Economic Retention Rider;
Economic Redevelopment
and Retention Rider
Robert J. Mill
Union Electric Company
Surrebuttal Testimony
ER-2007-0002
February 27, 2007

# MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

### CASE NO. ER-2007-0002

### SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY

#### OF

### **ROBERT J. MILL**

ON

## **BEHALF OF**

### UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a AmerenUE

St. Louis, Missouri February, 2007

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3		<b>ROBERT J. MILL</b>			
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5	Q.	Please state your name and business address.			
6	А.	My name is Robert J. Mill. My business address is One Ameren Plaza, 1901			
7	Chouteau Ave	enue, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-6149.			
8	Q.	Are you the same Robert J. Mill that filed Direct and Rebuttal Testimony			
9	9 in this proceeding?				
10	А.	Yes, I am.			
11	Q.	What is the purpose of your Surrebuttal Testimony in this proceeding?			
12	А.	I am responding to a portion of the Rebuttal Testimony of Barbara A.			
13	3 Meisenheimer, submitted on behalf of the Office of Public Counsel, where she indicates				
14	4 concern with the proposed Economic Redevelopment Rider and the Economic Development				
15	and Retention Rider ("Economic Development Tariffs"). Regarding these Economic				
16	Development	Tariffs, Ms. Meisenheimer indicates that any discounts should be funded by			
17	7 AmerenUE shareholders.				
18	Q.	What is your view regarding the treatment of any discounts provided to			
19	eligible custo	mers pursuant to these Economic Development Tariffs?			
20	А.	The Company's proposal would result in shareholders funding such discounts			
21	until a future	rate case. Any discounts from AmerenUE standard rates or from application of			
22	its existing ter	rms and conditions for eligible customers under the proposed Economic			
23	Development	Tariffs will first be borne by shareholders until such time as the next electric			

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1	rate case whe	en such discounts (or revenue deficiency) will be reflected in the proposed		
2	revenue requ	irement and in the proposed rates for customers.		
3	Q.	Why do you believe your proposed treatment of any discounts provided		
4	to eligible cu	stomers pursuant to these Economic Development Tariffs is fair?		
5	А.	The initial bearing of Economic Development discounts by shareholders and		
6	subsequent re	eflection of these discounts in rates after the completion of the Company's next		
7	rate case, as described in my previous answer, provides the proper balance that will guide			
8	AmerenUE's	economic development team to be prudent with the offering of any such		
9	discounts or l	benefits so they fully comply with the terms of the Economic Development		
10	Tariffs and a	re not excessive.		
11	Q.	Is your proposed treatment of discounts consistent with the treatment		
12	afforded the	former AmerenUE Economic Development Rider?		
13	А.	Yes. That is my understanding.		
14	Q.	Do you believe customer additions and retentions occurring as a result of		
15	the Economi	c Development Tariffs benefit other AmerenUE customers?		
16	А.	Absolutely. AmerenUE customers as a whole benefit from economic		
17	development	successes to the extent that AmerenUE receives an amount above its short-run		
18	marginal cost	ts on sales of electricity to such new or expanding customers, thus providing a		
19	contribution	to fixed costs. However, absent these discounts affected customers may choose		
20	to locate or re	elocate their facilities outside the Company's service territory and existing		
21	customers wo	ould not receive the benefit of lower rates resulting from the previously		
22	mentioned ad	lded contribution to fixed costs. Additionally, such customers are typically		
23	making large	investments and are expected to continue to provide benefits to the system well		

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- 1 beyond the life of any temporary incentive program. Lastly, the communities in which such
- 2 development activities occur will see benefits by retaining or increasing jobs and tax base.
- 3 Because of the many system benefits that these discounts provide, it is completely
- 4 appropriate for them to be reflected in the calculation of future rates, as opposed to the
- 5 discounts from these Riders being borne or funded by shareholders.

# 6 Q. Does this conclude your Surrebuttal Testimony?

7 A. Yes, it does.

### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

Case No. ER-2007-0002

#### **AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT J. MILL**

## STATE OF MISSOURI ) ) ss CITY OF ST. LOUIS )

Robert J. Mill, being first duly sworn on his oath, states:

1. My name is Robert J. Mill. I work in St. Louis, Missouri and I am employed

as Director of the Regulatory Policy and Planning Department of Ameren Services

Company, a subsidiary of Ameren Corporation.

2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my Surrebuttal

Testimony on behalf of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE consisting of 3 pages,

which has been prepared in written form for introduction into evidence in the above-

referenced docket.

3. I hereby swear and affirm that my answers contained in the attached testimony

to the questions therein propounded are true and correct.

CAROLYN J. WOODSTOCK Notary Public - Notary Seal STATE OF MISSOURI Franklin County

mar May 19, 2008

odstack Subscribed and sworn to before me this  $2^{1}$  day of February, 2007. My commission expires:  $\gamma$