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REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

OF

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**UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY
D/B/A AMEREN MISSOURI**

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8 **INTRODUCTION**

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10 Q. Please state your name, title and business address.

11 A. Kory Boustead, Rate & Tariff Examiner II, Missouri Public Service
12 Commission (“Staff” or “Commission”), P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102.

13 Q. Are you the same Kory Boustead who filed in Staff’s Cost of Service report?

14 A. Yes, I am.

15 Q. What is the purpose of your rebuttal testimony?

16 A. The purpose of this rebuttal testimony is to respond to comments filed
17 regarding Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri’s (“Ameren Missouri”)
18 Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program (LIWAP) funding by Department of
19 Economic Development, Division of Energy (“DE”) witness Sharlet Kroll.

20 Q. Does Staff agree with DE’s request for the Commission to direct
21 Ameren Missouri to convene interested stakeholders to begin discussions of how the
22 administration of the Ameren Missouri’s LIWAP should be handled going forward?

23 A. Yes, Staff supports DE’s request for the Commission to direct
24 Ameren Missouri to start exploring with interested stakeholders options of handling
25 Ameren Missouri’s LIWAP administration in the future and develop a report to be submitted
26 with Ameren Missouri’s Direct Testimony in its next general rate proceeding. The Staff

1 recommends that the administration of the Ameren Missouri's LIWAP remain as it presently
2 is until Ameren Missouri's next general rate proceeding.

3 Q. In her Direct Testimony¹, Ms. Kroll refers to a recent Stipulation and
4 Agreement ("Agreement") approved in Case No. EM-2016-0213² that allows for the transfer
5 of administration of both The Empire District Electric Company's ("Empire") electric and
6 natural gas weatherization programs to DE, stating that the Agreement allows for the transfer
7 of administration of both Empire's electric and natural gas weatherization programs to DE.
8 Please provide more information contained in the Agreement concerning Empire's
9 low-income weatherization program.

10 A. The August 23, 2016 Agreement that Ms. Kroll refers to is among Empire,
11 Liberty Utilities, Liberty Sub Corp, Algonquin Power & Utilities (collectively "Joint
12 Applicants"), and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"). Staff was not a party to this
13 Agreement, but was party to an August 4, 2016 Stipulation and Agreement with the
14 Joint Applicants. On August 24, 2016, Staff filed a *Notice of Non-Opposition To*
15 *Non-Unanimous Stipulation And Agreement* in which it stated that it had no objection to the
16 August 23, 2016 Agreement between Joint Applicants and Public Counsel, but it would not be
17 a signatory. In relevant part, the August 23, 2016 Agreement states:

18 **DIVISION OF ENERGY OVERSIGHT OF WEATHERIZATION FUND**

19 24. Empire and The Empire District Gas Company agree to
20 provide DE an annual payment totaling up to 5% of the agreed to
21 weatherization funds for a pilot program concerning the administration
22 and monitoring of the funds (not to exceed an annual cap of \$12,500) to

¹ Direct Testimony of Sharlet Kroll with Department of Economic Development, Division of Energy, page 10 lines 7-11.

² Missouri Public Service Commission Case No. EM-2016-0213, *In the Matter of the Empire District Electric Company, Liberty Utilities (Central) Co. and Liberty Sub Corp. Concerning an Agreement and Plan of Merger and Certain Related Transactions*, Item No. 105 Stipulation and Agreement page 8.

1 the extent DE is utilized for the management of those funds. **Said**
2 **funds, will be provided for a period of five years and be considered**
3 **below the line and not recovered in future rates.** Nothing in this
4 paragraph will affect Staff's and OPC's ability to oppose funding for
5 DE in future cases whether for Empire or any other utility. DE shall
6 work with the OPC, Staff, and Empire to develop reporting standards
7 for its administration and monitoring activities to be presented at the
8 annual meetings with each local Community Action Agency.
9 [Emphasis added.]

10 **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

11 B. . . . Except as otherwise addressed herein, none of the
12 Signatories to this Stipulation shall be deemed to have approved,
13 accepted, agreed, consented or acquiesced to any accounting principle,
14 ratemaking principle or cost of service determination underlying, or
15 supposed to underlie any of the issues provided for herein.

16 C. . . . The Signatories agree that the details of this
17 Stipulation have no precedential value in any future proceeding not
18 related to enforcement of this agreement.

19 Q. What is Staff's recommendation concerning Ameren Missouri's LIWAP?

20 A. Staff recommends the Commission direct; (1) continuation of the LIWAP at
21 the current annual funding level of \$1.2 million in ratepayer funds; (2) Ameren Missouri to
22 establish a stakeholder process to review the future administration of the program and develop
23 a report to be submitted with Ameren Missouri's Direct Testimony in its next general rate
24 proceeding; and (3) continuation of the present manner in which LIWAP is administered,

25 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

26 A. Yes.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Union Electric Company)	
d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tariffs to Increase)	Case No. ER-2016-0179
Its Revenues for Electric Service)	
)	

AFFIDAVIT OF KORY BOUSTEAD

STATE OF MISSOURI)	
)	ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)	

COMES NOW KORY BOUSTEAD and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing Rebuttal Testimony; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.


Further the Affiant sayeth not.


KORY BOUSTEAD

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 18th day of January, 2017.

D. SUZIE MANKIN Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: December 12, 2020 Commission Number: 12412070
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Notary Public