

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

In the Matter of Union Electric )  
Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's )  
Tariffs to Adjust Its Revenues for )  
Electric Service )

File No. ER-2022-0337

**MISSOURI NAACP’S STATEMENT OF POSITION**

The Missouri State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (“Missouri NAACP”) provides this Statement of Position, with its issue numbered according to the Joint List of Issues filed by Staff on March 22, 2023. The Missouri NAACP takes a position on Issue 4.E. The Missouri NAACP reserves the right to modify its position or to take additional positions as the case proceeds.

*4.E. What should the customer charges associated with the Residential Class rate plans be?*

The Commission should not increase the monthly customer charge for residential customers.

Since at least 2015 the NAACP has opposed increases to flat residential customer charges. The Missouri NAACP opposes the proposed increase to the flat residential customer charge here because it will tend to force higher costs disproportionately onto people who use the least electricity and can least afford higher bills.<sup>1</sup> Further, the proposed increase will reduce incentives to conserve

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<sup>1</sup> Direct Testimony of Jacqueline A. Hutchinson on behalf of Consumers Council of

energy and result in consumers losing control over their energy costs and options.

The Commission should reject Ameren Missouri's request to increase its flat residential customer charge.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Missouri at pp. 5-6; Rebuttal Testimony of Jacqueline A. Hutchinson on behalf of Consumers Council of Missouri at pp. 3-6; Direct Testimony of James Owen on behalf of Renew Missouri Advocates at p. 15; Rebuttal Testimony of James Owen on behalf of Renew Missouri Advocates at pp. 15-16.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that on March 26, 2023, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was sent by email to all counsel of record.

*/s/ Bruce A. Morrison*

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