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MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

INDUSTRIAL ANALYSIS DIVISION

TARIFF/RATE DESIGN DEPARTMENT

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

MICHELLE BOCKLAGE

THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY

CASE NO. ER-2019-0374

Jefferson City, Missouri
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5 Q. Please state your name and business address.

6 A. My name is Michelle Bocklage. My business address is 200 Madison Street,
7 Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

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

9 A. I am employed by the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) as
10 a Rate and Tariff Examiner III.

11 Q. Please describe your educational background and relevant work experience.

12 A. I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with
13 majors in Management and Human Resources Management from Columbia College in
14 December 2010. I received my Masters degree in Business Administration from Columbia
15 College in May 2014.

16 I have been employed as a Rate & Tariff Examiner III within the Tariff/Rate
17 Design Department since July 16, 2013. In January 2011, I was employed with the Commission
18 in the Energy Resource Analysis section where my testimony and responsibility topics included
19 tariff issues relating to Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act (MEEIA), Fuel Adjustment
20 Clause (FAC), and promotional programs. Prior to moving to the Energy Resource Analysis
21 Section, I was employed in the Consumer Services section where my responsibilities included
22 investigating informal and formal consumer complaints for compliance with the rules and
23 regulations of the Commission.

1 Q. Have you previously testified before the Commission?

2 A. Yes. My Case Summary is attached to my testimony as Schedule MB-d1.

3 **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

4 Q. What is the purpose of this Direct Testimony?

5 A. The purpose of this Direct Testimony is to sponsor Staff's Report on Class Cost
6 of Service ("CCOS Report"), which includes the recommended rate design developed by Staff
7 and described in the CCOS Report filed concurrently with this direct testimony.

8 Q. Did Staff perform a Class Cost of Service ("CCOS") study in this case?

9 A. Yes it did.

10 **CCOS REPORT**

11 Q. What is Staff's recommendation in this case concerning class revenue
12 requirements and rate designs?

13 A. As more specifically explained in the CCOS Report, Staff recommends that
14 the Feed & Grain rate schedule revert to its pre-tax reduction tariffed revenue level.
15 Staff recommends that the Residential, Contract Transmission, and Lighting rate schedules
16 retain the current level of revenue production which is net of the current temporary tax reduction
17 rider, and that the CB/SH, GP/TEB, and LPS class revenue requirements be adjusted by the
18 following process:¹

¹ The provided class names refer to the indicated rate schedules: "Residential" - Residential Service; "CB/SH" - Commercial Service and Small Heating Service; "GP/TEB" - General Power Service and Total Electric Building Service; "LPS" - Large Power Service; "Feed & Grain" - Feed Mill and Grain Elevator Service, Schedule PFM; Contract Transmission - Special Transmission Service; and Lighting - Schedules SPL, PL, LS, MS, and other derivative schedules.

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- 1 1. Reduce class revenue requirements by the level of the temporary tax
2 reduction;
- 3 2. Determine the amount of additional reduction available after the above-
4 referenced reductions have been applied, (approximately \$18.5 million at
5 Staff's recommended revenue requirement);
- 6 3. Further reduce the CB/SH and LPS revenue requirements by 25% each of
7 the amount identified in step 2;
- 8 4. Further reduce the GP/TEB revenue requirements by 50% of the amount
9 identified in step 2.

10 Q. Are additional recommendations concerning the Fuel Adjustment Clause base
11 factor, other tariff issues, energy efficiency and data retention concerns provided in the Report?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

14 A. Yes it does.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company's Request for Authority to File Tariffs) Case No. ER-2019-0374
Increasing Rates for Electric Service Provided to)
Customers in its Missouri Service Area)

AFFIDAVIT OF MICHELLE A. BOCKLAGE

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

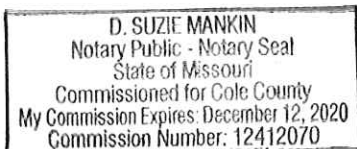
COMES NOW MICHELLE A. BOCKLAGE and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing *Direct Testimony*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.


MICHELLE A. BOCKLAGE

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 28th day of January 2020.




Notary Public

Case Proceedings Participation

Michelle A. Bocklage

Case Number	Company Name	Testimony Type	Issue(s)
EO-2012-0009	Greater Missouri Operations	Rebuttal	Tariff Issue
EO-2012-0142	Ameren Missouri	Rebuttal	Tariff Issue
EO-2012-0142	Ameren Missouri	Surrebuttal	Tariff Issue
GR-2014-0007	Laclede Gas Co.	Cost of Service Report	Weather Normalization
GR-2014-0086	Summit Natural Gas	Cost of Service Report	Weather Normalization
GR-2014-0086	Summit Natural Gas	Rebuttal	Weather Normalization
GR-2014-0086	Summit Natural Gas	Surrebuttal	Weather Normalization
ER-2016-0179	Ameren Missouri	Cost of Service Report	Weather Normalization
ER-2016-0023	Empire District Electric Company	Cost of Service Report	Weather Normalization
GR-2017-0215	Laclede Gas Company	Cost of Service Report	Weather Normalization
GR-2017-0215	Laclede Gas Company	Rebuttal	Weather Normalization
GR-2018-0013	Liberty Utilities	Cost of Service	Case Manager
GR-2018-0013	Liberty Utilities	Class Cost of Service	Case Manager
ER-2019-0374	Empire Gas Utilities	Cost of Service	Co-Case Coordinator and Revenues
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