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Case No. EW-2016-0041 – Infrastructure Efficiency Workshop Comments

Commission, Staff, and Stakeholders:

Ameren Missouri appreciates the opportunity to participate in the workshops held in this docket. Ameren Missouri has reviewed Staff's report and recommendation. The recommendation noted that, to the extent the commission is interested, parties could explore revised line extension policies to resemble the process included in KCPL-GMO's tariffs.

Ameren Missouri's present line extension tariffs have substantially been in effect for many years, and have proven effective in balancing the interests of existing customers and new customers. Ameren Missouri's line extensions policies are relatively simple, familiar and understood by customers, developers, and communities in our service territory, and accordingly, are applied with relatively little controversy. The present process has proven effective at promoting economic utilization of Ameren Missouri's system and includes reasonable protections to prevent situations where extension costs exceed the benefits associated with load growth to other customers on the system. The present line extension tariffs are designed to ensure that extensions offer benefits to all customers on the system by equitably balancing the incremental revenue from line extensions and the incremental costs of the line extensions. Ameren Missouri has a shared interest with the communities we serve in promoting economic growth, development and job creation. Any changes to the existing policies would need to be carefully reviewed prior to implementation, to ensure that customers and communities in our service territory are not adversely affected.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate, and will participate to the extent the Commission is inclined to continue exploring the concepts identified in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

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