That the Ameren Missouri un-utilized low income weatherization funds from
9 previous allocations remain in the Missouri State Environmental Improvement
10 and Energy Resources Authority ("EIARA") account for future use by the
11 Ameren Missouri Weatherization Agencies;
 - 12 2) That Ameren Missouri continue to collect \$1.2 million in rates annually, of which
13 \$1.14 million will be for low-income weatherization as currently allocated
14 between the Weatherization Agencies, and \$60,000 allocated annually to the
15 biennial evaluation of the low-income weatherization program if determined by
16 the Ameren Missouri stakeholders to be appropriate;
 - 17 3) That the second evaluation of Ameren Missouri's weatherization program include
18 a component that evaluates the impact on the gas service of the weatherization of
19 the Company's low-income customers that are provided both gas and electricity
20 from Ameren Missouri; and
 - 21 4) That the timing of any evaluation subsequent to the second biennial evaluation
22 should be at the discretion of the Company in consultation with the stakeholder
23 group, but not less often than every five years.
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25 **Q. Does Staff support the continuous biennial evaluation of the Ameren Missouri**
26 **Weatherization Program?**

27 A. According to Dr. Warren, Staff does not support continuous evaluations³:

28 **Q. Do you agree with Staff regarding Ameren Missouri's low income weatherization**
29 **program?**

²*Ibid.*, page 138 – 139.

³*Ibid.*, page 141.

1 A. DE is in substantial agreement with Staff. The only outstanding issues are the completion of
2 future evaluations of the Ameren Missouri low income program and the method of funding
3 for these evaluations. For reasons discussed in my direct testimony, DE recommends the
4 Commission order the discontinuation of future evaluations of the Ameren weatherization
5 program following the scheduled completion of the July 31, 2015 “second evaluation”
6 identified in the Nonunanimous Stipulation and Agreement Regarding Ameren Missouri’s
7 Low Income Weatherization Program from Case No. ER-2012-0166.
8 DE also recommends the Commission require Ameren to discontinue withholding \$60,000
9 from the \$1.2 million that it receives annually from ratepayers to hire an Evaluation,
10 Measurement and Verification (EM&V) contractor for future evaluations.

11 **Q. Does this conclude your rebuttal testimony?**

12 A. Yes. Thank you.