

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**STAFF REPORT**

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**CLASS COST-OF-SERVICE**

**APPENDIX 1**

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**THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY**

**CASE NO. ER-2016-0023**

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## **Robin Kliethermes**

### **Present Position:**

I am a Regulatory Economist in the Tariff and Rate Design Unit, Operational Analysis Department, Commission Staff Division, of the Missouri Public Service Commission. I have been employed by the Missouri Public Service Commission since March of 2012. In May of 2013, I presented on Class Cost of Service and Cost Allocation to the National Agency for Energy Regulation of Moldova (ANRE) as part of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Energy Regulatory Partnership Program. I also serve on the Electric Meter Variance Committee.

### **Educational Background and Work Experience:**

I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Parks, Recreation and Tourism with a minor in Agricultural Economics from the University of Missouri – Columbia in 2008, and a Master of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from the same institution in 2010. Prior to joining the Commission, I was employed by the University of Missouri Extension as a 4-H Youth Development Specialist and County Program Director in Gasconade County.

Additionally, I completed two online classes through Bismarck State College: Energy Markets and Structures (ENRG 420) in December, 2014 and Energy Economics and Finance (ENRG 412) in May, 2015.

**Previous Testimony of Robin Kliethermes**

<b>Case No.</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Type of Filing</b>	<b>Issue</b>
ER-2012-0166	Ameren Missouri	Staff Report	Economic Considerations
ER-2012-0174	Kansas City Power & Light	Staff Report	Economic Considerations
ER-2012-0175	KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company	Staff Report	Economic Considerations & Large Power Revenues
ER-2012-0345	The Empire District Electric Company	Staff Report	Economic Considerations, Non-Weather Sensitive Classes & Energy Efficiency
HR-2014-0066	Veolia Kansas City	Staff Report	Revenue by Class and Class Cost of Service
GR-2014-0086	Summit Natural Gas	Staff Report	Large Customer Revenues
GR-2014-0086	Summit Natural Gas	Rebuttal	Large Customer Revenues
EC-2014-0316	City of O'Fallon Missouri and City of Ballwin, Missouri v. Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri	Staff Memorandum	Overview of Case
EO-2014-0151	KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company	Staff Recommendation	Renewable Energy Standard Rate Adjustment Mechanism (RESRAM)
ER-2014-0258	Ameren Missouri	Staff Report	Rate Revenue by Class, Class Cost of Service study, Residential Customer Charge
ER-2014-0258	Ameren Missouri	Rebuttal	Weather normalization adjustment to class billing units
ER-2014-0258	Ameren Missouri	Surrebuttal	Residential Customer Charge and Class allocations
ER-2014-0351	The Empire District Electric Company	Staff Report	Rate Revenue by Class, Class Cost of Service study, Residential Customer Charge
ER-2014-0351	The Empire District Electric Company	Rebuttal & Surrebuttal	Residential Customer, Interruptible Customers

**Previous Testimony of Robin Kliethermes**

<b>Case No.</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Type of Filing</b>	<b>Issue</b>
ER-2014-0370	Kansas City Power & Light	Staff Report	Rate Revenue by Class, Class Cost of Service study, Residential Customer Charge
ER-2014-0370	Kansas City Power & Light	Rebuttal & Surrebuttal	Class Cost of Service, Rate Design, Residential Customer Charge
ER-2014-0370	Kansas City Power & Light	True-Up Direct & True-Up Rebuttal	Customer Growth & Rate Switching
EE-2015-0177	Kansas City Power & Light	Staff Recommendation	Electric Meter Variance Request
EE-2016-0090	Ameren Missouri	Staff Recommendation	Tariff Variance Request
EO-2016-0100	KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company	Staff Recommendation	RESRAM Annual Rate Adjustment Filing
ET-2016-0185	Kansas City Power & Light	Staff Recommendation	Solar Rebate Tariff Change
ER-2016-0023	The Empire District Electric Company	Staff Report	Rate Revenue by Class

## Sarah L. Kliethermes

### **MOPSC EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

#### Regulatory Economist III (July 2013 – Present)

Tariff and Rate Design Unit, Operational Analysis Department, Commission Staff Division, of the Missouri Public Service Commission. In this position my duties include providing analysis and recommendations in the areas of RTO and ISO transmission, rate design, class cost of service, tariff compliance and design, and energy efficiency mechanism and tariff design. I also continue to provide legal advice and assistance regarding generating station and environmental control construction audits and electric utility regulatory depreciation.

My prior positions in the Commission's General Counsel's Office, which was reorganized as the Staff Counsel's Office, consisted of leading major rate case litigation and settlement and presenting Staff's position to the Commission, and providing legal advice and assistance primarily in the areas of depreciation, cost of service, class cost of service, rate design, tariff issues, resource planning, accounting authority orders, construction audits, rulemakings and workshops, fuel adjustment clauses, document management and retention, and customer complaints. Those positions were:

Senior Counsel (September 2011 – July 2013)

Associate Counsel (September 2009 – September 2011)

Legal Counsel (September 2007 – September 2009)

Legal Intern (May 2006 – September 2007)

### **TESTIMONY**

Contributor to Contributor to Staff Cost of Service Report, regarding special contract tariff revenues in Case No. ER-2016-0023, In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's Request for Authority to File Tariffs to Increase Rates.

Provided at hearing, as well as prefiled Rebuttal concerning retail rate impact and public interest concerning Case No. EA-2015-0146, Application of Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois for Other Relief or in the Alternative, a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Maintain and Otherwise Control and Manage a 345,000-volt Electric Transmission Line from Palmyra, Missouri, to the Iowa Border and Associated Substation near Kirksville, Missouri.

Contributor to Staff recommendations concerning Case No. EA-2015-0145, Application of Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois for Other Relief or in the Alternative, a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Maintain and Otherwise Control and Manage a 345,000-volt Electric Transmission Line in Marion County, Missouri and an Associated Switching Station Near Palmyra, Missouri.

**cont'd Sarah L. Kliethermes**

Contributor to Staff Class Cost of Service and Rate Design Report, regarding Class Cost of Service; prefiled Rebuttal and Surrebuttal, regarding Class Cost of Service and marginal energy cost, in Case No. ER-2014-0370, In the Matter of Kansas City Power & Light Company's Request for Authority to File Tariffs to Increase Rates.

Provided at hearing, as well as deposed, as well as prefiled Rebuttal, Supplemental Direct, and Rebuttal to Supplemental Direct, regarding marginal revenue calculation, throughput disincentive, earnings opportunity and performance incentive, and customer-related issues, in Case No. ER-2015-0055, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri application under the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act.

Provided at hearing, as well as contributor to Contributor to Staff Cost of Service Report, regarding special contract tariff revenues, and Staff Class Cost of Service and Rate Design Report, regarding Class Cost of Service and miscellaneous tariff issues; prefiled Rebuttal and Surrebuttal, regarding Class Cost of Service and special contracts, in Case No. ER-2014-0351, In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's Request for Authority to File Tariffs to Increase Rates.

Provided at hearing and deposed, as well as contributor to Staff Cost of Service Report, regarding Noranda revenues, and Staff Class Cost of Service and Rate Design Report, regarding Class Cost of Service; prefiled Rebuttal and Surrebuttal, regarding Class Cost of Service, incremental cost of energy, and Noranda rate design, in Case No. ER-2014-0258, In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri for Authority to File Tariffs to Increase Rates.

Provided at hearing, as well as prefiled Rebuttal and Surrebuttal, regarding energy price efficiency and transmission, in Case No. EA-2014-0207, Application of Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity.

Contributor to Staff recommendation concerning Ameren Missouri municipal lighting, in Case No. EC-2014-0316, City of O'Fallon, Missouri, and City of Ballwin, Missouri, Complainants v. Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri, Respondent.

Contributor to Staff Report, regarding a requested Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, a requested Special Contract tariff sheet, and tariff review, in Case No. HR-2014-0066, In the Matter of Veolia Energy Kansas City, Inc for Authority to File Tariffs to Increase Rates.

Provided at hearing, as well as prefiled Rebuttal and Surrebuttal, regarding average wholesale energy prices, in Case No. EC-2014-0224, Noranda Aluminum, Inc., et al., Complainants, v. Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri, Respondent.

Rebuttal, regarding DSIM tariff design, margin rate calculation, and customer-related issues, in Case No. ER-2014-0095, Kansas City Power & Light application under the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act. Case resolved by stipulation.

## **cont'd Sarah L. Kliethermes**

Contributor to Staff recommendation concerning KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company's Application for a Renewable Energy Standard Rate Adjustment Mechanism, in Case No. EO-2014-0151, addressing issues of customer notice and tariff design. Staff recommendation to approve compliance tariffs.

### **RELATED TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE**

Participant in Missouri's Comprehensive Statewide Energy Plan working group on Energy Pricing and Rate Setting Processes.

Presented:

*Fundamentals of Ratemaking at the MoPSC* (October 8, 2014)

*Ratemaking Basics* (Sept. 14, 2012)

Attended:

*Net Metering presented by Ralph Zarumba* (December, 9, 2014)

*Fourth Annual Public Utility Law Symposium* (October 17, 2014)

*Electricity Energy Storage Sources* (August 29, 2014)

*Combined Heat & Power: Planning, Design and Operation* (August 11, 2014)

*Today's U.S. Electric Power Industry, the Smart Grid, ISO Markets & Wholesale Power Transactions* (July 29-30)

*MISO Markets & Settlements Training for OMS and ERSC Commissioners & Staff* (Jan. 27 – 28, 2014)

*Validating Settlement Charges in New SPP Integrated Marketplace* (July 22, 2013)

PSC Transmission Training (May 14 – 16, 2013)

Grid School (March 4 – 7, 2013)

*Specialized Technical Training - Electric Transmission* (April 18 – 19, 2012)

*Legal Practice Before the Missouri Public Service Commission* (Sept. 1, 2011)

*Renewable Energy Finance Forum* (Sept. 29 – Oct 3, 2010)

*The New Energy Markets: Technologies, Differentials and Dependencies* (June 16, 2011)

Mid-American Regulatory Conference Annual Meeting (June 5 – 8, 2011)

*Utility Basics* (Oct. 14 – 19, 2007)

### **EDUCATION**

Studied Energy Transmission at Bismarck State College, online (2014 – 2015).

Licensed to Practice Law in Missouri, MoBar # 60024 (Summer 2007).

Juris Doctorate, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri (2004 – 2007).

Bachelor of Science in Historic Preservation, Cum Laude, minor in Architectural Design, Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, Missouri (2002 – 2004).

2000 – 2002: Studied Architecture and English Literature at Drury University, Springfield, Missouri.

2013 Economics courses at Columbia College, Jefferson City campus.



**OTHER EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

Law Clerk, Contracting and Organization Research Institute. Performed legal research; analyzed, described, and categorized contracts.

Paid Intern, Southeast Missouri State University. Accessioned and organized artifact collections for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and Historic Sites.

Intermediate Clerk, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Responsibilities included organizing and managing various forms of data.

## David C. Roos

**Present Position:** I am a Regulatory Economist III in the Energy Resource Department, Commission Staff Division of the Missouri Public Service Commission.

### **Educational Background and Work Experience:**

In May 1983, I graduated from the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering. I also graduated from the University of Missouri in December 2005, with a Master of Arts in Economics. I have been employed at the Missouri Public Service Commission as a Regulatory Economist III since March 2006. I began my employment with the Commission in the Economics Analysis section where my responsibilities included class cost of service and rate design. In 2008, I moved to the Energy Resource Analysis section where my testimony and responsibility topics include energy efficiency, resource analysis, and fuel adjustment clauses. Prior to joining the Public Service Commission I taught introductory economics and conducted research as a graduate teaching assistant and graduate research assistant at the University of Missouri. Prior to the University of Missouri, I was employed by several private firms where I provided consulting, design, and construction oversight of environmental projects for private and public sector clients.

### **Previous Cases**

<u>Company</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Empire District Electric Company	ER-2006-0315
AmerenUE	ER-2007-0002
Aquila Inc.	ER-2007-0004
Kansas City Power and Light	ER-2007-0291
AmerenUE	EO-2007-0409

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<u>Company</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Empire District Electric Company	ER-2008-0093
Kansas City Power and Light	ER-2008-0034
Greater Missouri Operations	HR-2008-0340
Greater Missouri Operations	ER-2009-0091
Greater Missouri Operations	EO-2009-0115
Greater Missouri Operations	EE-2009-0237
Greater Missouri Operations	EO-2009-0431
Empire District Electric Company	ER-2010-0105
Greater Missouri Operations	EO-2010-0002
AmerenUE	ER-2010-0036
AmerenUE	ER-2010-0044
Empire District Electric Company	EO-2010-0084
Empire District Electric Company	ER-2010-0105
AmerenUE	ER-2010-0165
Greater Missouri Operations	EO-2010-0167
AmerenUE	EO-2010-0255
Greater Missouri Operations (Aquila)	EO-2008-0216
Ameren Missouri	ER-2011-0028
Empire District Electric Company	EO-2011-0066
Empire District Electric Company	EO-2011-0285
Ameren Missouri	EO-2012-0074
Greater Missouri Operations	EO-2012-0009
Ameren Missouri	EO-2012-0142
Ameren Missouri	ER-2012-0166
Greater Missouri Operations	EO-2013-0325
Ameren Missouri	EO-2013-0407
Empire District Electric Company	EO-2014-0057
Greater Missouri Operations	EO-2014-0256
Empire District Electric Company	ER-2014-0351
Greater Missouri Operations	EO-2015-0252
Kansas City Power and Light	EO-2015-0254
Empire District Electric Company	ER-2015-0214
Empire District Electric Company	ER-2016-0023
Greater Missouri Operations	EO-2016-0053