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

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

File No. ER-2019-0335

## MISSOURI DIVISION OF ENERGY'S RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSES

COMES NOW the Missouri Department of Natural Resources – Division of Energy ("DE") and, pursuant to the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission") March 5, 2020 Order Directing Responses respectfully states as follows:

1. On March 5, 2020, the Commission issued an *Order Directing Responses* that directed "each party to respond stating if it is willing to provide an alternate stipulation and agreement that includes any or all of the following:

a. "Allowing residential net-metering customers to select any rate options offered to other residential customers.

b. "Enhancing the default time of use (TOU) rate so that the peak period is significantly shorter and has a much greater pricing differential relative to the off-peak period than the currently proposed default TOU rate.

c. "Submitting to the Commission timely status reports after the monthly customer engagement meetings identified in Paragraph 27 of the Corrected Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement. The status reports would detail the agreed to educational/communication programs. In addition, Ameren Missouri would present at Agenda in either June or July 2020, details of the customer outreach plans prior to their initiation."

2. DE entered into the *Corrected Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement* as a result of good faith negotiations and compromises to resolve the issues contained therein. Would all the parties be willing to sign onto an alternative stipulation that included the topics raised by the *Order Directing Responses* that was satisfactory and technically feasible, DE would similarly participate and be willing to join such alternative agreement, or at a minimum, not oppose. However, DE cannot speak for the other parties, and DE is uncertain as to the feasibility of a revised stipulation and agreement that would include items 1 and 2.

WHEREFORE, the Division of Energy respectfully submits its *Response to Order Directing Responses* in the above-styled matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been served electronically on all counsel of record this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

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