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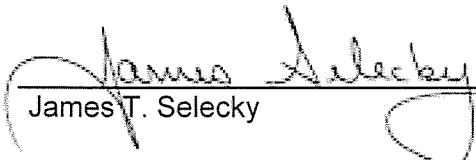
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James T. Selecky, being first duly sworn, on his oath states:

1. My name is James T. Selecky. I am a consultant with Brubaker & Associates, Inc., having its principal place of business at 16690 Swingley Ridge Road, Suite 140, Chesterfield, Missouri 63017. We have been retained by Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers in this proceeding on their behalf.

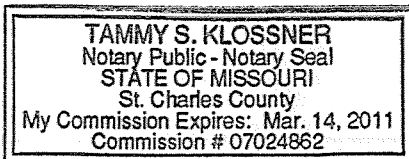
2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my direct testimony and schedules, which were prepared in written form for introduction into evidence in the Missouri Public Service Commission Case No. ER-2010-0036.

3. I hereby swear and affirm that the testimony and schedules are true and correct and that they show the matters and things that they purport to show.



James T. Selecky

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of December, 2009.





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1 **Q PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A James T. Selecky. My business address is 16690 Swingley Ridge Road, Suite 140,
3 Chesterfield, MO 63017.

4 **Q WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION?**

5 A I am a consultant in the field of public utility regulation and a managing principal of
6 Brubaker & Associates, Inc., energy, economic and regulatory consultants.

7 **Q PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE.**

8 A This information is included in Appendix A to my testimony.

9 **Q ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE YOU APPEARING IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

10 A This testimony is presented on behalf of the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers
11 (MIEC). Member companies purchase substantial quantities of electricity from
12 AmerenUE.

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1 Q **HAVE YOU PRESENTED TESTIMONY IN PRIOR PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE**
2 **MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (COMMISSION)?**

3 A Yes. I have been involved in numerous proceedings before this Commission.

4 Q **WHAT IS THE SUBJECT OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

5 A My testimony will address AmerenUE's proposed book depreciation rates. I will
6 address the method used to develop the book depreciation rates for the production
7 plant accounts, the estimated life spans and net salvage values for certain production
8 plant accounts, the depreciable remaining life and net salvage value for nuclear plant
9 Account 322, and the net salvage associated with the transmission and distribution
10 plant accounts. The fact that a particular depreciation issue is not addressed should
11 not be construed as an endorsement of AmerenUE's position. In addition, I will
12 address the ratemaking treatment of AmerenUE's management incentive short-term
13 compensation expense.

14 Q **PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**

15 A My conclusions and recommendations are summarized as follows:

- 16 1. AmerenUE's proposed steam production book depreciation rates are based on
17 the life span approach. The Commission in its Order in Case No. ER-2007-0002
18 rejected this method for calculating coal fired steam production depreciation rates.
- 19 2. The Commission should calculate the coal fired steam production depreciation
20 rates using the whole life approach employing the life characteristics and the net
21 salvage history contained in AmerenUE's filing. This would be consistent with the
22 Commission's findings in Case No. ER-2007-0002.
- 23 3. The estimated remaining life and net salvage ratio for nuclear plant Account 322
24 Reactor Plant Equipment should be adjusted to exclude the impacts of the
25 significant retirements that occurred in 2005. This retirement impacts the
26 development of the remaining life and net salvage ratio used to develop the
27 depreciation rate. This retirement should be considered atypical and should be
28 excluded from the life and net salvage analysis.

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- 1 4. For the other production plant accounts, the net salvage ratio should be adjusted
2 to reflect AmerenUE's actual net salvage experience. AmerenUE's proposed net
3 salvage ratio contains a component for eventual dismantling of the other
4 production plants. However, AmerenUE has not provided any support for this
5 adjustment.
- 6 5. My changes to AmerenUE's production depreciation rates reduce AmerenUE's
7 production depreciation expense by \$44.485 million based on plant balances at
8 December 31, 2008.
- 9 6. However, if the Commission elects to utilize the life span approach for
10 determining the depreciation rates for the steam production plant accounts, the
11 following revisions should be made to AmerenUE's proposed steam production
12 depreciation parameters that are used to develop the steam production rates:
- 13 a. The life span for the Meramec Plant should be increased by five years.
- 14 b. The net salvage ratio for Account 312 Boiler Plant Equipment should be
15 adjusted to reflect a reasonable estimate of the net salvage expense that
16 AmerenUE could expect to incur over the remaining lives of its steam
17 production plants.
- 18 7. If the Commission develops the coal fired steam production depreciation rates
19 using the life span method, my proposed revisions to the life and net salvage
20 parameters would reduce AmerenUE's proposed production depreciation
21 expense by \$19.668 million based on December 31, 2008 plant balances.
- 22 8. AmerenUE's current transmission and distribution accumulated depreciation
23 reserve currently contains a provision for approximately \$582 million for future net
24 salvage costs. In addition, AmerenUE's proposed depreciation rates contain an
25 annual component of net salvage expense that exceeds AmerenUE's actual
26 experience by approximate \$59 million. As a result, over the next five years,
27 AmerenUE's accrued net salvage in its transmission and distribution plant
28 accounts may approach \$900 million.
- 29 9. AmerenUE's transmission and distribution net salvage component of its proposed
30 depreciation rates reflects estimates of future net salvage costs which include
31 estimates of future inflation. Therefore, on an annual basis, AmerenUE accrues
32 net salvage expense significantly in excess of its actual requirement.
- 33 10. The Commission should create an offset of \$35 million to reduce AmerenUE's
34 proposed transmission and distribution depreciation expense. This offset would
35 reduce the transmission depreciation expense by \$1.972 million and distribution
36 expense by \$33.028 million. Even with this offset, AmerenUE's depreciation rates
37 will accrue net salvage that is approximately \$20 to \$25 million in excess of their
38 actual needs.
- 39 11. My proposed changes to AmerenUE's depreciation rates reduce the proposed
40 depreciation expense by \$79.485 million based on plant balances at
41 December 31, 2008. This assumes that the Commission would develop the coal

1 fired steam production depreciation rates using the whole life method. Carrying
2 my proposed depreciation rates forward to February 28, 2010 produces a
3 reduction in depreciation expense of \$81.407 million. (I have not provided the
4 impacts through January 31, 2010 which is the agreed upon true-up period
5 because I did not have the plant account balances.)

6 12. If the Commission uses the life span approach to develop the coal fired steam
7 production depreciation rates, my proposed adjustments reduce AmerenUE's
8 depreciation expense by \$54.708 million based on December 31, 2008 plant
9 balances. Carrying these proposed depreciation rates forward to February 28,
10 2010 produces a reduction and depreciation expense of \$55.329 million. (I have
11 not provided the impacts through January 31, 2010 which is the agreed upon
12 true-up period because I did not have the plant account balances.)

13 13. AmerenUE's short-term incentive compensation expense should be reduced by
14 \$10.6 million. This is an addition to the incentive compensation adjustments
15 supported by MIEC witness Greg Meyer.

16 **Book Depreciation**

17 **Q PLEASE EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF BOOK DEPRECIATION ACCOUNTING.**

18 A Book depreciation is a recognition in a utility's income statement for the consumption
19 or use of assets used to provide utility service. Book depreciation is recorded as an
20 expense and is included in the ratemaking formula or overall utility's revenue
21 requirement.

22 Book depreciation provides for the recovery of the original cost of the utility's
23 assets that are providing service. Book depreciation expense is not intended to
24 provide for replacement of the current assets, but provides for capital recovery or
25 return of current investment.

26 In addition to capital recovery, depreciation rates also contain a provision for
27 net salvage.

1 **Q BEFORE YOU BEGIN YOUR DISCUSSION ON AMERENUE'S PROPOSED**
2 **DEPRECIATION RATES, PLEASE DEFINE NET SALVAGE.**

3 A Net salvage is simply the value received from the sale or reuse of retired property
4 (salvage value), less the cost of retiring such property (cost of removal). Net salvage
5 can be either positive or negative. If the salvage value exceeds the cost of removal,
6 the net salvage ratio is positive. If the cost of removal is greater than the salvage
7 value received as a result of retirement, the resulting net salvage ratio is negative. A
8 utility will recover the net salvage over the useful life of the asset. For AmerenUE,
9 negative net salvage is collectively a significant component of its transmission
10 distribution and general depreciation rates.

11 **Q WHAT METHOD, PROCEDURE AND TECHNIQUE WAS USED TO CALCULATE**
12 **THE PROPOSED DEPRECIATION RATES FOR AMERENUE?**

13 A Essentially, AmerenUE's proposed depreciation rates were calculated using the
14 straight line method, average life group procedure and remaining life technique.
15 Although, the proposed depreciation rates are initially developed on an average
16 service life basis including a depreciation reserve variance component results in
17 AmerenUE recovering the un-depreciated value of its investment adjusted for net
18 salvage over the remaining life. Under AmerenUE's method, all investment will be
19 recovered adjusted for net salvage over the estimated service life.

1 **AmerenUE Proposal**

2 **Q WHAT IS AMERENUE REQUESTING IN THIS PROCEEDING REGARDING ITS**
3 **DEPRECIATION RATES?**

4 A AmerenUE is proposing to increase its book depreciation rates and expense. On a
5 total Company basis, AmerenUE is proposing to increase its production depreciation
6 expense by \$22.504 million and reduce the transmission, distribution and general
7 depreciation expense by \$8.695 million. This amount includes the amortization of the
8 claimed depreciation reserve deficiencies or excesses and is based on December 31,
9 2008 plant balances.

10 **Q PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE CHANGES THAT YOU WILL BE MAKING TO**
11 **AMERENUE'S PROPOSED PRODUCTION DEPRECIATION RATES.**

12 A First, AmerenUE has proposed to develop its steam production depreciation rates
13 using the life span approach. This approach was rejected by the Commission in its
14 Order in Case No. ER-2007-0002. I have presented the steam production
15 depreciation rates consistent with the Commission's finding in that case.

16 **Q WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN THE LIFE SPAN APPROACH, USED BY**
17 **AMERENUE, TO CALCULATE THE STEAM PRODUCTION DEPRECIATION**
18 **RATES?**

19 A AmerenUE's proposed approach calculates the depreciation rates using an estimated
20 retirement date for each coal fired steam production plant and expected interim
21 retirement activity. The rate, that is calculated from these parameters, is adjusted for
22 the net salvage associated with the interim retirements.

1 **Q WHAT ARE INTERIM RETIREMENTS?**

2 A Interim retirements are the retirements that take place before the final retirement date.
3 Reflecting interim retirements in the life analysis results in producing an average
4 service life that is less than the life span.

5 **Q WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN THE METHOD THE COMMISSION USED TO**
6 **DEVELOP THE CURRENT COAL FIRED STEAM PRODUCTION DEPRECIATION**
7 **RATES?**

8 A The Commission's method uses the whole life method that is developed from the
9 interim retirement activity. The depreciation rates using this approach also reflect a
10 component of net salvage.

11 **Q WHAT IF THE COMMISSION ELECTS TO USE THE LIFE SPAN APPROACH TO**
12 **DEVELOP THE STEAM PRODUCTION BOOK DEPRECIATION RATES?**

13 A If the Commission determines that it is appropriate to develop depreciation rates
14 based on the life span for the steam production units, AmerenUE's proposed life for
15 the Meramec Plant should be increased. In addition, the net salvage associated with
16 steam production Plant Account 312, Boiler Plant Equipment (Account 312), is
17 overstated and should be reduced.

18 **Q DO YOU HAVE ANY PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DEPRECIATION RATES**
19 **FOR THE NUCLEAR PLANT AND THE OTHER PRODUCTION PLANT**
20 **ACCOUNTS?**

21 A Yes. The proposed life characteristics and net salvage for nuclear production Plant
22 Account 322 Reactor Plant Equipment (Account 322) should be adjusted to remove

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1 the atypical retirement that occurred in 2005 from the life and net salvage analyses.
2 Finally, the net salvage ratio used to develop the other production depreciation rates
3 should be adjusted to exclude terminal net salvage. These recommendations are
4 independent of the method that the Commission uses to calculate the coal fired
5 steam production depreciation rates.

6 **Q WHAT CHANGES DO YOU RECOMMEND TO AMERENUE'S PROPOSED**
7 **DEPRECIATION RATES FOR TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION (T&D)**
8 **PLANT ACCOUNTS?**

9 A AmerenUE's net salvage component of its depreciation rates for its T&D plant
10 accounts is much higher than its annual actual net salvage experience. The level of
11 depreciation expense that AmerenUE books should be reduced to limit the amount of
12 net salvage expense that AmerenUE is accruing for future retirements. Currently,
13 AmerenUE has accrued approximately \$582 million of future T&D net salvage
14 expense.

15 **Steam Production**

16 **Q HOW DID AMERENUE DEVELOP ITS DEPRECIATION RATES FOR ITS STEAM**
17 **PRODUCTION UNITS?**

18 A AmerenUE developed depreciation rates and expenses for each plant account for
19 each steam production plant. Based on December 31, 2008 plant balances,
20 AmerenUE is seeking an increase in coal fired steam production depreciation
21 expense of \$32.175 million.

22 The following factors were used to calculate the depreciation rates for the
23 steam production plants:

- 1 1. Lives based on estimated retirement dates.
- 2 2. Interim retirement activity.
- 3 3. Net salvage ratio.
- 4 4. Accumulated depreciation reserve variance

5 Each of these factors was used to calculate AmerenUE's proposed
6 depreciation rates for the steam production plant accounts by power plant.

7 **Q HAVE YOU PREPARED A SCHEDULE SHOWING AMERENUE'S PROPOSED**
8 **DEPRECIATION PARAMETERS FOR ITS PRODUCTION PLANT ACCOUNTS?**

9 A Yes. The proposed depreciation parameters and rates for all the production plant
10 accounts, which includes steam, nuclear, hydraulic and other are shown on Schedule
11 JTS-1. These depreciation rates reflect the impact of accumulated depreciation
12 reserve variance. The reserve variance will be discussed later in my testimony.

13 Schedule JTS-1 also shows a comparison of the currently approved
14 depreciation rates and the resulting expense for all production plant accounts. As
15 Schedule JTS-1 shows, AmerenUE is seeking an increase in total production
16 depreciation expense of \$22.504 million based on December 31, 2008 plant
17 balances.

18 **Q WHAT LIVES DID AMERENUE USE TO ESTABLISH THEIR DEPRECIATION**
19 **RATES FOR THE THEIR COAL FIRED STEAM PRODUCTION PLANTS?**

20 A For the coal fired steam production plants, AmerenUE is proposing life spans that
21 range from 61 years to 72 years. A summary of the life spans is shown on Schedule
22 JTS-2. Schedule JTS-2 also shows the life spans that AmerenUE has proposed for
23 its steam production plant in the last two rate cases that contained complete

1 depreciation studies. As Schedule JTS-2 shows, since Case No. EC-2002-1,
2 AmerenUE has increased its life spans considerably and in Case No. ER-2007-002,
3 AmerenUE adjusted its life spans from those originally assumed.

4 **Q HOW DID AMERENUE DETERMINE ITS STEAM PRODUCTION PLANT LIFE**
5 **SPANS?**

6 A To determine the steam production plant life spans, AmerenUE engaged Black &
7 Veatch to prepare a report and put forth the estimated probable retirement dates for
8 AmerenUE's four coal fired power plants. The estimated retirement dates are
9 discussed in the testimony of AmerenUE witness Larry W. Loos.

10 **Q HAS AMERENUE USED THOSE PROPOSED RETIREMENT DATES TO**
11 **DEVELOP ITS STEAM PRODUCTION DEPRECIATION RATES?**

12 A Yes. AmerenUE has utilized those proposed retirement dates to determine its steam
13 production depreciation rates. The depreciation rates also reflect the interim
14 retirements that are estimated to occur prior to the estimated final retirement date.
15 The depreciation rate also reflects the net salvage associated with interim retirement
16 activity.

17 **Q HAS AMERENUE INCLUDED ANY TERMINAL NET SALVAGE IN THE**
18 **DEVELOPMENT OF ITS DEPRECIATION RATES FOR ITS STEAM PRODUCTION**
19 **PLANT?**

20 A No. The steam production net salvage ratios used to develop the depreciation rates
21 only reflect the net salvage associated with interim retirements and do not reflect any
22 net salvage associated with the final retirement.

1 Q IS THAT TREATMENT OF NET SALVAGE CONSISTENT WITH COMMISSION
2 PRACTICES?

3 A Yes. The Commission has excluded any provision for terminal or final retirement net
4 salvage from the development of the steam production depreciation rates.

5 Q IS AMERENUE'S PROPOSAL TO UTILIZE THE LIFE SPAN METHOD
6 CONSISTENT WITH THE COMMISSION APPROVED METHOD FOR
7 DETERMINING DEPRECIATION RATES FOR THE STEAM PRODUCTION PLANT
8 ACCOUNTS?

9 A No. In the Order in Case No. ER-2007-0002, the Commission rejected the life span
10 method. The Commission stated the following on the use of the life span approach
11 and the development of steam production depreciation rates:

12 "Obviously, at some point, all of AmerenUE's electric production plants
13 will be retired. But at this time, there is really no way to be sure when
14 that retirement will occur. It all seems like an unimportant matter, but
15 the truncation of survivor curves and the resultant decrease in the
16 expected life of the components of these power plants would
17 significantly increase the amount of money AmerenUE would be
18 allowed to recover as depreciation expense. In turn, the calculation of
19 depreciation expense will have a significant impact on the rates that
20 AmerenUE will be allowed to charge its customers. Without better
21 evidence of when those plants are likely to be retired, allowing the
22 company to increase its depreciation expenses based on what is little
23 more than speculation about possible retirement dates would be
24 inappropriate. Staff's use of non-truncated survivor curves is
25 appropriate and Staff's curves shall be used for calculation of
26 AmerenUE's depreciation expense." (Order Case No. ER-2007-0002,
27 pages 84-85)

28 To develop the current approved book depreciation rates for the coal fired
29 steam production plants, the Commission rejected the life span approach and
30 developed the depreciation rates based on a whole life analysis of AmerenUE's
31 retired steam production investment as adjusted by the Staff.

1 **Q DOES THE CRITICISM THAT THE COMMISSION HAD OF AMERENUE’S LIFE**
2 **SPAN APPROACH THAT EXISTED IN 2007 STILL EXIST TODAY?**

3 A Yes. In the Order in Case No. ER-2007-0002, the Commission stated that:

4 “It is very unlikely that AmerenUE will actually choose to retire and
5 place such a large percentage of its base load generation capacity
6 within a short span of 16 years between 2021 and 2037. It is certain
7 that AmerenUE filed an integrated resource plan in December 2005
8 that did not make any mention of any plans to retire base load
9 generation capacity.” (Order Case No. ER-2007-0002, page 83)

10 In this proceeding, AmerenUE’s proposed retirement dates vary from 2022 to
11 2046. In fact, AmerenUE is proposing to retire Sioux, Labadie and Rush Island
12 steam production plants from 2033 through 2046 or a span of 13 years. That is, over
13 this 13 year period, AmerenUE is suggesting that it will retire approximately
14 4,700 MW of capacity. It should be noted that for the Meramec facility, although the
15 estimated retirement date is 2022, that retirement estimate is driven by AmerenUE’s
16 claim that it will not install scrubbers at Meramec. If scrubbers are installed, the
17 estimated retirement date could be lengthened by 20 years and the retirement dates
18 for all of AmerenUE’s coal fired steam production plants would then fall into a range
19 of approximately 15 years.

20 **Q WHAT IS YOUR RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE APPROPRIATE**
21 **DEPRECIATION RATES FOR THE COAL FIRED STEAM PRODUCTION PLANTS?**

22 A I recommend that the Commission continue to utilize the currently approved method
23 for developing depreciation rates for AmerenUE’s steam production investment. The
24 concerns that the Commission had in Case No. ER-2007-0002 exist today.

1 Q HAS AMERENUE PROVIDED THE AVERAGE SERVICE LIVES AND NET
2 SALVAGE DATA NEEDED TO DEVELOP DEPRECIATION RATES USING THE
3 SAME METHOD THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVED IN CASE
4 NO. ER-2007-0002?

5 A Yes. AmerenUE has provided the life characteristics for its steam production plant
6 accounts reflecting the interim retirement activity in each of those accounts. In
7 addition, AmerenUE has provided the complete net salvage history for its steam
8 production plant accounts. These lives and net salvage ratios were used to develop
9 depreciation rates using the same methodology that the Commission adopted in
10 Case No. ER-2007-0002.

11 Q HAS AMERENUE REGISTERED ANY CONCERNS ABOUT THE STEAM
12 PRODUCTION RETIREMENT DATA THAT WAS USED BY THE MISSOURI
13 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STAFF (STAFF) IN DOCKET NO. ER-2007-0002
14 TO DEVELOP THE CURRENTLY APPROVED STEAM PRODUCTION
15 DEPRECIATION RATES.

16 A Yes. In Case No. ER-2008-0318, AmerenUE witness John Wiedmayer stated in his
17 rebuttal testimony that the interim survivor curves that both he and the Staff estimated
18 in Case No. ER-2007-0002 were developed from interim retirement activity and final
19 retirements of plants were not reflected in the analysis. In Mr. Wiedmayer's opinion,
20 this allowed certain retirement activity to be excluded from the analysis. Specifically,
21 the final retirements that were made at the steam plants, such as Mound, Cahokia
22 and Venice were excluded.

1 **Q DO YOU THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE TO EXCLUDE THESE RETIREMENTS?**

2 A Yes. These units do not represent the type of units that are currently in service and
3 including their final retirements in the database would distort the life analysis.

4 **Q PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY THE FINAL RETIREMENT OF VENICE SHOULD BE**
5 **EXCLUDED FROM THE LIFE ANALYSIS?**

6 A First, in this case, the Commission will approve depreciation rates for coal fired steam
7 generating plants. The Venice units were converted in the mid-1970s to burn oil and
8 natural gas. Therefore, these units were not coal fired units for the last 25 years of
9 their lives. Also, unlike AmerenUE's current coal fired generating plant, Venice was
10 not considered as base load generation for much of its life. Secondly, in August
11 2000, a fire damaged two of the six generating units. These units were not returned
12 to service. Furthermore, other damage costs were refurbished and the units were
13 retired two years later. Third, the units had much higher heat rates than the units that
14 are currently in service. That is, the cost to operate the units was higher than the cost
15 to operate AmerenUE's current coal fired units. As a result, Venice was retired for
16 reasons that are not applicable to the existing coal fired units. If these final
17 retirements of the Venice units are included in the development of the life span
18 analysis, this will unduly influence the results of the analysis and will produce
19 depreciation rates that are higher than they should be.

20 **Q ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE VENICE RETIREMENT WAS ATYPICAL?**

21 A Yes. The Venice retirement was atypical and the final retirement should be excluded
22 from any life analysis that is utilized to determine the average service lives of the
23 current coal fired steam production units.

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1 Q UNDER THE COMMISSION'S APPROVED WHOLE LIFE METHOD OF
2 DEVELOPING STEAM PRODUCTION DEPRECIATION RATES, WILL AMERENUE
3 BE AT RISK FOR RECOVERING ANY OF ITS PRUDENTLY INCURRED
4 INVESTMENT?

5 A No. In Case No. ER-2008-0318, Staff witness Guy Gilbert addressed this specific
6 issue. Mr. Gilbert stated the following during cross examination:

7 "A. Here in Missouri we use the whole life formula. With respect to
8 any over or under-accrual of the reserves, we take that into
9 account and, if necessary, an amortization is initiated to bring
10 things back on course.

11 Q. Amortization of what?

12 A. Any excess or under-accrual of the reserve.

13 Q. Of the book reserve?

14 A. Yes."

15 (Transcript, page 873)

16 Q IS THIS APPROACH PROPER?

17 A Yes. Since the whole life method is utilized in Missouri to develop steam production
18 depreciation rates, any un-depreciated portion of the prudently incurred investment of
19 a retired steam production plant should be amortized. Likewise, any over accrual
20 should be returned to the ratepayers.

21 Q WOULD YOU SUPPORT THIS TREATMENT FOR THE VENICE PLANT?

22 A Yes. Once the un-depreciated portion is determined, it could be amortized over a five
23 or 10 year period. It should be noted that in response to MIEC 8-2, AmerenUE stated
24 that the total un-depreciated plant balance of the Venice Plant at retirement was

1 \$10.51 million. If this amount is accurate, I would recommend amortizing it over a
2 10 year period.

3 **Q HAVE YOU PERFORMED AN ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE WHAT THE IMPACT**
4 **WOULD BE ON STEAM PRODUCTION DEPRECIATION RATES IF THE WHOLE**
5 **LIFE CHARACTERISTICS AND NET SALVAGE RATIOS CONTAINED IN**
6 **AMERENUE'S CASE WERE UTILIZED TO DEVELOP DEPRECIATION RATES?**

7 A Yes. Schedule JTS-3 shows the depreciation rates and the steam production
8 depreciation expense if the life characteristics supported by AmerenUE in this case
9 were used. Because each individual steam production plant account will have the
10 same depreciation rate, I have combined all of the investment for each coal fired plant
11 in the appropriate plant accounts. The net salvage ratios for the entire net salvage
12 history for the steam production accounts were also used in developing the
13 depreciation rates.

14 As Schedule JTS-3 shows, if the life characteristics proposed by AmerenUE in
15 this case, adjusted for the entire net salvage history, were utilized to develop
16 depreciation rates, the depreciation expense would be reduced by \$6.286 million from
17 the currently approved depreciation rates. It should be noted that \$3.976 million of
18 this reduction in depreciation expense is related to the depreciation of aluminum coal
19 cars investment. AmerenUE is also proposing a reduction in the depreciation rates
20 and expense for its aluminum coal cars.

1 Q ARE YOU RECOMMENDING THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE
2 DEPRECIATION RATES FOR THE STEAM PRODUCTION PLANT SHOWN ON
3 SCHEDULE JTS- 3?

4 A Yes.

5 Q IN AMERENUE'S CASE NO. ER-2007-0002, DID YOU SUPPORT THE USE OF
6 THE LIFE SPAN METHOD TO DEVELOP AMERENUE'S STEAM PRODUCTION
7 DEPRECIATION RATES?

8 A Yes. However, as I previously indicated, the Commission rejected those arguments
9 and did not utilize the life span approach to develop the steam production
10 depreciation rates.

11 **Callaway Depreciation Rates**

12 Q IS AMERENUE PROPOSING TO REVISE THE DEPRECIATION RATES FOR
13 CALLAWAY?

14 A Yes. AmerenUE has updated the depreciation rates to reflect the current plant
15 balances. In addition, retirement dispersion curves were used to develop the average
16 remaining life. Since not all of the investment will live until the plant's final retirement
17 date, the average remaining life is shorter than the remaining life span.

18 Q WHAT RETIREMENT DATE IS USED FOR THE CALLAWAY NUCLEAR POWER
19 PLANT IN THE DEPRECIATION STUDY?

20 A The retirement date for Callaway is June, 2047. The basis for this date is the
21 expected expiration date of the nuclear license to operate the plant. The depreciation

1 rates are designed so that when the operating license expires, the plant balances will
2 be fully depreciated.

3 **Q ARE YOU PROPOSING ANY CHANGES TO THE PROPOSED DEPRECIATION**
4 **RATES FOR CALLAWAY?**

5 A Yes. I am recommending that the depreciation rates for Account 322 be adjusted to
6 remove the impact of the extraordinary retirement in 2005. In 2005, Account 322
7 experienced a retirement of \$81 million. This retirement is associated with the
8 retirement of four steam generators. (Response to MIEC 4-5) This retirement
9 represents approximately 46% of the total retirements that occurred from 1986
10 through 2008. The net salvage expense associated with this retirement is
11 approximately \$25 million or 80% of the total net salvage expense that this account
12 has incurred since 1986.

13 Because this retirement is not typical and dominates the history, I am
14 recommending that it be excluded from the life and net salvage analyses. Excluding
15 this retirement from the analysis impacts both the remaining life and net salvage ratio
16 that is used to calculate the depreciation rates.

17 **Q BY ADJUSTING THE RETIREMENT HISTORY TO EXCLUDE THE**
18 **EXTRAORDINARY RETIREMENT THAT OCCURRED IN 2005, WILL AMERENUE**
19 **STILL BE ALLOWED TO RECOVER ALL OF THE INVESTMENT IT HAS MADE IN**
20 **CALLAWAY?**

21 A Yes. I have calculated the depreciation rate for Account 322 over the remaining life
22 utilizing their actual accumulated depreciation reserve. As a result, AmerenUE will
23 recover all of its costs that are incurred to date adjusted for net salvage over the

1 remaining life of the Callaway Nuclear Plant. That is AmerenUE will recover all of the
2 \$81 million associated with the four steam generators that were originally installed.
3 Excluding this extraordinary retirement from the analysis reduces the remaining life
4 and net salvage ratio that is used to develop the Account 322 depreciation rate.

5 **Q WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF EXCLUDING THIS RETIREMENT FROM THE LIFE**
6 **AND NET SALVAGE ANALYSES?**

7 A Excluding the 2005 retirement increases the remaining life from 29.8 years to 32.6
8 years and decreases the net salvage ratio from a negative 10% to a negative 1.2%.
9 The remaining life increases because removing the 2005 retirement reduces the
10 interim retirement activity thereby increasing the average remaining life. The
11 development of the remaining life and net salvage ratio are shown on
12 Schedule JTS-4.

13 **Q HOW DID YOU DEVELOP THE REMAINING LIFE FOR ACCOUNT 322?**

14 A I calculated the retirement ratio excluding the 2005 retirement and used that
15 retirement ratio to calculate the average remaining life. Applying that retirement ratio
16 results in shortening the remaining life span from 35.8 year to 32.6 years.

17 **Q HOW DID YOU DEVELOP THE NET SALVAGE RATIO FOR ACCOUNT 322?**

18 A I removed the net salvage associated with the 2005 retirement and developed a net
19 salvage ratio of a negative 6.8%. I then applied this negative net salvage ratio to the
20 expected interim retirements over the remaining life span to develop a net salvage
21 ratio that should be used to calculate the Account 322 depreciation rate. This
22 analysis is shown on Schedule JTS-4.

1 **Hydraulic Production**

2 **Q ARE YOU ALSO PROPOSING ANY CHANGES TO THE DEPRECIATION RATES**
3 **FOR THE HYDRAULIC PRODUCTION PLANTS?**

4 A Similar to the steam production depreciation rates, the hydraulic production
5 depreciation rates should be based on the whole life method. However, I have not
6 developed specific depreciation rates for the hydraulic production plant accounts.

7 **Other Production**

8 **Q DO YOU HAVE ANY REVISIONS TO THE DEPRECIATION RATES FOR THE**
9 **OTHER PRODUCTION PLANT ACCOUNTS?**

10 A Yes. For Plant Accounts 341 through 346, I am recommending that the net salvage
11 ratio be changed from a negative 5% to a negative 2%.

12 **Q WHAT IS YOUR BASIS FOR REDUCING THE NEGATIVE NET SALVAGE RATIO**
13 **FROM A NEGATIVE 5% TO A NEGATIVE 2%?**

14 A As stated in response MIEC 4-13, the net salvage experience during the total other
15 production history is a negative 2%. In response to MIEC 4-13, AmerenUE stated the
16 following:

17 "The total net salvage period experienced during the full period studied
18 was a negative two percent. The proposed net salvage percent of
19 negative 5 percent anticipates lower future gross salvage as the units
20 age and the salvageable components are worth less. Also, the units
21 will require some removal cost to dismantle the units at the time of
22 their final retirement." (Response to MIEC 4-13)

23 The recommended net salvage percent reflects some removal cost to
24 dismantle at final retirement. AmerenUE has not provided any support for this
25 conclusion.

1 Therefore, I recommend that the Commission utilize the full period net salvage
2 of a negative 2% to develop the other production depreciation rates.

3 **Production Depreciation Expense Impact**

4 **Q WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF YOUR PROPOSED CHANGES TO AMERENUE'S**
5 **PROPOSED PRODUCTION DEPRECIATION RATES?**

6 A My proposed changes to the production depreciation rates reduce the production
7 depreciation expense as proposed by AmerenUE by \$44.485 million, on a total
8 Company basis using plant balances at December 31, 2008. The production
9 depreciation rates are summarized on JTS-5.

10 **Life Span Depreciation Rates**

11 **Q IF THE COMMISSION ELECTS TO UTILIZE THE LIFE SPAN APPROACH TO**
12 **DEVELOP DEPRECIATION RATES IN THIS PROCEEDING, DO YOU HAVE ANY**
13 **REVISIONS TO AMERENUE'S PROPOSED STEAM PRODUCTION**
14 **DEPRECIATION PARAMETERS?**

15 A Yes. I have two recommended changes. First, I would recommend that the
16 Commission lengthen the life of the Meramec Plant by five years. I would
17 recommend that would lengthen the retirement date from 2022 to 2027. Second, I
18 would recommend that the Commission reduce the net salvage ratio associated with
19 the Account 312 from a negative 15% to a negative 10%.

1 Q WHY ARE YOU PROPOSING TO LENGTHEN THE LIFE OF THE MERAMEC
2 PLANT?

3 A I recommend lengthening the life of the Meramec Plant to bring the life spans of Units
4 3 and 4 in-line with the life spans that AmerenUE is proposing for its other steam
5 production units. Currently, AmerenUE is forecasting that the Meramec Plant will be
6 retired in 2022. This produces a life for the Meramec Plant Units 3 and 4 of 63 years
7 and 61 years, respectively. For all of the other steam production units, AmerenUE
8 has proposed a life span, on average, of approximately 69 years.

9 Second, Black & Veatch has performed a Meramec Condition Assessment
10 Report for AmerenUE. This report, which is dated 2009, indicates that Meramec
11 Plant could potentially be in service well after the proposed retirement date of 2022.

12 *****
13 *****
14 ***** Therefore, in light of the June 2009 report, lengthening the
15 retirement date for the Meramec Plant by five years is reasonable.

16 Q IN MAKING THIS LIFE ADJUSTMENT TO THE MERAMEC STEAM PRODUCTION
17 PLANT, DID YOU REFLECT ANY INTERIM RETIREMENT ACTIVITY?

18 A Yes. In developing its production depreciation rates, AmerenUE has utilized Iowa
19 curves to reflect interim retirement activity. I have also reflected interim retirements in
20 developing my proposed life span for the Meramec Plant.

1 Q WHAT IS AMERENUE PROPOSING REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF NET
2 SALVAGE ASSOCIATED WITH ITS STEAM PRODUCTION PLANT
3 INVESTMENT?

4 A AmerenUE's proposed production depreciation rates include a provision for interim
5 retirement net salvage. AmerenUE has not included any provision in its proposed
6 depreciation rates for terminal net salvage.

7 Q ARE YOU PROPOSING ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO AMERENUE'S PROPOSED NET
8 SALVAGE ESTIMATES FOR STEAM PRODUCTION?

9 A Yes. I am proposing that the Commission adjust the net salvage ratio for Account
10 312 from a negative 15% to a negative 10%. I would only be recommending this
11 change if the Commission adopts the life span approach for purposes of developing
12 the depreciation rates for the steam production units.

13 Q WHY ARE YOU PROPOSING THE ADJUSTMENT TO THE NET SALVAGE RATIO
14 FOR ACCOUNT 312?

15 A Under AmerenUE's proposed net salvage ratio, they will be collecting net salvage
16 expense greater than the amount of net salvage that they may be required over the
17 remaining lives of the steam production units. As previously stated, this net salvage
18 component of depreciation rate should only reflect the net salvage associated with
19 the interim retirement activity.

1 Q WHAT IS THE BASIS FOR YOUR PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE NET
2 SALVAGE RATIO?

3 A Review of the net salvage expense associated with Account 312 indicates that over
4 the last five year and 10 year periods the actual annual net salvage expenses were
5 \$5.126 million and \$5.277 million, respectively. AmerenUE's proposed net salvage
6 component for Account 312 produces a net salvage component of \$13.1 million or 2.5
7 times larger than the actual experience.

8 Q ARE YOU PROPOSING TO DEVELOP A NET SALVAGE RATIO USING
9 AMERENUE'S ACTUAL ACCOUNT 312 NET SALVAGE EXPERIENCE?

10 A No. I have estimated the annual net salvage cost that AmerenUE could expect to
11 incur over the remaining life spans of its steam production units. To determine this, I
12 utilized AmerenUE's most recent five and 10 year history as a starting point. I then
13 escalated that cost for 30 years and utilized the average of those amounts. The
14 result of this analysis is shown on Schedule JTS-6.

15 As Schedule JTS-6 shows over the next 30 years, AmerenUE could expect on
16 average a net salvage expense of approximately \$8.250 million. This is 63% of the
17 net salvage expense that AmerenUE has built into its proposed depreciation rates for
18 Account 312. Therefore, I am recommending that the Commission utilize a net ratio
19 of a negative 10% if the Commission elects to utilize the life span approach to
20 develop the depreciation rates.

1 Q WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON AMERENUE'S PRODUCTION DEPRECIATION
2 EXPENSE IF THE COMMISSION ELECTS TO USE THE LIFE SPAN APPROACH
3 TO DEVELOP STEAM PRODUCTION DEPRECIATION RATES?

4 A If the Commission elects to use a life span approach to develop the steam and
5 hydraulic depreciation rates, the reduction in depreciation expense from AmerenUE's
6 proposed level will \$13.685 million. With my proposed changes to the nuclear and
7 other production depreciation rates, which are not related to using the whole life
8 method, the total production depreciation expense reduction is \$19.708 million. This
9 is shown on Schedule JTS-7.

10 **Transmission, Distribution and General Plant**

11 Q HAS AMERENUE PROPOSED CHANGES TO ITS TRANSMISSION,
12 DISTRIBUTION AND GENERAL (TD&G) PLANT ACCOUNTS' DEPRECIATION
13 RATES?

14 A Yes. Schedule JTS-8 shows AmerenUE's proposed TD&G depreciation parameters,
15 which include average service lives, net salvage ratios, depreciation rates and
16 proposed depreciation expense using December 31, 2008 plant balances.

17 As shown on Schedule JTS-8, AmerenUE is proposing TD&G depreciation
18 rates that produce a reduction in depreciation expense of \$8.695 million.

19 Q DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS REGARDING AMERENUE'S PROPOSED TD&G
20 DEPRECIATION RATES?

21 A Yes. AmerenUE's proposed net salvage ratios that are used to develop its TD&G
22 depreciation rates produce excessive amounts of net salvage expense and greatly
23 exceed the level of net salvage expense that AmerenUE actually incurs. As a result,

1 AmerenUE's TD&G proposed book depreciation rates and expense are excessive.
2 Because the net salvage issue is primarily a T&D plant account issue, I will focus on
3 the net salvage accruals and expenses for those plant accounts.

4 AmerenUE has included in its T&D depreciation rates a net salvage
5 component that it will not incur in the near future, if at all. These estimates of future
6 net salvage costs include estimates of future inflation.

7 **Q DO YOU TAKE EXCEPTION WITH THE AMOUNT OF NET SALVAGE THAT**
8 **AMERENUE HAS INCLUDED IN ITS PROPOSED TD&G BOOK DEPRECIATION**
9 **RATES?**

10 **A** Yes. The requested annual net salvage component of depreciation expense is
11 significantly higher than AmerenUE's actual annual net salvage expense experience.
12 In fact, the level of annual net salvage expense to be included in AmerenUE's
13 proposed depreciation expense is over six times greater than the annual level of net
14 salvage expense that AmerenUE typically incurs, as measured over the last 10 years.

15 The consequence of AmerenUE's proposed treatment of net salvage is that it
16 unnecessarily raises rates for today's ratepayers and produces intergenerational
17 inequities. These inequities result from shifting cost burdens to today's ratepayers
18 from future ratepayers. This shift in cost burden occurs because AmerenUE is asking
19 ratepayers to pay a significant cost associated with estimates of future net salvage
20 cost in their proposed depreciation expense.

1 Q HOW DOES AMERENUE'S PROPOSED T&D NET SALVAGE COMPONENT OF
2 ITS DEPRECIATION RATES COMPARE WITH AMERENUE'S ACTUAL
3 EXPERIENCE?

4 A A comparison of the net salvage expense included in AmerenUE's proposed
5 depreciation expense with the level of net salvage expense AmerenUE actually incurs
6 shows that AmerenUE's proposed T&D depreciation rates contain a significant
7 provision for future net salvage expense. AmerenUE's proposed T&D depreciation
8 expense contains an annual net salvage component of \$76.131 million. However,
9 AmerenUE's average actual annual net salvage expense over the last five years is
10 \$15.084 million and over the last 10 years, the average annual net salvage expense
11 has been \$11.773 million. Therefore, the proposed current T&D depreciation rates
12 provide for an annual net salvage expense that greatly exceeds AmerenUE's actual
13 average annual net salvage expense over the last five and 10 year periods. The
14 annual net salvage data are shown in Schedule JTS-10.

15 Q PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW YOU DETERMINED THE NET SALVAGE EXPENSE
16 THAT IS INCLUDED IN AMERENUE'S DEPRECIATION RATES.

17 A To determine the net salvage expense that is included in AmerenUE's proposed
18 TD&G depreciation rates, I calculated their depreciation rates using the remaining life
19 and the net salvage ratio for each plant account. I then compared that to the
20 depreciation rates that AmerenUE was proposing for each plant account. Because
21 AmerenUE has included the depreciation reserve variance in the development of its
22 depreciation rates, the proposed depreciation rates are equivalent to remaining life
23 rates. This comparison of the depreciation rates is shown on Schedule JTS-9.

1 I then performed the same calculation setting all of the net salvage ratios for
2 the TD&G plants at 0%. I applied both sets of depreciation rates to the
3 December 31, 2008 plant balances. The difference represents the amount of net
4 salvage that AmerenUE has included in the depreciation rates.

5 As shown on Schedule JTS-9, AmerenUE has included approximately
6 \$4.3 million of net salvage expense in the transmission plant accounts, \$71.8 million
7 in the distribution plant accounts and a negative \$.8 million in the general plant
8 accounts for a total of a \$75.3 million. For the general plant accounts, the gross
9 salvage exceeds the removal cost so the net salvage expense is a negative amount.
10 Also, the net salvage expense associated with the general plant accounts is not as
11 nearly significant as the T&D net salvage expense. Therefore, I will only focus on the
12 T&D net salvage expense.

13 **Q HAS THE COMMISSION RULED ON HOW NET SALVAGE SHOULD BE**
14 **TREATED IN DEVELOPING THE TD&G DEPRECIATION RATES?**

15 **A** Yes. In the Commission's Order in Case No. ER-2007-0002, the Commission stated
16 the following:

17 "The Commission will continue to use traditional accrual account for
18 calculation of net salvage. The future inflation adjustments proposed
19 by MIEC and Public Counsel are rejected. The Commission also
20 notes that in the Laclede case, the Commission required that company
21 to separately accrue an account for net salvage amounts received in
22 rates separately from the other components of depreciation expense.
23 The Commission will impose the same requirements on AmerenUE.

24 The Commission believes this decision regarding inflation is consistent
25 with past practices of the Commission has decided in the Laclede
26 case. If the Staff believes this decision is inconsistent with past
27 practice, the Commission expects the Staff to still advise the
28 Commission in an application for reconsideration or clarification."
29 (Commission Order in Case No. ER-2007-0002 pages 93-94)

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1 Q HAS AMERENUE DEVELOPED ITS NET SALVAGE RATIOS USED TO
2 CALCULATE ITS TD&G DEPRECIATION RATES CONSISTENT WITH
3 COMMISSION PRACTICES?

4 A Yes. AmerenUE's proposed TD&G rates were developed utilizing the method
5 consistent with past Commission practices.

6 However, as previously indicated, those net salvage ratios produce a net
7 salvage expense or charge to the ratepayers that is significantly greater than the
8 amount of net salvage expense that AmerenUE is likely to incur. As a result,
9 AmerenUE, over time, has accrued a significant amount of depreciation expense that
10 is associated with future removal cost or net salvage expense.

11 Q HAS AMERENUE PROVIDED THE AMOUNT OF NET SALVAGE EXPENSE THAT
12 IT HAS ACCRUED FOR FUTURE REMOVAL OF T&D ASSETS?

13 A Yes. In response to MIEC Data Request 4-11, AmerenUE provided the T&D plant
14 accounts cost of removal and gross salvage that is included in the book depreciation
15 reserve. As the March 31, 2009, AmerenUE has accrued \$582 million of net salvage
16 expense for future retirements. That is, AmerenUE's past depreciation rates have
17 allowed the Company to accrue \$582 million of net salvage costs in excess of the
18 level of costs they have actually incurred. This represents approximately 30% of the
19 accrued depreciation reserve for the T&D investment. It should be noted that these
20 funds were not placed in an account and held for future use. AmerenUE has used
21 this money over time to fund ongoing activities such as construction.

1 **Q HOW HAS AMERENUE'S COMPONENT OF NET SALVAGE EXPENSE THAT IS**
2 **INCLUDED IN THE TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION DEPRECIATION**
3 **RATES COMPARED WITH AMERENUE'S ACTUAL EXPERIENCE?**

4 A Schedule JTS-10 compares the amount of net salvage that AmerenUE has accrued
5 in its depreciation rates with the level of net salvage expense it has actually incurred
6 during the last 10 years. The schedule includes a comparison using the 1983 rates
7 and the depreciation rates that were approved by the Commission in Case
8 No. ER-2007-0002. It is my understanding that the depreciation rates prior to the
9 rates approved in Case No. ER-2007-0002 were approved in 1983.

10 As Schedule JTS-11 shows AmerenUE has accrued a provision for net
11 salvage that has exceeded its actual experience by approximately \$250 million. In
12 addition, the difference between the accrued expense and the actual expense has
13 increased significantly with the implementation of the depreciation rates in Case
14 No. ER-2007-0002. As a result of the Order in that case, AmerenUE's current rates
15 allow them to accrue, annually, approximately \$44 million of net salvage expense in
16 excess of their actual needs.

17 **Q HOW DOES THE NET SALVAGE ACCRUAL BUILT INTO AMERENUE'S**
18 **PROPOSED DEPRECIATION RATES COMPARE WITH THE LEVEL OF NET**
19 **SALVAGE EXPENSE THAT THEY ARE LIKELY TO INCUR?**

20 A Utilizing actual 2008 data, AmerenUE's proposed TD&G depreciation rates will allow
21 it to accrue net salvage expense that is approximately \$59 million above its actual net
22 salvage experience. This is also shown on Schedule JTS-10. Therefore,
23 AmerenUE's proposed T&D depreciation rates will increase the gap between the
24 accrual for net salvage and the actual experience.

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1 Given the current level of net salvage expense that is accrued to date, the
2 accrual will increase significantly over the next five years and may approach
3 \$900 million under AmerenUE's proposed T&D depreciation rates.

4 **Q WHAT IS YOUR RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE LEVEL NET SALVAGE**
5 **EXPENSE THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE AMERENUE'S DEPRECIATION**
6 **EXPENSE?**

7 A I would recommend that the Commission modify its current approach for determining
8 T&D net salvage expense for AmerenUE. I propose that the Commission establish a
9 T&D depreciation accrual offset of \$35 million. AmerenUE's depreciation rates would
10 be developed following the traditional method of determining the net salvage ratios.
11 However, the depreciation expense will be reduced by the \$35 million. Under this
12 proposal, AmerenUE will collect net salvage expense in its depreciation rates that is
13 approximately \$25 million greater than the level of annual net salvage expense that
14 AmerenUE has actually incurred over the last five years.

15 It should be noted that as AmerenUE's T&D investment increase, the amount
16 of net salvage that it will be allowed to accrue will also increase. That is, as the
17 investment grows, the accrual of net salvage will grow but the \$35 million offset will
18 remain constant. As AmerenUE increases its T&D investment, its depreciation
19 expense, and hence, its net salvage expense will also increase. This should provide
20 AmerenUE with an increasing amount of net salvage expense included in its
21 depreciation rates.

1 Q WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF YOUR PROPOSED CHANGES IN AMERENUE'S
2 TD&G DEPRECIATION RATES?

3 A My proposed changes in AmerenUE's depreciation rates reduce its T&D depreciation
4 expense by \$35 million on a total Company basis. A comparison of MIEC and
5 AmerenUE's depreciation rates and expense is shown on Schedule JTS-11. This
6 comparison uses plant balances at December 31, 2008 and does not reflect the reserve
7 variance; Schedule JTS-11 also shows my proposed allocation of the \$35 million
8 depreciation offset between T&D. The \$35 million was allocated based on the
9 amount of net salvage built into the depreciation rates.

10 Net Salvage Expense Discussion

11 Q WHAT CAUSES THE DISPARITY BETWEEN NET SALVAGE EXPENSE
12 INCLUDED IN DEPRECIATION RATES AND ACTUAL NET SALVAGE
13 EXPERIENCE?

14 The proposed net salvage percentages or ratios that are included in the development
15 of depreciation rates reflect estimates of potential future net salvage costs. The net
16 salvage ratios that AmerenUE used to develop its proposed TD&G depreciation rates
17 include estimates of future inflation associated with net salvage costs.

18 Q PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW AMERENUE'S PROPOSED NET SALVAGE RATIOS
19 INCLUDE AN ESTIMATE OF FUTURE INFLATION.

20 A In simple terms, a net salvage ratio is developed by dividing the net salvage expense
21 by the associated retirement. This ratio is used to develop AmerenUE's proposed net
22 salvage ratios that are included in the book depreciation rates.

1 In this case, AmerenUE is proposing an average service life of approximately
2 50 years for its T&D plant accounts. If an asset is retired in 2008, AmerenUE
3 compares the cost to remove the asset in year 2008 dollars with the installed cost of
4 the asset. If the asset was in service for an average service life of 50 years, the cost
5 of the asset is stated in 1958 dollars. As a result, the net salvage ratio is developed
6 from costs stated in dollars from different time periods. That is, the net salvage
7 percent that is included in the T&D depreciation rates is developed from a removal
8 cost in current dollars and a retired asset expressed in historic original cost dollars.

9 This net salvage ratio is used in developing the depreciation rates. Since the
10 cost of the asset and the cost to remove the asset are stated in dollars from different
11 time periods, the net salvage ratio provides an estimate of future inflated net salvage
12 costs. As a result, AmerenUE's net salvage percentages require today's ratepayers
13 to pay the estimated costs of future inflation.

14 **Q PLEASE PROVIDE AN EXAMPLE OF THE IMPACT ON NET SALVAGE**
15 **ASSOCIATED WITH INCLUDING FUTURE INFLATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT**
16 **OF NET SALVAGE RATIOS.**

17 **A** For Plant Account 364, AmerenUE is proposing a net salvage ratio of a negative
18 150% and an average service life of 45 years. AmerenUE is requesting \$1,500 of net
19 salvage expense for every \$1,000 of investment. Under AmerenUE's proposal,
20 today's ratepayers would essentially see a 45-year amortization of the \$1,500 in their
21 depreciation rates. As a result, AmerenUE is requiring today's ratepayers to pick up a
22 portion of the cost of inflation that it estimates will occur over the next 45 years.
23 However, if we simply discount the \$1,500 at a 3% inflation rate for 45 years, the

1 present-day cost to remove that asset is approximately \$397, not \$1,500. The \$1,500
2 cost represents a future cost that may or may not occur.

3 **Q DO YOU SUPPORT USING NET SALVAGE RATIOS THAT REFLECTS**
4 **EXCESSIVE ESTIMATES OF FUTURE COSTS TO DEVELOP TD&G**
5 **DEPRECIATION RATES?**

6 A No. Including estimates of future costs that include significant amounts of future
7 inflation in the development of net salvage ratios should be rejected for the following
8 reasons:

- 9 1. Removal cost or net salvage for plant is often determined quite arbitrarily. That is,
10 judgment is utilized to develop net salvage ratios.
- 11 2. As previously demonstrated, reflecting future net salvage costs that include a
12 significant component for future inflation results in net salvage allowances in
13 depreciation rates that significantly exceed current actual net salvage costs.
- 14 3. The procedure essentially projects past inflation rates into the future. This may
15 not be a reasonable assumption.
- 16 4. Even adjusting the net salvage percentages for projections of future inflation still
17 requires ratepayers to have included in their rates undiscounted costs of future
18 net salvage.

19 **Q ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY COMMISSIONS THAT HAVE REDUCED THE NET**
20 **SALVAGE CONTAINED IN DEPRECIATION RATES TO REDUCE THE DISPARITY**
21 **BETWEEN ACCRUED NET SALVAGE EXPENSE AND ACTUAL EXPERIENCE?**

22 A Yes. The Pennsylvania Commission does not allow utilities to recover future costs
23 that have not been incurred. Essentially, the Pennsylvania Commission allows
24 utilities to recover in their rates net salvage costs, which is the average of the five
25 most recent years of actual removal costs.

1 The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and the Public Service Commission
2 of Delaware also base their net salvage allowance for ratemaking purposes on actual
3 experience and exclude the net salvage ratio from the depreciation rates. In these
4 instances, the net salvage costs are treated like other operating expenses.

5 In addition, the Georgia Public Service Commission's net salvage calculation
6 accounts for the timing difference between the cost of the retired asset and the net
7 salvage expense caused by inflation. That is, the depreciation procedure that is
8 utilized in Georgia for computing the net removal cost avoids the distortion that
9 results from comparing dollars at very different values or times. AmerenUE's
10 proposal, on the other hand, ignores the significant timing difference between the
11 original cost of the asset and the net salvage expense incurred to remove that asset
12 from service.

13 Also, the Public Service Commission of Maryland in a recent rate order
14 adopted the "Present Value Method" for the recovery of removal costs. Under this
15 ratemaking method, the time value of money or the diminishing purchasing power of
16 the dollar is recognized. This method of treating net salvage is also in contrast to the
17 method proposed by AmerenUE in this case, which not only incorporates inflation but
18 ignores the diminishing purchasing power of the dollar.

19 **Q IS THERE SUPPORT IN ANY INDUSTRY TRADE PUBLICATION FOR YOUR**
20 **PROPOSAL REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF T&D DEPRECIATION**
21 **RATES?**

22 **A**Yes. Pages 157 and 158 of the Public Utility Depreciation Practices published in
23 August 1996 by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
24 (NARUC) states:

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1 “Determining a reasonably accurate estimate of the average or future
2 net salvage is not an easy task; estimates can be the subject of
3 considerable discussions and controversy between regulators and
4 utility personnel. This is one of the reasons advanced in support of
5 current-period accounting for these items. When estimating future net
6 salvage, every effort should be made to ensure that the estimate is as
7 accurate as possible. Normally, the process should start by analyzing
8 past salvage and cost of removal data and by using the results of this
9 analysis to project future gross salvage and cost of removal.”

10 The 1996 NARUC Public Utility Depreciation Practices publication also
11 provides rationale for excluding the impacts of future inflation in developing
12 depreciation rates.

13 “It is frequently the case that the net salvage for a class of property is
14 negative, that is, cost of removal exceeds gross salvage. This
15 circumstance has increasingly become dominant over the past 20 to
16 30 years; in some cases, negative net salvage even exceeds the
17 original cost of plant. Today few utility plant categories experience
18 positive net salvage; this means that most depreciation rates must be
19 designed to recover more than the original cost of the plant. The
20 predominance of this circumstance is another reason why some utility
21 commissions have switched to current-period accounting for gross
22 salvage and, particularly, cost of removal.” (NARUC 1996 Public Utility
23 Depreciation Practices, page 158)

24 Excluding estimates of future inflation from the net salvage ratios is consistent
25 with methods used by other jurisdictions and is acceptable to NARUC.

26 **Other Depreciation Issues**

27 **Q EARLIER IN YOUR TESTIMONY, YOU DISCUSSED RESERVE VARIANCE**
28 **AMORTIZATION THAT AMERENUE HAS INCLUDED IN ITS DEPRECIATION**
29 **RATES. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE RESERVE AMORTIZATION.**

30 **A** The reserve variance amortization is an adjustment to the annual depreciation
31 expense to align the actual accumulated book depreciation reserves with the
32 calculated theoretical book depreciation reserve. The theoretical reserves by plant
33 account are the reserves that would exist if the proposed depreciation lives and net

1 salvage ratios would have been in place over the entire life. Essentially, the reserve
2 variances are simply the difference between the Company's book accumulated
3 depreciation reserves and the theoretical reserves that are calculated from the
4 proposed depreciation parameters.

5 **Q WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED TOTAL RESERVE VARIANCE THAT IS INCLUDED IN**
6 **THE DEPRECIATION RATES?**

7 A The total reserve variance that AmerenUE has included in its proposed depreciation
8 rates has the effect of reducing depreciation expense by \$20 million. That is,
9 AmerenUE has decreased the depreciation rates developed from the depreciation
10 parameters to reflect the difference between the actual book depreciation reserve and
11 the theoretical reserve. The theoretical reserve indicates that AmerenUE's past
12 depreciation rates have been overstated and AmerenUE has recovered significantly
13 more depreciation expense in the past than it should have.

14 **Q DID YOU CALCULATE A DEPRECIATION RESERVE VARIANCE?**

15 A No. As indicated earlier in my testimony, if the Commission continues to develop its
16 steam and hydraulic production depreciation rates from the whole life characteristics
17 as opposed to the life span approach, the reserve variance is not necessary.
18 Consistent with the Staff's position, any unrecovered depreciation could be amortized
19 over some designated period so the utility will recover the full cost of the plant.

1 Q SHOULD THE COMMISSION INCLUDE THE RESERVE VARIANCE IN THE
2 DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEPRECIATION RATES FOR THE FUNCTIONS OTHER
3 THAN STEAM AND HYDRAULIC PRODUCTION?

4 A Yes. Recognizing over and under accruals of past depreciation expense for the other
5 functions, such as nuclear, other production, transmission, distribution and general is
6 appropriate and I have recognized the reserve variance in my proposed depreciation
7 rates.

8 **Summary of Depreciation Impact**

9 Q WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF YOUR PROPOSED BOOK DEPRECIATION RATES ON
10 AMERENUE'S PROPOSED LEVEL OF DEPRECIATION EXPENSE?

11 A My proposed depreciation rates reduce AmerenUE's proposed level of depreciation
12 expense by \$74.485 million on a total Company basis based on plant balances
13 December 31, 2008. My proposed changes to the production depreciation rates and
14 expense are shown on Schedule JTS-5 and the proposed changes to the TD&G
15 depreciation rates and expense are shown on Schedule JTS-11.

16 **Incentive Compensation**

17 Q ARE YOU PROPOSING ANY ADJUSTMENT TO AMERENUE'S INCENTIVE
18 COMPENSATION EXPENSE?

19 A Yes. I am recommending that all short-term incentive compensation for AmerenUE's
20 management be excluded from the test year revenue requirement. MIEC witness
21 Greg Meyer describes AmerenUE's five short-term incentive plans in his direct
22 testimony. The management incentive compensation expense that I am addressing
23 relates to the expenses that Mr. Meyer did not address in his direct testimony.

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1 These incentive compensation payments would increase the cost to
2 ratepayers during very difficult economic times, but AmerenUE has not shown that
3 ratepayers benefit from them. Given the rate increase that customers received in
4 March 2009 and the level of increase customers may receive in June 2010, it is
5 difficult to see how ratepayers have benefited from these incentive compensation
6 programs. In addition, AmerenUE's shareholders have not only seen a significant
7 drop in the value of their stock over the last two years but have also seen a cut in
8 their dividend. Therefore, it is unclear who benefits from these programs other than
9 AmerenUE's management.

10 **Q WHAT HAS BEEN THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE METROPOLITAN**
11 **ST. LOUIS AREA AND THE STATE OF MISSOURI OVER THE LAST TWO**
12 **YEARS?**

13 **A**The unemployment rates in the Metropolitan St. Louis area and in the State of
14 Missouri in 2007 were 5.3% and 5.1%, respectively. In 2008, the unemployment
15 rates increased to 6.6% and 6.1%, respectively. As of September 2009, the
16 unemployment rates were 9.9% and 9.3%, respectively.

17 In addition, bankruptcies in the State of Missouri have also increased
18 substantially since 2007. During 2007, the reported bankruptcies were averaging
19 approximately 5,500 per quarter. For the latest quarter, which is the quarter ended
20 September 2009, the reported bankruptcies were 8,277.

21 This data clearly shows that the economic conditions in the St. Louis
22 Metropolitan area and in the State of Missouri have deteriorated significantly over the
23 last few years.

1 **Q DURING THESE DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES, HAVE AMERENUE'S ELECTRIC**
2 **RATES INCREASED?**

3 A Yes. The Commission approved AmerenUE's last rate increase effective
4 March 1, 2009. Electric rates increased by approximately \$162 million or 7%. In this
5 case, AmerenUE is seeking \$402 million or an 18% increase.

6 **Q BASED ON YOUR REVIEW OF THE INCENTIVE COMPENSATION EXPENSE**
7 **AND THIS ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL DATA YOU PRESENTED, WHAT**
8 **CONCLUSION DO YOU DRAW?**

9 A I conclude that over the last two years, AmerenUE ratepayers have not fared well.
10 With the level of rate increase that AmerenUE has already received and what is
11 requested in this rate proceeding, ratepayers could see their rates increase
12 significantly in a short period of time. As a result, it is difficult to understand how
13 AmerenUE's ratepayers are receiving benefits from the management incentive
14 programs. In addition, it is my understanding that management incentives were paid
15 out over the last two years during these difficult economic times.

16 Therefore, I am recommending that the Commission exclude for ratemaking
17 purposes, all management short-term incentive compensation costs. I should note
18 that I am not proposing this as a permanent adjustment. The effectiveness of these
19 incentive programs could be evaluated in AmerenUE's next rate case.

20 **Q WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF YOUR PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT ON AMERENUE'S**
21 **TEST YEAR REVENUE REQUIREMENT?**

22 A My proposed adjustment reduces AmerenUE's test year revenue requirement by
23 \$10.6 million.

1 Q DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?

2 A Yes, it does.

Qualifications of James T. Selecky

1 **Q PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A James T. Selecky. My business address is 16690 Swingley Ridge Road, Suite 140,
3 Chesterfield, MO 63017.

4 **Q PLEASE STATE YOUR OCCUPATION.**

5 A I am a consultant in the field of public utility regulation and am a principal with the firm
6 of Brubaker & Associates, Inc. (BAI), energy, economic and regulatory consultants.

7 **Q PLEASE STATE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND PROFESSIONAL
8 EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE.**

9 A I graduated from Oakland University in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science degree with
10 a major in Engineering. In 1978, I received the degree of Master of Business
11 Administration with a major in Finance from Wayne State University.

12 I was employed by The Detroit Edison Company (DECo) in April of 1969 in its
13 Professional Development Program. My initial assignments were in the engineering
14 and operations divisions where my responsibilities included evaluation of equipment
15 for use on the distribution and transmission system; equipment performance testing
16 under field and laboratory conditions; and troubleshooting and equipment testing at
17 various power plants throughout the DECo system. I also worked on system design
18 and planning for system expansion.

19 In May of 1975, I transferred to the Rate and Revenue Requirement area of
20 DECo. From that time, and until my departure from DECo in June 1984, I held
21 various positions which included economic analyst, senior financial analyst,

1 supervisor of the Rate Research Division, supervisor of the Cost-of-Service Division
2 and director of the Revenue Requirement Department. In these positions, I was
3 responsible for overseeing and performing economic and financial studies and book
4 depreciation studies; developing fixed charge rates and parameters and procedures
5 used in economic studies; providing a financial analysis consulting service to all
6 areas of DECo; developing and designing rate structure for electrical and steam
7 service; analyzing profitability of various classes of service and recommending
8 changes therein; determining fuel and purchased power adjustments; and all aspects
9 of determining revenue requirements for ratemaking purposes.

10 In June of 1984, I joined the firm of Drazen-Brubaker & Associates, Inc.
11 (DBA). In April 1995 the firm of Brubaker & Associates, Inc. (BAI) was formed. It
12 includes most of the former DBA principals and staff. At DBA and BAI I have testified
13 in electric, gas and water proceedings involving almost all aspects of regulation. I
14 have also performed economic analyses for clients related to energy cost issues.

15 In addition to our main office in St. Louis, the firm also has branch offices in
16 Phoenix, Arizona and Corpus Christi, Texas.

17 **Q HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY APPEARED BEFORE A REGULATORY**
18 **COMMISSION?**

19 **A** Yes. I have testified on behalf of DECo in its steam heating and main electric cases.
20 In these cases I have testified to rate base, income statement adjustments, changes
21 in book depreciation rates, rate design, and interim and final revenue deficiencies.

22 In addition, I have testified before the regulatory commissions of the States of
23 Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland,
24 Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina,

1 Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and
2 Wyoming, and the Provinces of Alberta, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan. I also have
3 testified before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. In addition, I have filed
4 testimony in proceedings before the regulatory commissions in the States of Florida,
5 Montana, New York and Pennsylvania and the Province of British Columbia. My
6 testimony has addressed revenue requirement issues, cost of service, rate design,
7 financial integrity, accounting-related issues, merger-related issues, and performance
8 standards. The revenue requirement testimony has addressed book depreciation
9 rates, decommissioning expense, O&M expense levels, and rate base adjustments
10 for items such as plant held for future use, working capital, and post test year
11 adjustments. In addition, I have testified on deregulation issues such as stranded
12 cost estimates and rate design.

13 **Q ARE YOU A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER?**

14 **A** Yes, I am a registered professional engineer in the State of Michigan.

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**AmerenUE's Proposed Production Depreciation Parameters And Expense And Comparison With Current Production Depreciation Rates And Expense
At December 31, 2008 Plant Balances**

		Probable Retirement	Interim Ret Survivor	Net Salvage	Original Cost at Dec 31, 2008	AmerenUE Proposed Depreciation Rate	AmerenUE Proposed Depreciation Expense	Present Dep Rates	Present Depreciation Expense	Proposed Minus Present Depreciation Expense
	<u>Depreciable Group</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Curve</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(8)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	<u>(10)</u>
	(1)	(2)	(3)							
	<u>Meramec Steam Production Plant</u>									
1	311	01-2022	115 - R1.5	-2%	\$39,820,843	2.60%	\$1,035,342	1.05%	\$418,119	\$617,223
2	312	01-2022	60 - L0.5	-15%	415,492,860	6.91%	28,710,557	2.15%	8,933,096	19,777,460
3	314	01-2022	70 - L0.5	-5%	83,427,432	3.23%	2,694,706	1.70%	1,418,266	1,276,440
4	315	01-2022	80 - S0	-3%	43,146,199	3.96%	1,708,589	1.21%	522,069	1,186,520
5	316	01-2022	60 - O1	0%	<u>19,153,270</u>	5.93%	<u>1,135,789</u>	1.77%	<u>339,013</u>	<u>796,776</u>
6					\$601,040,604	5.87%	\$35,284,983		\$11,630,564	\$23,654,419
	<u>Sioux Steam Production Plant</u>									
7	311	09-2033	115 - R1.5	-2%	\$36,425,327	2.54%	\$925,203	1.05%	\$382,466	\$542,737
8	312	09-2033	60 - L0.5	-15%	392,050,516	3.77%	14,780,304	2.15%	8,429,086	6,351,218
9	314	09-2033	70 - L0.5	-5%	99,339,660	3.13%	3,109,331	1.70%	1,688,774	1,420,557
10	315	09-2033	80 - S0	-3%	34,536,592	2.81%	970,478	1.21%	417,893	552,585
11	316	09-2033	60 - O1	0%	<u>10,342,298</u>	3.28%	<u>339,227</u>	1.77%	<u>183,059</u>	<u>156,169</u>
12					\$572,694,393	3.51%	\$20,124,545		\$11,101,278	\$9,023,267
	<u>Labadie Steam Production Plant</u>									
13	311	09-2042	115 - R1.5	-2%	\$64,976,426	1.38%	\$896,675	1.05%	\$682,252	\$214,422
14	312	09-2042	60 - L0.5	-15%	594,753,745	2.29%	13,619,861	2.15%	12,787,206	832,655
15	312.03		26 - R2.5	30%	116,271,400	0.54%	627,866	4.19%	4,871,772	(4,243,906)
16	314	09-2042	70 - L0.5	-5%	208,376,677	2.39%	4,980,203	1.70%	3,542,404	1,437,799
17	315	09-2042	80 - S0	-3%	81,057,131	1.69%	1,369,866	1.21%	980,791	389,074
18	316	09-2042	60 - O1	0%	<u>19,334,388</u>	1.96%	<u>378,954</u>	1.77%	<u>342,219</u>	<u>36,735</u>
					\$1,084,769,767	2.02%	\$21,873,423		\$23,206,643	(\$1,333,220)
	<u>Rush Island Steam Production Plant</u>									
19	311	09-2046	115 - R1.5	-2%	\$53,514,432	1.05%	\$561,902	1.05%	\$561,902	\$0
20	312	09-2046	60 - L0.5	-15%	385,943,531	2.08%	8,027,625	2.15%	8,297,786	(270,160)
21	314	09-2046	70 - L0.5	-5%	136,992,202	2.00%	2,739,844	1.70%	2,328,867	410,977
22	315	09-2046	80 - S0	-3%	37,966,123	1.69%	641,627	1.21%	459,390	182,237
23	316	09-2046	60 - O1	0%	<u>11,297,925</u>	1.80%	<u>203,363</u>	1.77%	<u>199,973</u>	<u>3,389</u>
					\$625,714,213	1.94%	\$12,174,361		\$11,847,918	\$326,443
	<u>Common</u>									
24	311	09-2042	115 - R1.5	-2%	\$1,959,206	2.61%	\$51,135	1.05%	\$20,572	\$30,564
25	312	09-2042	60 - L0.5	-15%	36,983,418	3.30%	1,220,453	2.15%	795,143	425,309
26	315	09-2042	80 - S0	-3%	3,129,975	2.75%	86,074	1.21%	37,873	48,202
27	316	09-2042	60 - O1	0%	<u>20,843</u>	2.82%	<u>588</u>	1.77%	<u>369</u>	<u>219</u>
28					\$42,093,441	3.22%	\$1,358,250		\$853,957	\$504,293
29					\$2,926,312,418	3.10%	\$90,815,562		\$58,640,359	\$32,175,203

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	(1)	(2)	(3)							
<u>Nuclear Production Plant</u>										
30	321	Structures & Improvements	10-2044	100 - R1 (a)	-1%	\$908,912,210	1.39%	\$12,633,880	1.97%	\$17,905,571 (\$5,271,691)
31	322	Reactor Plant Equipment	10-2044	60 - S0 (a)	-10%	1,011,169,315	2.56%	25,885,934	2.46%	24,874,765 1,011,169
32	323	Turbogenerator Units	10-2044	60 - S0.5 (a)	-2%	509,558,176	2.05%	10,445,943	2.08%	10,598,810 (152,867)
33	324	Accessory Electrical Equipment	10-2044	80 - R2 (a)	0%	211,158,284	1.28%	2,702,826	1.91%	4,033,123 (1,330,297)
34	325	Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	10-2044	60 - O3 (a)	0%	171,818,762	2.95%	5,068,653	2.49%	4,278,287 790,366
35		Total Nuclear Production Plant				\$2,812,616,747	2.02%	\$56,737,236		\$61,690,556 (\$4,953,320)
<u>Hydraulic Production Plant</u>										
<u>Osage Hydraulic Production Plant</u>										
36	331	Structures & Improvements	06-2047	130 - R1 (a)	-20%	\$4,388,345	2.52%	\$110,586	0.94%	\$41,250 \$69,336
37	332	Reservoirs, Dams, & Waterways	06-2047	150 - L2 (a)	-20%	26,340,018	1.84%	484,656	0.56%	147,504 337,152
38	333	Water Wheels, Turbines, & Generators	06-2047	95 - S0.5 (a)	-30%	33,927,129	3.05%	1,034,777	2.09%	709,077 325,700
39	334	Accessory Electrical Equipment	06-2047	65 - R0.5 (a)	-8%	6,077,560	2.51%	152,547	1.68%	102,103 50,444
40	335	Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	06-2047	60 - R0.5 (a)	-5%	2,257,999	2.66%	60,063	1.67%	37,709 22,354
41	336	Roads, Railroads, & Bridges	06-2047	40 - O2 (a)	0%	77,445	-2.66%	(2,060)	1.63%	1,262 (3,322)
42		Total Osage Hydraulic Production Plant				\$73,068,496	2.52%	\$1,840,570		\$1,038,905 \$801,664
<u>Keokuk Hydraulic Production Plant</u>										
43	331	Structures & Improvements	06-2055	130 - R1 (a)	-20%	\$5,643,621	2.17%	\$122,467	0.94%	\$53,050 \$69,417
44	332	Reservoirs, Dams, & Waterways	06-2055	150 - L2 (a)	-20%	14,294,537	1.77%	253,013	0.56%	80,049 172,964
45	333	Water Wheels, Turbines, & Generators	06-2055	95 - S0.5 (a)	-30%	59,286,459	2.72%	1,612,592	2.09%	1,239,087 373,505
46	334	Accessory Electrical Equipment	06-2055	65 - R0.5 (a)	-8%	10,757,362	2.59%	278,616	1.68%	180,724 97,892
47	335	Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	06-2055	60 - R0.5 (a)	-5%	2,986,736	2.17%	64,812	1.67%	49,878 14,934
48	336	Roads, Railroads, & Bridges	06-2055	40 - O2 (a)	0%	114,926	1.72%	1,977	1.63%	1,873 103
49		Total Keokuk Hydraulic Production Plant				\$93,083,641	2.51%	\$2,333,476		\$1,604,662 \$728,814
<u>Taum Sauk Hydraulic Production Plant</u>										
50	331	Structures & Improvements	06-2049	130 - R1 (a)	-20%	\$6,000,732	2.64%	\$158,419	0.94%	\$56,407 \$102,012
51	332	Reservoirs, Dams, & Waterways	06-2049	150 - L2 (a)	-20%	28,104,317	2.38%	668,883	0.56%	157,384 511,499
52	333	Water Wheels, Turbines, & Generators	06-2049	95 - S0.5 (a)	-30%	39,324,979	2.86%	1,124,694	2.09%	821,892 302,802
53	334	Accessory Electrical Equipment	06-2049	65 - R0.5 (a)	-8%	3,947,016	2.10%	82,887	1.68%	66,310 16,577
54	335	Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	06-2049	60 - R0.5 (a)	-5%	2,413,628	2.46%	59,375	1.67%	40,308 19,068
55	336	Roads, Railroads, & Bridges	06-2049	40 - O2 (a)	0%	45,570	-1.35%	(615)	1.63%	743 (1,358)
56		Total Taum Sauk Hydraulic Production Plant				\$79,836,242	2.62%	\$2,093,644		\$1,143,043 \$950,600
57		Total Hydraulic Production Plant				\$245,988,379	2.55%	\$6,267,690		\$3,786,611 \$2,481,079
<u>Other Production Plant</u>										
58	341	Structures & Improvements		40 - R4	-5%	\$25,892,740	2.41%	\$624,015	2.63%	\$680,979 (\$56,964)
59	342	Fuel Holders, Producers, & Accessories		40 - R4	-5%	24,520,526	2.63%	644,890	2.63%	644,890 0
60	344	Generators		40 - R4	-5%	1,051,873,156	1.94%	20,406,339	2.63%	27,664,264 (7,257,925)
61	345	Accessory Electrical Equipment		40 - R4	-5%	69,921,659	2.68%	1,873,900	2.63%	1,838,940 34,961
62	346	Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment		25 - R1	-5%	6,113,533	3.96%	242,096	2.63%	160,786 81,310
63		Total Other Production Plant				\$1,178,321,614	2.02%	\$23,791,240		\$30,989,858 (\$7,198,618)
60		Total Production Plant				\$7,163,239,158	2.48%	\$177,611,728		\$155,107,385 \$22,504,344

Source: Wiedmayer Direct Testimony, Attachments III-4 through III-7 -- Production Plant Only

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Comparison of AmerenUE's Retirement Date Proposals

<u>Line</u>	<u>Facility Name</u>	<u>EC-2002-1</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Revised</u>		
			<u>ER-2007-0002</u>	<u>ER-2007-0002</u>	<u>ER-2010-0036</u>	
1	Meramec Steam Production Plant	June 2016	2026	2021	January 2022	
2	Sioux Steam Production Plant	June 2018	2026	2027	September 2033	
3	Labadie Steam Production Plant	June 2023	2026	2033	September 2042	
4	Rush Island Steam Production Plant	June 2027	2026	2037	September 2046	
5	Callaway Nuclear Production Plant	October 2024	2024	2024	October 2044	
6	Osage Hydraulic Production Plant	February 2036	2036	2046	June 2047	
7	Keokuk Hydraulic Production Plant	June 2028	2036	2036	June 2055	
8	Taum Sauk Hydraulic Production Plant	July 2040	2036	2036	June 2049	

		<u>Installation Year</u>		<u>Estimated Life Span in Years</u>			
				<u>Original</u>	<u>Revised</u>		
				<u>EC-2002-1</u>	<u>ER-2007-0002</u>	<u>ER-2007-0002</u>	<u>ER-2010-0036</u>
9	Meramec Steam Production Plant Unit 1	1953	¹	63	73	68	69
10	Meramec Steam Production Plant Unit 2	1954	¹	62	72	67	68
11	Meramec Steam Production Plant Unit 3	1959	¹	57	67	62	63
12	Meramec Steam Production Plant Unit 4	1961	¹	55	65	60	61
13	Sioux Steam Production Plant Unit 1	1967	¹	51	59	60	66
14	Sioux Steam Production Plant Unit 2	1968	¹	50	58	59	65
15	Labadie Steam Production Plant Unit 1	1970	¹	53	56	63	72
16	Labadie Steam Production Plant Unit 2	1971	¹	52	55	62	71
17	Labadie Steam Production Plant Unit 3	1972	¹	51	54	61	70
18	Labadie Steam Production Plant Unit 4	1973	¹	50	53	60	69
19	Rush Island Steam Production Plant Unit 1	1976	¹	51	50	61	70
20	Rush Island Steam Production Plant Unit 2	1977	¹	50	49	60	69
21	Callaway Nuclear Production Plant	1984	²	40	40	40	60
22	Osage Hydraulic Production Plant	1953	²	83	83	93	94
23	Keokuk Hydraulic Production Plant	1913	²	115	123	123	142
24	Taum Sauk Hydraulic Production Plant	1963	²	77	73	73	86

Sources:

¹Schedule LWL-E1-7 pg. 13

²FERC Form 1 for 2008, pages 402-408 (Dates of Last Unit Install)

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Calculation of Steam Production Depreciation Rates Using Whole Life Method And Comparison With Current Steam Production Depreciation Rates

<u>Line</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Steam Production Plant</u>	<u>Original Cost at Dec 31, 2008</u>	<u>ER-2007-0002 Depreciation Rate</u>	<u>ER-2007-0002 Depreciation Expense</u>	<u>Whole Life</u>	<u>Net Salvage</u>	<u>ER-2010-0036 Depreciation Rate</u>	<u>ER-2010-0036 Depreciation Expense</u>	<u>ER-2007-0002 Expense Minus ER-2010-0036 Expense</u>
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
1	311	Structures & Improvements	\$196,696,233	1.05%	\$2,065,310	115	-8%	0.94%	\$1,848,945	\$216,366
2	312	Boiler Plant Equipment	1,825,224,070	2.15%	39,242,318	60	-25%	2.08%	37,964,661	1,277,657
3	312.03	Boiler Plant Equipment - Aluminum Coal Cars	116,271,400	4.19%	4,871,772	26	80%	0.77%	895,290	3,976,482
4	314	Turbogenerator Units	528,135,972	1.70%	8,978,312	70	-6%	1.51%	7,974,853	1,003,458
5	315	Accessory Electrical Equipment	199,836,020	1.21%	2,418,016	80	-7%	1.34%	2,677,803	(259,787)
6	316	Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	<u>60,148,724</u>	1.77%	<u>1,064,632</u>	60	1%	1.65%	<u>992,454</u>	<u>72,178</u>
7		Total	\$2,926,312,418		\$58,640,359				\$52,354,005	\$6,286,355

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Nuclear Plant Account 322 Life & Net Salvage Analysis

Average Remaining Life

<u>Line</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amounts (000)</u>
1	Total Retirements	\$176,281
2	2005 Steam Generator Retirement	<u>\$81,326</u>
3	Adjusted Total Retirements	\$94,955
4	Average Annual Retirements (23 yrs)	\$4,128
5	Exposure at Midpoint (11.5 yrs)	\$829,300
6	Retirement Ratio	0.498%
7	Estimated Retirement Date	10/15/2044
8	Remaining Life Span @ 12/31/2008	35.8
9	Average Remaining Life	32.6

Net Salvage Ratio

10	2005 Net Salvage Expense	\$27,063
11	Net Salvage @ Age Interval 19.5	\$25,545
12	Total Net Salvage Expense	<u>\$32,002</u>
13	Adjusted Total Net Salvage Expense	\$6,457
14	Total Adjusted Retirements	\$94,955
15	Net Salvage Ratio	-6.80%
16	Net Salvage Ratio Interim Retirements [.498% x 35.8 x -6.80%]	-1.20%

Revised Depreciation Rate

17	Plant Balance at 12/31/2008	\$1,011,169
18	Reserve Balance at 12/31/2008	\$339,508
19	Reserve Ratio	33.58%
20	Depreciation Rate	2.07%

Sources

*Source: Schedule B-20 attached to Wiedmayer Testimony

**Source: Schedule A-23 attached to Wiedmayer Testimony

***Calculated Using the Same Percentage as Retirements

‡Source: Schedule III-5 attached to Wiedmayer Testimony

‡‡Source: Schedule III-11 attached to Wiedmayer Testimony

Formulas:

1. Average Remaining Life = Remaining Life - (Remaining Life²*Interim Retirement Ratio)/2
2. Depreciation Rate = (1-Net Salvage%-Reserve Ratio)/(Average Remaining Life)

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MIEC Proposed Production Depreciation Parameters And Expense and Comparison With AmerenUE Proposed Production Depreciation Rates

		<u>Original</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Life Span</u>	<u>Revised</u>	<u>MIEC</u>	<u>AmerenUE</u>	<u>Dep</u>
	<u>Depreciable Group</u>	<u>Cost at</u>	<u>Salvage</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Dep Rate</u>	<u>Dep</u>	<u>Dep</u>	<u>Expense</u>
<u>Line</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>Dec 31, 2008</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>(8)</u>
		<u>(2)</u>				<u>(6)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	
	<u>Steam Production Plant</u>							
	<u>Meramec Steam Production Plant</u>							
1	311 Structures & Improvements	\$39,820,843	-8.0%	115	0.94%	\$374,316	\$1,035,342	(\$661,026)
2	312 Boiler Plant Equipment	415,492,860	-25.0%	60	2.08%	8,642,251	28,710,557	(20,068,305)
3	314 Turbogenerator Units	83,427,432	-6.0%	70	1.51%	1,259,754	2,694,706	(1,434,952)
4	315 Accessory Electrical Equipment	43,146,199	-7.0%	80	1.34%	578,159	1,708,589	(1,130,430)
5	316 Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	<u>19,153,270</u>	1.0%	60	1.65%	<u>316,029</u>	<u>1,135,789</u>	<u>(819,760)</u>
6	Total Meramec Steam Production Plant	\$601,040,604				\$11,170,510	\$35,284,983	(\$24,114,473)
	<u>Sioux Steam Production Plant</u>							
7	311 Structures & Improvements	\$36,425,327	-8.0%	115	0.94%	\$342,398	\$925,203	(\$582,805)
8	312 Boiler Plant Equipment	392,050,516	-25.0%	60	2.08%	8,154,651	14,780,304	(6,625,654)
9	314 Turbogenerator Units	99,339,660	-6.0%	70	1.51%	1,500,029	3,109,331	(1,609,302)
10	315 Accessory Electrical Equipment	34,536,592	-7.0%	80	1.34%	462,790	970,478	(507,688)
11	316 Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	<u>10,342,298</u>	1.0%	60	1.65%	<u>170,648</u>	<u>339,227</u>	<u>(168,579)</u>
12	Total Sioux Steam Production Plant	\$572,694,393				\$10,630,516	\$20,124,545	(\$9,494,029)
	<u>Labadie Steam Production Plant</u>							
13	311 Structures & Improvements	\$64,976,426	-8.0%	115	0.94%	\$610,778	\$896,675	(\$285,896)
14	312 Boiler Plant Equipment	594,753,745	-25.0%	60	2.08%	12,370,878	13,619,861	(1,248,983)
15	312.03 Boiler Plant Equipment - Aluminum Coal Cars	116,271,400	80.0%	26	0.77%	895,290	627,866	267,424
16	314 Turbogenerator Units	208,376,677	-6.0%	70	1.51%	3,146,488	4,980,203	(1,833,715)
17	315 Accessory Electrical Equipment	81,057,131	-7.0%	80	1.34%	1,086,166	1,369,866	(283,700)
18	316 Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	<u>19,334,388</u>	1.0%	60	1.65%	<u>319,017</u>	<u>378,954</u>	<u>(59,937)</u>
	Total Labadie Steam Production Plant	\$1,084,769,767				\$18,428,617	\$21,873,423	(\$3,444,806)
	<u>Rush Island Steam Production Plant</u>							
19	311 Structures & Improvements	\$53,514,432	-8.0%	115	0.94%	\$503,036	\$561,902	(\$58,866)
20	312 Boiler Plant Equipment	385,943,531	-25.0%	60	2.08%	8,027,625	8,027,625	0
21	314 Turbogenerator Units	136,992,202	-6.0%	70	1.51%	2,068,582	2,739,844	(671,262)
22	315 Accessory Electrical Equipment	37,966,123	-7.0%	80	1.34%	508,746	641,627	(132,881)
23	316 Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	<u>11,297,925</u>	1.0%	60	1.65%	<u>186,416</u>	<u>203,363</u>	<u>(16,947)</u>
	Total Rush Island Steam Production Plant	\$625,714,213				\$11,294,405	\$12,174,361	(\$879,956)
	<u>Common</u>							
24	311 Structures & Improvements	\$1,959,206	-8.0%	115	0.94%	\$18,417	\$51,135	(\$32,719)
25	312 Boiler Plant Equipment	36,983,418	-25.0%	60	2.08%	769,255	1,220,453	(451,198)
26	315 Accessory Electrical Equipment	3,129,975	-7.0%	80	1.34%	41,942	86,074	(44,133)
27	316 Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	<u>20,843</u>	1.0%	60	1.65%	<u>344</u>	<u>588</u>	<u>(244)</u>
28	Total Common	<u>\$42,093,441</u>				<u>\$829,957</u>	<u>\$1,358,250</u>	<u>(\$528,293)</u>
29	Total Steam Production Plant	\$2,926,312,418				\$52,354,005	\$90,815,562	(\$38,461,557)

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MIEC Proposed Production Depreciation Parameters And Expense and Comparison With AmerenUE Proposed Production Depreciation Rates

	<u>Depreciable Group</u> (1)	<u>Original Cost at Dec 31, 2008</u> (2)	<u>Net Salvage</u> (3)	<u>Life Span Proposed</u> (4)	<u>Revised Dep Rate</u> (5)	<u>MIEC Dep Expense</u> (6)	<u>AmerenUE Dep Expense</u> (7)	<u>Dep Expense</u> (8)	
<u>Nuclear Production Plant</u>									
30	321	Structures & Improvements	\$908,912,210	-1.0%	2044	1.39%	\$12,633,880	\$12,633,880	\$0
31	322	Reactor Plant Equipment	1,011,169,315	-1.4%	2044	2.07%	20,931,205	25,885,934	(4,954,730)
32	323	Turbogenerator Units	509,558,176	2.0%	2044	2.05%	10,445,943	10,445,943	0
33	324	Accessory Electrical Equipment	211,158,284	0.0%	2044	1.28%	2,702,826	2,702,826	0
34	325	Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	<u>171,818,762</u>	0.0%	2044	2.95%	<u>5,068,653</u>	<u>5,068,653</u>	0
35		Total Nuclear Production Plant	\$2,812,616,747				\$51,782,507	\$56,737,236	(\$4,954,730)
<u>Hydraulic Production Plant</u>									
<u>Osage Hydraulic Production Plant</u>									
36	331	Structures & Improvements	\$4,388,345	-29.0%	130	0.99%			
37	332	Reservoirs, Dams, & Waterways	26,340,018	-29.0%	150	0.86%			
38	333	Water Wheels, Turbines, & Generators	33,927,129	-94.0%	95	2.04%			
39	334	Accessory Electrical Equipment	6,077,560	-7.0%	65	1.65%			
40	335	Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	2,257,999	-5.0%	60	1.75%			
41	336	Roads, Railroads, & Bridges	<u>77,445</u>	0.0%	40	2.50%			
42		Total Osage Hydraulic Production Plant	\$73,068,496						
<u>Keokuk Hydraulic Production Plant</u>									
43	331	Structures & Improvements	\$5,643,621	-29.0%	130	0.99%			
44	332	Reservoirs, Dams, & Waterways	14,294,537	-29.0%	150	0.86%			
45	333	Water Wheels, Turbines, & Generators	59,286,459	-94.0%	95	2.04%			
46	334	Accessory Electrical Equipment	10,757,362	-7.0%	65	1.65%			
47	335	Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	2,986,736	-5.0%	60	1.75%			
48	336	Roads, Railroads, & Bridges	<u>114,926</u>	0.0%	40	2.50%			
49		Total Keokuk Hydraulic Production Plant	\$93,083,641						
<u>Taum Sauk Hydraulic Production Plant</u>									
50	331	Structures & Improvements	\$6,000,732	-29.0%	130	0.99%			
51	332	Reservoirs, Dams, & Waterways	28,104,317	-29.0%	150	0.86%			
52	333	Water Wheels, Turbines, & Generators	39,324,979	-94.0%	95	2.04%			
53	334	Accessory Electrical Equipment	3,947,016	-7.0%	65	1.65%			
54	335	Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	2,413,628	-5.0%	60	1.75%			
55	336	Roads, Railroads, & Bridges	<u>45,570</u>	0.0%	40	2.50%			
56		Total Taum Sauk Hydraulic Production Plant	\$79,836,242						
57		Total Hydraulic Production Plant	\$245,988,379						
<u>Other Production Plant</u>									
58	341	Structures & Improvements	\$25,892,740	-2.0%	45	2.31%	\$598,122	\$624,015	(\$25,893)
59	342	Fuel Holders, Producers, & Accessories	24,520,526	-2.0%	45	2.53%	620,369	644,890	(24,521)
60	344	Generators	1,051,873,156	-2.0%	45	1.85%	19,459,653	20,406,339	(946,686)
61	345	Accessory Electrical Equipment	69,921,659	-2.0%	45	2.59%	1,810,971	1,873,900	(62,929)
62	346	Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	<u>6,113,533</u>	-2.0%	30	3.82%	<u>233,537</u>	<u>242,096</u>	<u>(8,559)</u>
63		Total Other Production Plant	\$1,178,321,614				\$22,722,653	\$23,791,240	(\$1,068,588)
60		Total Production Plant	\$7,163,239,158				\$126,859,164	\$171,344,039	(\$44,484,874)

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Plant Account 312 Net Salvage Analysis

<u>Net Salvage History (000)</u>			<u>Net Salvage Expense In Account 312 Depreciation Rates</u>					
<u>Line</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>Plants</u>	<u>Original Cost</u> <u>Dec 31, 2008</u> <u>(000)</u>	<u>Book Reserve</u> <u>(000)</u>	<u>Net Salvage</u>	<u>Remaining Life</u>	<u>Dep Expense</u> <u>(000)</u>
1	1999	\$1,487						
2	2000	5,499						
3	2001	7,461						
4	2002	6,224	Meramac 312	\$415,493	\$120,666	-15%	12.4	\$28,733
5	2003	6,462	Sioux 312	392,051	126,135	-15%	22.0	14,767
6	2004	14,234	Labadie 312	594,754	311,792	-15%	27.3	13,638
7	2005	4,026	Rush 312	385,944	203,578	-15%	29.9	8,027
8	2006	859	Common 312	<u>36,983</u>	<u>7,388</u>	-15%	28.8	<u>1,219</u>
9	2007	5,047	Total	\$1,825,224	\$769,559			\$66,384
10	2008	<u>1,467</u>						
11	Total	\$52,765						
12	5 yr Ave	\$5,126	Meramac 312	\$415,493	\$120,666	0%	12.4	\$23,719
13	10 yr Ave	\$5,277	Sioux 312	392,051	126,135	0%	22.0	12,093
			Labadie 312	594,754	311,792	0%	27.3	10,369
			Rush 312	385,944	203,578	0%	29.9	6,093
			Common 312	<u>36,983</u>	<u>7,388</u>	0%	28.8	<u>1,027</u>
			Total	\$1,825,224	\$769,559			\$53,300
		<u>Annual Net Salvage</u>						
		<u>3% Inflation</u>	Difference					\$13,084
	<u>Years</u>	<u>(000)</u>						
14	1	\$5,202						
15	2	5,358						
16	3	5,519						
17	4	5,684						
18	5	5,855						
19	6	6,031						
20	7	6,211						
21	8	6,398	Meramac 312	18	\$415,493	\$7,479		
22	9	6,590	Sioux 312	25	392,051	9,801		
23	10	6,787	Labadie 312	34	594,754	20,222		
24	11	6,991	Rush 312	38	385,944	14,666		
25	12	7,201	Common 312	34	<u>36,983</u>	<u>1,257</u>		
26	13	7,417	Total		1,825,224	\$53,425	29.3	
27	14	7,639						
28	15	7,868						
29	16	8,105						
30	17	8,348						
31	18	8,598						
32	19	8,856						
33	20	9,122						
34	21	9,395						
35	22	9,677						
36	23	9,968						
37	24	10,267						
38	25	10,575						
39	26	10,892						
40	27	11,219						
41	28	11,555						
42	29	11,902						
43	30	<u>12,259</u>						
44	Average	\$8,250						
	Ratio With Proposed Expense	63%						
45	Proposed	-10%						
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Weighted Remaining Life Span Of Steam Production Plants

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MIEC Proposed Steam Production Depreciation Parameters, Rates & Expense Using Life Span Approach

<u>Line</u>	<u>Depreciable Group</u> (1)	<u>Original Cost at Dec 31, 2008</u> (2)	<u>Net Salvage</u> (3)	<u>Remaining Life</u> (4)	<u>Life Span Depreciation Rates</u> (5)	<u>Life Span Depreciation Expense</u> (6)
	<u>Steam Production Plant</u>					
	<u>Meramec Steam Production Plant</u>					
1	311 Structures & Improvements	\$39,820,843	-2%	17.8	1.88%	\$748,632
2	312 Boiler Plant Equipment	415,492,860	-10%	17.2	4.70%	19,528,164
3	314 Turbogenerator Units	83,427,432	-5%	17.3	2.33%	1,943,859
4	315 Accessory Electrical Equipment	43,146,199	-3%	17.6	2.86%	1,233,981
5	316 Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	<u>19,153,270</u>	0%	17.0	4.28%	<u>819,760</u>
6	Total Meramec Steam Production Plant	\$601,040,604				\$24,274,397
	<u>Sioux Steam Production Plant</u>					
7	311 Structures & Improvements	\$36,425,327	-2%	24.1	2.54%	\$925,203
8	312 Boiler Plant Equipment	392,050,516	-10%	22.0	3.54%	13,878,588
9	314 Turbogenerator Units	99,339,660	-5%	22.7	3.13%	3,109,331
10	315 Accessory Electrical Equipment	34,536,592	-3%	23.3	2.81%	970,478
11	316 Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	<u>10,342,298</u>	0%	21.9	3.28%	<u>339,227</u>
12	Total Sioux Steam Production Plant	\$572,694,393				\$19,222,829
	<u>Labadie Steam Production Plant</u>					
13	311 Structures & Improvements	\$64,976,426	-2%	32.2	1.38%	\$896,675
14	312 Boiler Plant Equipment	594,753,745	-10%	27.3	2.11%	12,549,304
15	312.03 Boiler Plant Equipment - Aluminum Coal Cars	116,271,400	30%	14.6	0.54%	627,866
16	314 Turbogenerator Units	208,376,677	-5%	29.3	2.40%	5,001,040
17	315 Accessory Electrical Equipment	81,057,131	-3%	30.3	1.69%	1,369,866
18	316 Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	<u>19,334,388</u>	0%	28.3	1.96%	<u>378,954</u>
	Total Labadie Steam Production Plant	\$1,084,769,767				\$20,823,704
	<u>Rush Island Steam Production Plant</u>					
19	311 Structures & Improvements	\$53,514,432	-2%	35.7	1.05%	\$561,902
20	312 Boiler Plant Equipment	385,943,531	-10%	29.9	1.91%	7,371,521
21	314 Turbogenerator Units	136,992,202	-5%	31.6	2.00%	2,739,844
22	315 Accessory Electrical Equipment	37,966,123	-3%	33.7	1.69%	641,627
23	316 Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	<u>11,297,925</u>	0%	31.0	1.80%	<u>203,363</u>
	Total Rush Island Steam Production Plant	\$625,714,213				\$11,518,257
	<u>Common</u>					
24	311 Structures & Improvements	\$1,959,206	-2%	32.6	2.61%	\$51,135
25	312 Boiler Plant Equipment	36,983,418	-10%	28.8	3.12%	1,153,883
26	315 Accessory Electrical Equipment	3,129,975	-3%	31.3	2.75%	86,074
27	316 Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	<u>20,843</u>	0%	28.6	2.83%	<u>590</u>
28	Total Common	<u>\$42,093,441</u>				<u>\$1,291,682</u>
29	Total Steam Production Plant	\$2,926,312,418				\$77,130,868
30	AmerenUE's Depreciation Expense @ Proposed Rates					<u>\$90,815,562</u>
31	Reduction In Steam Production Depreciation Expense					\$13,684,694
32	Reduction In Nuclear Production Depreciation Expense					\$4,954,730
33	Reduction In Other Production Depreciation Expense					<u>\$1,068,588</u>
34	Total Reduction In Production Depreciation Expense					\$19,708,011

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AmerenUE's Proposed TD&G Depreciation Parameters and Rates And Comparison With Present Rates And Expense

<u>Line</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Survivor Curve</u>	<u>Net Salvage</u>	<u>Original Cost at Dec. 31, 2008</u>	<u>AmerenUE Proposed Depreciation Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Annual Depreciation Expense</u>	<u>Present Depreciation Rates</u>	<u>Present Annual Depreciation Expense</u>	<u>Proposed Minus Present Depreciation Expense</u>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	
<u>Transmission Plant</u>										
1	352	Structures & Improvements	60 - R2	0	\$6,271,634	1.64%	\$102,855	1.75%	\$109,754	(\$6,899)
2	353	Station Equipment	55 -R2.5	0	228,351,122	1.75%	3,996,145	1.82%	4,155,990	(159,846)
3	354	Towers & Fixtures	70 - R4	(14)	70,394,133	1.34%	943,281	1.69%	1,189,661	(246,379)
4	355	Poles & Fixtures	53 - R4	(90)	138,655,625	3.90%	5,407,569	3.65%	5,060,930	346,639
5	356	Overhead Conductor & Devices	55 - R4	(20)	145,108,058	2.49%	3,613,191	2.27%	3,293,953	319,238
6	359	Roads & Trails	50 - SQ	0	<u>71,789</u>	-2.79%	<u>(2,003)</u>	2.00%	<u>1,436</u>	<u>(3,439)</u>
		Total			\$588,852,361	2.39%	\$14,061,038		\$13,811,724	\$249,314
<u>Distribution Plant</u>										
7	361	Structures & Improvements	60 -R2.5	0	\$15,366,771	1.68%	\$258,162	1.75%	\$268,918	(\$10,757)
8	362	Station Equipment	60 -R2.5	(10)	598,830,057	1.82%	10,898,707	1.82%	10,898,707	0
9	364	Poles & Fixtures	45 -R2.5	(150)	767,060,219	5.48%	42,034,900	5.47%	41,958,194	76,706
10	365	Overhead Conductors & Devices	49 - R1	(53)	856,325,270	3.17%	27,145,511	3.19%	27,316,776	(171,265)
11	366	Underground Conduit	70 - R3	(40)	223,547,546	1.94%	4,336,822	2.31%	5,163,948	(827,126)
12	367	Underground Conductor & Devices	54 - R2	(25)	527,667,832	2.32%	12,241,894	2.36%	12,452,961	(211,067)
13	368	Line Transformers	42 -R2.5	0	401,240,245	2.49%	9,990,882	2.40%	9,629,766	361,116
14	369.1	Overhead Services	40 -R2.5	(215)	153,326,209	7.74%	11,867,449	8.09%	12,404,090	(536,642)
15	369.2	Underground Services	55 - R3	(80)	134,153,521	3.02%	4,051,436	3.99%	5,352,725	(1,301,289)
16	370	Meters	26 -L2.5	0	106,165,932	4.16%	4,416,503	3.57%	3,790,124	626,379
17	371	Installations On Customers' Premises	20 - O1	0	164,611	2.26%	3,720	5.00%	8,231	(4,510)
18	373	Street Lighting & Signal Systems	36 - L1	(43)	<u>109,202,915</u>	3.66%	<u>3,996,827</u>	4.39%	<u>4,794,008</u>	<u>(797,181)</u>
		Total			\$3,893,051,128	3.37%	\$131,242,813		\$134,038,449	(\$2,795,636)
<u>General Plant</u>										
19	390	Structures & Improvements	45 -R1.5	(10)	\$189,663,144	2.51%	\$4,760,545	2.33%	\$4,419,151	\$341,394
20	391	Office Furniture & Equipment	15 - SQ	0	55,554,783	4.52%	2,511,076	6.67%	3,705,504	(1,194,428)
21	391.1	Mainframe Computers	5 - SQ	0	0		0	0.00%	0	0
22	391.2	Personal Computers	5 - SQ	0	2,077,726	11.39%	236,653	20.00%	415,545	(178,892)
23	392	Transportation Equipment	11 - R1	9	94,534,723	7.75%	7,326,441	8.23%	7,780,208	(453,767)
24	393	Stores Equipment	20 - SQ	0	2,924,509	3.89%	113,763	5.00%	146,225	(32,462)
25	394	Tools, Shop, & Garage Equipment	20 - SQ	0	13,425,316	4.49%	602,797	5.00%	671,266	(68,469)
26	395	Laboratory Equipment	20 - SQ	0	7,788,726	4.43%	345,041	5.00%	389,436	(44,396)
27	396	Power Operated Equipment	15 - L2	15	8,575,690	5.96%	511,111	5.67%	486,242	24,870
28	397	Communications Equipment	15 - SQ	0	135,601,034	3.32%	4,501,954	6.67%	9,044,589	(4,542,635)
29	398	Miscellaneous Equipment	20 - SQ	0	<u>780,241</u>	<u>4.97%</u>	<u>38,778</u>	5.00%	<u>39,012</u>	<u>(234)</u>
30		Total			\$510,925,892	4.10%	\$20,948,159		\$27,097,178	(\$6,149,019)
31		Total TD&G			\$4,992,829,381		\$166,252,010		\$174,947,351	(\$8,695,341)

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Calculation Of Net Salvage Expense In AmerenUE's Proposed TD&G Depreciation Rates

Line	Account	Depreciable Group	Original Cost Dec. 31, 2008	Net Salvage	Actual Book Reserve	Remaining Life Years	Calculated Remaining Life Depreciation Rates	AmerenUE Proposed Depreciation Rates	Dep Rate Zero Net Sal	Net Sal In Dep Expense
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Transmission Plant										
1	352	Structures & Improvements	\$6,271,634	0%	\$2,327,929	38.28	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%	\$0
2	353	Station Equipment	228,351,122	0%	62,940,658	41.47	1.75%	1.75%	1.75%	0
3	354	Towers & Fixtures	70,394,133	-14%	44,155,918	38.25	1.34%	1.34%	0.97%	257,651
4	355	Poles & Fixtures	138,655,625	-90%	51,679,866	39.15	3.90%	3.90%	1.60%	3,187,487
5	356	Overhead Conductor & Devices	145,108,058	-20%	49,972,709	34.37	2.49%	2.49%	1.91%	844,388
6	359	Roads & Trails	<u>71,789</u>	0%	<u>80,572</u>	4.39	-2.79%	-2.79%	-2.79%	<u>0</u>
		Total	\$588,852,361		\$211,157,652					\$4,289,527
Distribution Plant										
7	361	Structures & Improvements	\$15,366,771	0%	\$5,180,137	39.45	1.68%	1.68%	1.68%	\$0
8	362	Station Equipment	598,830,057	-10%	189,119,546	43.03	1.82%	1.82%	1.59%	1,391,665
9	364	Poles & Fixtures	767,060,219	-150%	597,821,521	31.43	5.47%	5.48%	0.70%	36,608,001
10	365	Overhead Conductors & Devices	856,325,270	-53%	273,417,973	38.24	3.17%	3.17%	1.78%	11,868,537
11	366	Underground Conduit	223,547,546	-40%	68,816,867	56.42	1.94%	1.94%	1.23%	1,584,887
12	367	Underground Conductor & Devices	527,667,832	-25%	153,703,427	41.31	2.32%	2.32%	1.72%	3,193,310
13	368	Line Transformers	401,240,245	0%	121,966,245	27.93	2.49%	2.49%	2.49%	0
14	369.1	Overhead Services	153,326,209	-215%	171,826,238	26.21	7.74%	7.74%	-0.46%	12,577,281
15	369.2	Underground Services	134,153,521	-80%	85,139,432	38.60	3.02%	3.02%	0.95%	2,780,383
16	370	Meters	106,165,932	0%	36,289,818	15.83	4.16%	4.16%	4.16%	0
17	371	Installations On Customers' Premises	164,611	0%	138,509	7.00	2.26%	2.26%	2.26%	0
18	373	Street Lighting & Signal Systems	<u>109,202,915</u>	-43%	<u>54,093,400</u>	25.56	3.66%	3.66%	1.97%	<u>1,837,140</u>
		Total	\$3,893,051,128		\$1,757,513,113					\$71,841,203
19		Total T&D	\$4,481,903,490		\$1,968,670,765					\$76,130,730
General Plant										
20	390	Structures & Improvements	\$189,663,144	-10%	\$54,763,375	32.36	2.51%	2.51%	2.20%	\$586,102
21	391	Office Furniture & Equipment	55,554,783	0%	34,711,674	8.29	4.53%	4.52%	4.53%	0
22	391.1	Mainframe Computers	0		332,101			0.00%	0.00%	0
23	391.2	Personal Computers	2,077,726	0%	1,503,581	2.43	11.37%	11.39%	11.37%	0
24	392	Transportation Equipment	94,534,723	9%	35,234,174	6.93	7.75%	7.75%	9.05%	(1,227,724)
25	393	Stores Equipment	2,924,509	0%	1,529,169	12.27	3.89%	3.89%	3.89%	0
26	394	Tools, Shop, & Garage Equipment	13,425,316	0%	6,526,168	11.45	4.49%	4.49%	4.49%	0
27	395	Laboratory Equipment	7,788,726	0%	3,994,241	11.01	4.42%	4.43%	4.42%	0
28	396	Power Operated Equipment	8,575,690	15%	2,880,490	8.62	5.96%	5.96%	7.70%	(149,226)
29	397	Communications Equipment	135,601,034	0%	107,798,086	6.17	3.32%	3.32%	3.32%	0
30	398	Miscellaneous Equipment	<u>780,241</u>	0%	<u>282,343</u>	12.83	4.97%	4.97%	4.97%	<u>0</u>
31		Total	\$510,925,892		\$249,555,402					(\$790,849)
32		Total TD&G	\$4,992,829,381		\$2,218,226,167					\$75,339,881

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Comparison Of Net Salvage Expense In Depreciation Rates With Actual Net Salvage Expense
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<u>Line</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Net Salvage In Trans. Dep Rates</u>	<u>Net Salvage In Dist. Dep Rates</u>	<u>Total Net Salvage In T&D Dep Rates</u>	<u>Actual Transmission Net Salvage</u>	<u>Actual Distribution Net Salvage</u>	<u>Total Actual T&D Net Salvage</u>	<u>Excess Net Salvage Expense In Dep Rates</u>
1	1999	(\$27)	\$28,482	\$28,455	\$202	\$7,773	\$7,975	\$20,480
2	2000	(4)	29,654	29,649	553	7,171	7,725	21,925
3	2001	15	30,929	30,943	285	7,838	8,122	22,821
4	2002	46	31,918	31,964	1,122	8,726	9,849	22,115
5	2003	77	33,067	33,144	850	7,794	8,644	24,500
6	2004	102	34,297	34,399	(404)	8,748	8,344	26,055
7	2005	146	33,918	34,064	(1,232)	10,574	9,342	24,722
8	2006	204	36,233	36,438	536	19,463	19,999	16,439
9	2007	2,056	44,225	46,281	273	20,299	20,572	25,709
10	2008	<u>3,173</u>	<u>58,430</u>	<u>61,603</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>16,716</u>	<u>17,161</u>	<u>44,442</u>
11	Total	\$5,788	\$361,153	\$366,941	\$2,630	\$115,102	\$117,733	\$249,208
12	5 Yr. Average				(\$76)	\$15,160	\$15,084	
13	10 Yr. Average				\$263	\$11,510	\$11,773	
12	Proposed Depreciation Rates	\$4,290	\$71,841	\$76,131	\$445	\$16,716	\$17,161	\$58,970

Notes:

1. Net Salvage in depreciation rates for 1999 through 4 months of 2007 based on depreciation parameters approved in 1983.
2. Net salvage in depreciation rates for last 8 months of 2007 through 2008 based on depreciation parameters approved in ER-2007-0002.
3. Actual net salvage taken from Schedule JFW-E1.

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MIEC's Allocation Of \$35 million Offset To Transmission & Distribution Depreciation Rates

<u>Line</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Original Cost at Dec. 31, 2008</u>	<u>AmerenUE Proposed Depreciation Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Annual Depreciation Expense</u>	<u>Net Sal In Dep Expense</u>	<u>Allocation of Dep Accrual Offset</u>	<u>Ratemaking Depreciation Expense</u>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	
<u>Transmission Plant</u>								
1	352	Structures & Improvements	\$6,271,634	1.64%	\$102,855	\$0	\$0	\$102,855
2	353	Station Equipment	228,351,122	1.75%	3,996,145	0	0	3,996,145
3	354	Towers & Fixtures	70,394,133	1.34%	943,281	257,651	118,451	824,830
4	355	Poles & Fixtures	138,655,625	3.90%	5,407,569	3,187,487	1,465,401	3,942,168
5	356	Overhead Conductor & Devices	145,108,058	2.49%	3,613,191	844,388	388,195	3,224,996
6	359	Roads & Trails	<u>71,789</u>	-2.79%	<u>(2,003)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,003)</u>
		Total	\$588,852,361	2.39%	\$14,061,038	\$4,289,527	\$1,972,048	\$12,088,990
<u>Distribution Plant</u>								
7	361	Structures & Improvements	\$15,366,771	1.68%	\$258,162	\$0	\$0	\$258,162
8	362	Station Equipment	598,830,057	1.82%	10,898,707	1,391,665	639,798	10,258,909
9	364	Poles & Fixtures	767,060,219	5.48%	42,034,900	36,608,001	16,829,998	25,204,902
10	365	Overhead Conductors & Devices	856,325,270	3.17%	27,145,511	11,868,537	5,456,388	21,689,123
11	366	Underground Conduit	223,547,546	1.94%	4,336,822	1,584,887	728,629	3,608,194
12	367	Underground Conductor & Devices	527,667,832	2.32%	12,241,894	3,193,310	1,468,078	10,773,816
13	368	Line Transformers	401,240,245	2.49%	9,990,882	0	0	9,990,882
14	369.1	Overhead Services	153,326,209	7.74%	11,867,449	12,577,281	5,782,223	6,085,226
15	369.2	Underground Services	134,153,521	3.02%	4,051,436	2,780,383	1,278,241	2,773,196
16	370	Meters	106,165,932	4.16%	4,416,503	0	0	4,416,503
17	371	Installations On Customers' Premises	164,611	2.26%	3,720	0	0	3,720
18	373	Street Lighting & Signal Systems	<u>109,202,915</u>	3.66%	<u>3,996,827</u>	<u>1,837,140</u>	<u>844,599</u>	<u>3,152,228</u>
		Total	\$3,893,051,128	3.37%	\$131,242,813	\$71,841,203	\$33,027,952	\$98,214,860
<u>General Plant</u>								
19	390	Structures & Improvements	\$189,663,144	2.51%	\$4,760,545	\$586,102	\$0	\$4,760,545
20	391	Office Furniture & Equipment	55,554,783	4.52%	2,511,076	0	0	2,511,076
21	391.1	Mainframe Computers	0		0	0	0	0
22	391.2	Personal Computers	2,077,726	11.39%	236,653	0	0	236,653
23	392	Transportation Equipment	94,534,723	7.75%	7,326,441	(1,227,724)	0	7,326,441
24	393	Stores Equipment	2,924,509	3.89%	113,763	0	0	113,763
25	394	Tools, Shop, & Garage Equipment	13,425,316	4.49%	602,797	0	0	602,797
26	395	Laboratory Equipment	7,788,726	4.43%	345,041	0	0	345,041
27	396	Power Operated Equipment	8,575,690	5.96%	511,111	(149,226)	0	511,111
28	397	Communications Equipment	135,601,034	3.32%	4,501,954	0	0	4,501,954
29	398	Miscellaneous Equipment	<u>780,241</u>	4.97%	<u>38,778</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>38,778</u>
30		Total	\$510,925,892	4.10%	\$20,948,159	(\$790,849)	\$0	\$20,948,159
31		Total TD&G	\$4,992,829,381		\$166,252,010	\$75,339,881	\$35,000,000	\$131,252,010