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REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

OF

KARMA COLEMAN

ON

BEHALF OF

TARKIO R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT

EA-2019-0021

Tarkio, Missouri
December 21, 2018

In the Matter of the Application of Union
Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri for
Permission and Approval and a Certificate of
Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to
Construct a Wind Generation Facility

STATE OF MISSOURI)
)
COUNTY OF ATCHISON) SS

Karma Coleman

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I. INTRODUCTION

Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Karma Coleman. My business address is 1201 Pine Street, Tarkio, Missouri 64491.

Q. By whom and in what capacity are you employed?

A. I am employed by Tarkio R-I School District as its Superintendent.

Q. Have you previously filed testimony before the Commission on behalf of Tarkio R-I School District or any other party?

A. No.

II. PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Q. What is the purpose of your Rebuttal Testimony in this proceeding?

A. The purpose of my testimony is to provide Tarkio R-I School District's objection for the Application by Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri" or "Company") to purchase and operate a wind farm in Atchison County, Missouri. My testimony addresses the financial impact that the proposed project would have to Tarkio R-I School District; chiefly a decline in tax revenue that supports the District's programs and education of its students.

III. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Q. Please describe Ameren Missouri's proposal.

A. The Company is requesting authority, via a "build transfer agreement,"¹ to

¹ Missouri Public Service Commission Case No. EA-2019-0021, In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri for Permission and Approval and a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to Construct a Wind Generation Facility, Application, October 22, 2018, page 1.

1 purchase an approximately 157 MW wind farm in Atchison County, Missouri.²
2 Ameren Missouri's proposal anticipates that the wind farm will be completed by
3 2020 and eligible for the full federal Production Tax Credit.³ The proposed wind
4 farm will aid Ameren Missouri in meeting requirements for compliance with the
5 Renewable Energy Standard ("RES").⁴

6 **Q. If Ameren Missouri's proposal were approved, how would the project impact**
7 **Tarkio R-I School District?**

8 A. If this project were approved, the District would lose approximately \$36,133 per year on
9 average in tax income. The District relies on the income from this wind farm to provide
10 programs, education and services to its students. The loss of this income would be
11 detrimental to the District and its service of its students.

12 **IV. CONCLUSIONS**

13 **Q. Please summarize your conclusions and the positions of Tarkio R-I School District.**

14 A. This project is not convenient or necessary to the public due to the large amount of tax
15 revenue that would be diverted from schools that receive tax revenue from the property
16 currently. Specifically, the Tarkio R-I School District would lose approximately \$36,133
17 per year on average in tax income, which it relies on to provide education to its students.

² Missouri Public Service Commission Case No. EA-2019-0021, In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri for Permission and Approval and a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to Construct a Wind Generation Facility, Direct Testimony of Ajay K. Arora on Behalf of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri, October 22, 2018, page 4, lines 16-17.

³ *Ibid*, pages 7-8, lines 15-22 and 1-3.

⁴ EA-2019-0021, Application, page 3.