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

Case No. EO-2012-0142

October 22, 2014

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

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a)
Ameren Missouri's Filing to Implement Regulatory)
Changes in Furtherance of Energy Efficiency as) **Case No. EO-2012-0142**
Allowed by MEEIA.)

AFFIDAVIT OF GEOFF MARKE

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

Geoff Marke, of lawful age and being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

1. My name is Geoff Marke. I am a Regulatory Economist for the Office of the Public Counsel.
2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my direct testimony.
3. I hereby swear and affirm that my statements contained in the attached affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.




Geoff Marke

Subscribed and sworn to me this 22nd day of October 2014.



JERENE A. BUCKMAN
My Commission Expires
August 23, 2017
Cole County
Commission #13754037



Jerene A. Buckman
Notary Public

My commission expires August 23, 2017.

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION AND EXPLANATION OF CHANGES TO THE**
2 **RESPONSE TO CHANGE REQUEST**

3 **Q. Please state your name, title and business address.**

4 A. Dr. Geoffrey Marke, Economist, Office of the Public Counsel (OPC or Public Counsel), P.O.
5 Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

6 **Q. Are you the same Geoff Marke that filed the Response to Change Requests in EO-2012-**
7 **0142?**

8 A. I am.

9 **Q. What is the purpose of your direct testimony?**

10 A. The purpose of my direct testimony is to adopt and incorporate by reference my previous
11 submitted Response to Change Requests with the amended changes stated below and to
12 provide additional evidence OPC believes is relevant to the question of determining the final
13 EM&V results of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's ("Ameren Missouri" or
14 "Ameren") PY2013 MEEIA portfolio. Specifically, this testimony will introduce the concept
15 of the rebound effect and why it supports OPC's previous suggestions to the Commission
16 regarding the appropriate net-to-gross (NTG) ratio. Those recommendations include:

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 - Adopting Staff's original Change Request that calls for the elimination of
- 18 market effects and accepting the Auditor's spillover estimates.

- 1 • Rejecting Ameren’s downward adjustment of free ridership.
- 2 • Including a 9% downward adjustment to the NTG ratio for the LightSavers
- 3 Program to account for conservative direct rebound effect estimates.

4 OPC raises the concept of the rebound effect as another factor that should be considered by
5 the Commission when determining the EM&V results for PY2013.

6 This testimony offers that not properly accounting for the rebound effect will overstate actual
7 energy savings attributable to Ameren Missouri PY2013 EM&V. Public Counsel proposes a
8 conservative adjustment to the LightSavers program based on an appropriate mid-range
9 estimate of the direct rebound effect attributable to energy efficient residential lighting.
10 Public Counsel does not propose an additional adjustment for an indirect rebound effect at
11 this time.

12 **Q. What is the purpose of the corrections to your Response to Change Requests?**

13 A. These corrections are made to clarify Public Counsel’s position on Staff’s initial Change
14 Request. As background, when asked to summarize our primary recommendations in the
15 Response to Change Request we stated that the Commission should adopt Staff’s initial
16 change request that calls for the elimination of market effects in the formula used to calculate
17 the LightSavers net-to-gross ratio. We reiterated this position later:

18 **Under our scenario, and as initially proposed by Staff,** Ameren would
19 have achieved 39% of their target goal in the first year leaving them only 31%
20 away from being eligible for a performance incentive with two additional
21 years to reach that (emphasis added, p. 62, 5-8).

22 And at the conclusion, OPC also indicates its support for the weight that should be given to
23 the independent auditor’s results which were included in Staff’s recommendation that OPC
24 supports:

1 Furthermore, the black box agreement does not address EM&V
2 considerations moving forward and in this case undermines the process
3 currently in place by minimizing the evaluation and results of the
4 Commission's independent auditor (p. 65, 1-4).

5 This position is consistent with Staff's primary recommendation to adopt the
6 Auditor's estimates without market effects. However, as indicated earlier, OPC has
7 made changes to portions of its Response that discuss the spillover estimates. OPC
8 previously stated that the differences between the Evaluator's and Auditor's
9 estimates were not pronounced, that OPC did not have a strong position on adopting
10 one or the other, and OPC suggested generally that the Cadmus/ADM spillover
11 estimates should be used to calculate the NTG. These statements, now corrected for
12 consistency and described below, had initially used the general term "spillover"
13 when the more specific term, "nonparticipant spillover," would have been more
14 accurate. It is the nonparticipant spillover estimates for the overall portfolio where
15 the differences are not pronounced, and therefore it is necessary for OPC to clarify
16 its position that the Auditor's estimates should be used for both participant and
17 nonparticipant spillover NTG ratios. Absent these changes to differentiate between
18 participant and non-participant spillover, it is unclear which spillover estimate Public
19 Counsel recommends the Commission adopt.

20 Applying the corrections, Public Counsel's Corrected Response to Change Requests,
21 attached as an Appendix, reflects the position that Staff's initial Change Request
22 adopting the Auditor's results that excludes market effects should be adopted, as
23 articulated throughout the rest of the Response.

24 **Q. Please state the corrections you have made to your Response to Change Requests¹ as**
25 **initially filed.**

¹ Case No. ER-2012-0142 (Doc. No. 203).

1 A. There are four textual changes in my Response to Change Requests. Attached hereto as an
2 Appendix and incorporated by reference is a Corrected Response to Change Requests. Those
3 corrections are as follows:

4 1.) Page 7, lines 16-18 now states:

- 5 • Cadmus and the Auditor disagree on participant spillover estimates for
6 only one program. In the LightSavers program the Auditor estimated
7 participant spillover to be 7.5% and Cadmus estimated it to be 28%.

8 2.) Page 45, lines 19-21 now states:

- 9 • Public Counsel believes the Commission should accept the Auditor's
10 estimates for participant and non-participant spillover.

11 3.) Page 59, line 2 now states:

- 12 • Accept Auditor reports without market effects.

13 4.) Page 64, lines 10-12 now states:

- 14 • Additionally, the Auditor's recommended participant and nonparticipant
15 spillover estimates should be utilized to calculate the overall net-to-gross
16 ratio for the portfolio.

17 **Q. Please state Public Counsel's position on Staff's initial Change Requests.**

18 As stated on page 11, lines 22-24 of the Response to Change Requests, the Commission
19 should adopt Staff's initial change request which calls for the elimination of market effects in
20 the formula used to calculate the LightSavers net-to-gross ratio. This includes adoption of the
21 independent Auditor's recommended participant spillover and nonparticipant spillover
22 estimates.

23 **Q. Do you have any additional testimony besides the corrections in the original draft?**

24 A. Yes. I will provide further testimony on the rebound effect.

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1 **II. THE REBOUND EFFECT**

2 **Q Does this new testimony on the rebound effect change the Office of Public Counsel's**
3 **position on the PY2013 EM&V results and net-to-gross calculation?**

4 A. Yes, it does. Public Counsel recommends that the Commission resolve Ameren Missouri's
5 disputed PY2013 EM&V results by adjusting Staff's initial change request to include a
6 conservative downward 9% adjustment for the direct rebound effect to the LightSavers
7 program's net-to-gross ratio. Because the Lightsaver's program is the largest component of
8 the PY2013 Ameren Missouri MEEIA program, this adjustment will impact the overall
9 results as illustrated in table 1 below. Table 1 includes the five portfolio estimates to date as
10 well as OPC's proposed adjustment. This results in a 3.0% reduction in the overall NTG
11 ratio from our original suggestion to the Commission.

12 Table 1: The five portfolio estimates to date & Public Counsel's proposed estimate

Source (EO-2012-0142)	NTG	MWh Saving ²	Difference	% 3yr-goal 793,100 MWh
Ameren ³	116.1%	397,499	-	50.1%
Cadmus ⁴	114.5%	390,039	7,460	49.2%
Black box ⁵	107.4%	369,500	27,999	46.5%
Auditor 2 ⁶	93.3%	322,296	75,203	40.6%
Auditor 1 ⁷	89.7%	310,041	87,458	39.1%
OPC	86.7%	300,532	96,967	37.9%

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14 Table 2 provides a breakdown of MWh estimates specifically for the LightSavers program with a
15 reference to the Commission-approved savings target in order to illustrate how greatly the savings
16 exceeded targets under all filed estimates.

² 1.0 NTG = 346,519 MWh

³ Application for Approval of Change Request (Ameren Missouri-Investor), 7/3/14.

⁴ Revised Evaluation, Measurement and Verification (EM&V) Reports, 6/12/14.

⁵ Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement Settling the Program Year 2013 Change Request, 9/19/14.

⁶ Final EM&V Auditor Report and Supporting Documentation, 8/27/14 with market effects.

⁷ Final EM&V Auditor Report and Supporting Documentation, 8/27/14 without market effects.

1 Table 2: Comparison of LightSavers Net Savings Ex Post Estimates to Approved PSC Target
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Program	PSC Approved Target	Net Savings Ex Post: Cadmus ⁸	Net Savings Ex Post: Auditor 2	Net Savings Ex Post: Auditor 1	Net Savings Ex Post: OPC
LightSavers MWh savings	121,258	279,127	214,814	196,470	182,160
% of Target Achieved	100%	230%	177%	162%	150%

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4 **Q. What is the Rebound Effect?**

5 **A.** A rebound effect involves increases in energy use that are paradoxically caused by increased
6 energy efficiency. The result is a reduction of expected overall energy savings. The rebound
7 effect runs counter to an assumption of energy efficiency programs that a given percent gain
8 in efficiency is assumed to lead simply and directly to an equivalent and equal percent
9 reduction in total energy use. In reality, the economy and consumer behavior is anything but
10 direct, linear, or simple.

11 To explain the rebound effect, I will offer two examples which include the direct rebound
12 effect and the indirect rebound effect:⁹

13 Direct Rebound Effect:

14 This represents a change in patterns of usage after an energy efficient product is installed.
15 When energy use is more efficient, consumers may actually increase some of their energy-
16 using activities. For example, we can reduce lighting energy consumption in our houses by
17 up to 75% by installing more efficient light bulbs if usage remains constant. However, as the
18 lighting service has effectively become cheaper, one may decide to leave the lights on for a

⁸ Ameren Missouri agrees with the Cadmus estimates for LightSavers. Ameren Missouri had proposed additional energy savings for the rest of their portfolio which is why they are included in table 1.

⁹ Time constrained readers can watch the abstract video from research conducted by the Scott Institute for Energy Innovation of Carnegie Mellon University at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MIsNp4sSms>. The corresponding academic paper can be found at: http://iopscience.iop.org/1748-9326/9/7/074010/pdf/1748-9326_9_7_074010.pdf

1 longer period of time. This will result in having less energy savings than what was
2 anticipated.¹⁰

3 Indirect Rebound Effect:

4 In general, when customers use less power, they will have lower electrical bills. This gives
5 consumers more money to spend on other things, and many of those other things may require
6 energy to produce or use.¹¹

7 **Q. Has the rebound effect been raised in any other previous testimony in this case?**

8 A. Yes. The rebound effect was discussed in the initial Ameren Missouri MEEIA application in
9 2012 in the rebuttal testimony of Staff witness of Dr. Hojang Kang.¹² It was further discussed
10 in the surrebuttal testimony of Staff witness Michael Stahlman¹³ and Ameren Missouri
11 witness Rick Voytas.¹⁴ Incidentally, there was considerably more testimony from
12 stakeholders regarding the concept of the rebound effect than there was regarding market
13 effects at that time.

14 **Q. Was there any attempt to calculate the rebound effect by either the evaluators
15 (Cadmus/ADM) or the state auditor (Johnson Consulting)?**

16 A. No. There was no attempt to calculate the rebound effect in determining the net energy
17 savings for Ameren Missouri's MEEIA PY2013.

18 **Q. Is there any empirical research that has attempted to calculate the rebound effect?**
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¹⁰ Micahels, R.J. (2012) Energy Efficiency and Climate Policy: The Rebound Dilemma. *Institute for Energy Research*. http://instituteforenergyresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/NJI_IER_MichaelsStudy_WEB_20120706_v5.pdf

¹¹ Ibid.

¹² Case No. ER-2012-0142 (Doc. No. 51)

¹³ Case No. ER-2012-0142 (Doc. No. 78)

¹⁴ Case No. ER-2012-0142 (Doc. No. 81)

1 A. Yes. As listed in Attachment GM-1 (as well as referenced throughout this testimony), there is
2 an extensive amount of empirical research substantiating the existence of a rebound effect
3 associated with energy efficiency investments. Within those studies, there is no argument that
4 the rebound effect occurs. However, there is debate about how large the rebound effects are
5 likely to be in any given context. Table 3 presents a sample of empirical studies looking at
6 the direct rebound effect on various energy efficiency measures. Residential lighting, for
7 example, has a direct rebound effect and corresponding reduction in realized energy savings
8 estimated to be in the range of 5-12%. Accordingly, I applied a 9% direct rebound effect to
9 the LightSavers program as a conservative mid-point to come up with an appropriate direct
10 rebound effect adjustment in this case.

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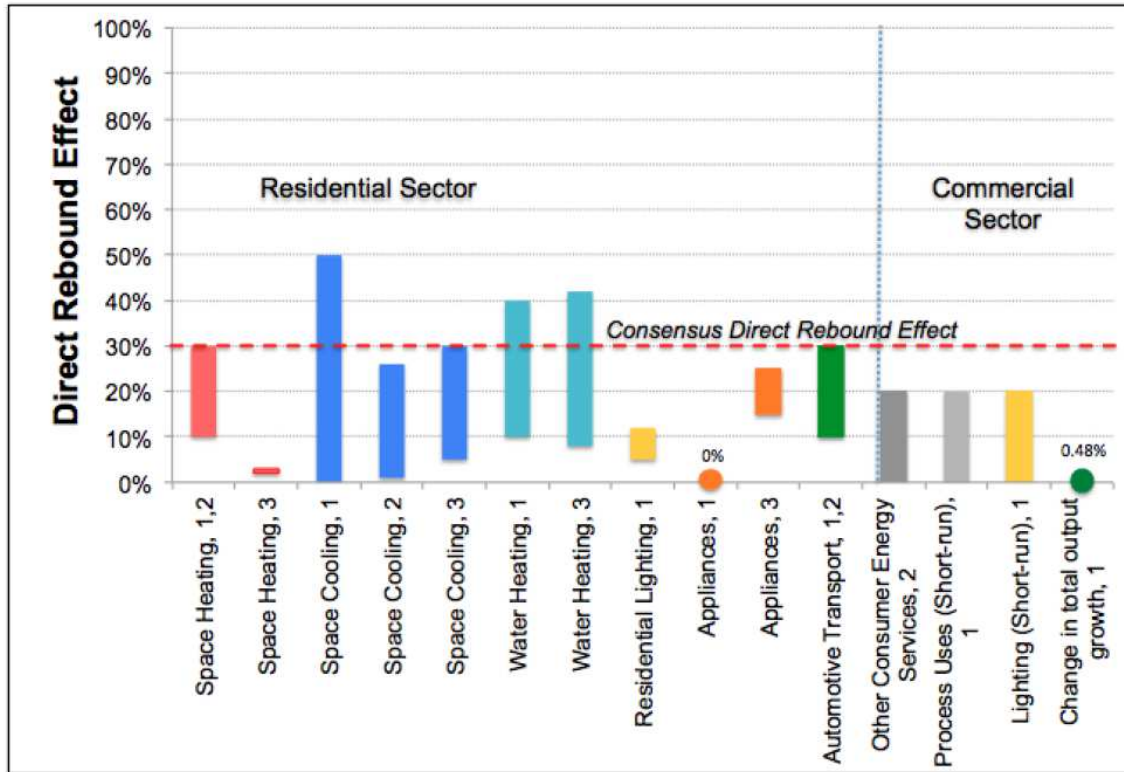
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1 Table 3: Empirical results of direct rebound effect and energy efficient measures¹⁵



2 Direct rebound effect estimates by sector and end-use. Sources: (1) Greening et al., 2000; (2) Sorrell et al., 2009; (3) Parti and Parti (1980), with appliances defined as freezers, dryers, and electric ranges.

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5 **Q. Please speak more to how you decided a 9% rebound effect would be appropriate for**
6 **the LightSavers program.**

¹⁵ Ines-Azevedo (2011) Energy Efficiency and the Rebound Effect. *Center for Climate and Energy Decision Making*. Slide 23. <http://cedmcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Ines-Azevedo.pdf> sources include:
 A. Greening, L. et al. (2000). Energy efficiency and consumption—the rebound effect—a survey. *Energy Policy*, 28 (6), 389-401. <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0301421500000215>;
 B. Sorrell, S. et al.(2009) Empirical estimates of the direct rebound effect: a review. *Energy Policy* 37: 1356-71., <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0301421508007131> ;
 C. Parti and Parti (1980) The total and appliance-specific conditional demand for electricity in the household sector. *The Bell Journal of Economics*. 309-321. <http://sedc-coalition.eu/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/Parti-The-Total-and-Appliance-Specific-Conditional-Demand-.pdf>

1 A. I applied a 9% direct rebound effect to the LightSavers program as a conservative mid-point
2 from the range developed from the Greening et al. (2000) residential lighting study
3 referenced above. This estimate is supported from the two most conservative estimates I was
4 able to locate regarding the rebound effect on residential programs. These include a 2013
5 article in *Nature* by Gillingham et al. that states:

6 Because people respond more strongly to price than to efficiency cues when
7 deciding how much energy to use, these numbers are overestimates. **The**
8 **direct rebound effect for efficiency alone should be nearer the low end**
9 **of this range, or around 5-10%.** Money saved through efficiency can also
10 be spent on another product, such as a new phone, causing an ‘indirect’
11 rebound effect if extra energy is needed to manufacture and use the
12 additional item. **Assessments of household spending indicate that 5-15%**
13 **of energy-efficiency savings are displaced in this way** (emphasis added).¹⁶

14 The second is from a white paper from The American Council for an Energy-Efficient
15 Economy (ACEEE) “The Rebound Effect: Large or Small?” which concludes with the
16 following statement:

17 There are both direct and indirect rebound effects, but these tend to be
18 modest. Direct rebound effects are generally 10% or less. Indirect rebound
19 effects are less well understood but the best available estimate is somewhere
20 at about 11%. . . . **Overall, even if total rebound is about 20%, then 80%**
21 **of the savings from energy efficiency programs and policies register in**
22 **terms of reduced energy use.** And the 20% rebound contributes to

¹⁶ Gillingham, K. et al. (2013) The rebound effect is over-played. *Nature*, 493: 475-476.
<http://www.ourenergypolicy.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/rebound.pdf>

1 increased consumer amenities and a larger economy. These savings are not
2 “lost” but are put to other generally beneficial uses (emphasis added).¹⁷

3 **Q. Have any government and/or research institutions recognized the rebound effect with**
4 **energy efficiency?**

5 Yes. Most recently, the International Risk Governance Council (IRGC) in conjunction with
6 Carnegie Mellon University’s Center for Climate and Energy Decision Making (CEDM)
7 convened a series of workshops¹⁸ to produce a report in which the concluding chapter, *Policy*
8 *Implications*, states:

9 **The evidence to date from econometric studies that generally use price**
10 **elasticity, income elasticity and elasticity of substitution suggests that**
11 **direct and indirect rebound effects in developed economies are**
12 **moderate and that investments in energy efficiency can save between**
13 **70 and 85 percent of the anticipated energy reduction, while allowing**
14 **households to enjoy the benefits of higher consumption.** Such moderate
15 rebound effects would imply that energy efficiency policies such as utility
16 energy efficiency programmes, appliance and vehicle efficiency standards,
17 energy efficiency resource standards, and rebates and tax credits for
18 energy efficiency **all will produce energy savings, although not as**
19 **much as an engineering analysis would suggest.** However, rebound
20 assessments should be incorporated in the development of these energy

¹⁷ Nadel, S. (2012) The Rebound Effect: Large or Small?. *ACEEE*. <http://www.aceee.org/files/pdf/white-paper/rebound-large-and-small.pdf>

¹⁸ The participants in the workshop included ideologically diverse experts from around the world who were asked to submit short think pieces regarding energy efficiency and the rebound effect. These documents can be found and downloaded at <http://cedmcenter.org/energy-efficiency-and-the-rebound-effect-presentations/> and at <http://cedmcenter.org/energy-efficiency-and-the-rebound-effect-stuttgart-presentations/>.

1 efficiency policy instruments, so that realistic forecasts of their cost and
2 effectiveness can be made (emphasis added).¹⁹

3 In addition to the IRCG report, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)²⁰
4 recognized the importance in accounting for the rebound effect in their report, *Climate*
5 *Change 2014: Mitigation of Climate Change*. The rebound effect is discussed in both,
6 Chapter 3: *Social, Economic and Ethical Concepts and Methods*²¹ and in Chapter 5: *Drivers,*
7 *Trends and Mitigation*.²² In the latter chapter, the rebound effect section concludes with the
8 following statement:

9 **In conclusion, rebound effects cannot be ignored, but at the same time**
10 **do not make energy efficiency measures completely redundant.** By
11 considering the size of the rebound effect, a more-realistic calculation of
12 energy-efficiency measures can be achieved providing a clearer
13 understanding of their contribution to climate policy. Particular attention is
14 required where efficiency savings are made with no change in the unit cost
15 of energy (emphasis added).

16 In the United States, rebound effects associated with energy efficiency increases are utilized
17 by the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) in their National Energy Modeling
18 System (NEMS) which “projects the production, imports, conversion, consumption, and
19 prices of energy, subject to assumptions on macroeconomic and financial factors, world
20 energy markets, resource availability and costs, behavioral and technological choice criteria,

¹⁹ International Risk Governance Council (2013) The Rebound Effect: Implications of Consumer Behaviour for Robust Energy Policies http://www.irgc.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/IRGC_ReboundEffect-FINAL.pdf

²⁰ Established by the United Nations and World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1988, the IPCC includes thousands of scientists from around the globe who contribute voluntarily. According to their website: “Because of its scientific and intergovernmental nature, the IPCC embodies a unique opportunity to provide rigorous and balanced scientific information to decision makers. By endorsing the IPCC reports, governments acknowledge the authority of their scientific content. The work of the organization is therefore policy-relevant and yet policy-neutral, never policy-perspective.” <http://www.ipcc.ch/organization/organization.shtml>

²¹ http://report.mitigation2014.org/drafts/final-draft-postplenary/ipcc_wg3_ar5_final-draft_postplenary_chapter3.pdf

²² http://report.mitigation2014.org/drafts/final-draft-postplenary/ipcc_wg3_ar5_final-draft_postplenary_chapter5.pdf

1 cost and performance characteristics of energy technologies, and demographics.”²³ In the
2 NEMS Overview describing the Energy Consumption Submodule, rebound effects are
3 specifically identified:

4 Once the required equipment choices have been made the total shock and
5 efficiency of equipment for a particular end use are determined. Energy
6 consumption by fuel can be calculated from the amount of service demand
7 satisfied by each technology and the corresponding efficiency of the
8 technology. At this stage, adjustments to energy consumption are also made.
9 These include adjustments for changes in real energy prices (short-run price
10 elasticity effects), **adjustments in utilization rates caused by efficiency**
11 **increases (efficiency rebound effects)**, and changes for weather relative to
12 the CBECS survey year (emphasis added).²⁴

13 From these examples it is clear that energy savings estimates from energy efficiency
14 programs should be reduced to accurately account for the presence of a rebound effect. In
15 further support, I have also included Attachment GM-1 which is a bibliography of 31 papers
16 either produced by reputable institutions or included in peer-reviewed academic journals that
17 discuss the importance of accounting for the rebound effect.

18 **Q. Has the Uniform Methods Projects specifically addressed rebound effects in**
19 **residential lighting programs?**

20 A. Yes. The rebound effect, as related to residential lighting, is mentioned in the February 2014
21 version of Chapter 6: *Residential Lighting Evaluation Protocol*, as follows:

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23 **4:10 Snapback/Rebound or Conservation Effect**

²³ <http://www.eia.gov/oiaf/aeo/overview/>

²⁴ DOE-EIA (2009) The National Energy Modeling System: An Overview 2009.
[http://www.eia.gov/oiaf/aeo/overview/pdf/0581\(2009\).pdf](http://www.eia.gov/oiaf/aeo/overview/pdf/0581(2009).pdf)

1 “Snapback” or “rebound” refers to changes in use patterns that occur after
2 the installation of an energy-efficient product and result in reducing the
3 overall measure savings. For example, when residential lighting customers
4 use a CFL for more hours per day than they used the replaced
5 incandescent bulb, this constitutes snapback. This behavior change may
6 be due to factors such as the cost savings per unit of time from the CFL or
7 a concern that turning CFLs on and off shortens their effective life
8 (although it is unlikely most consumers are aware of this effect on bulb
9 life). Some customers, however, might have lower hours of use after
10 installing a CFL, perhaps due to a corresponding desire to reduce energy
11 consumption or dissatisfaction with the quality of the light.

12
13 Due to the nature of residential lighting programs, it is not typically
14 possible to conduct metering both before and after installation of energy-
15 efficient lighting. **However, a recent lighting study in the Northeast**
16 **found that the hours of use were greater for sockets with efficient**
17 **bulbs compared to all sockets in the house (NMR Group 2014).** The
18 difference was believed to be either due to: 1.) differential socket selection
19 (households selecting higher-use locations for their high-efficiency light
20 bulbs); 2) Shifting usage (households install an efficient bulb in a socket
21 and then begin to use that socket in lieu of sockets containing inefficient
22 bulbs); and 3) snapback. However, this evaluation did not collect any data
23 to determine which of these three theories is correct, or the proportion of
24 the difference between efficient and inefficient HOU [hours-of-use] that is
25 attributable to each type of behavior. **Therefore, the Residential**

1 **Lighting Protocol recommends researching for snapback/rebound**
2 **effects in future HOU estimates** (emphasis added).²⁵

3 I contacted the NMR group to gain a better understating of what their study concluded. The
4 NMR group performed onsite visits of 848 homes with over 5,730 loggers (time tracking
5 mechanism for the light bulb) between December 2012 and March 2013. The study included
6 residential locations throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island.
7 In section 3.4.3 of their report, titled: *HOU by Saturation of Efficient Bulbs* the following
8 conclusion is made:

9 In other words, **the patterns of HOU for efficient and inefficient bulbs**
10 **appear to mirror each other, except that the efficient HOU are always a**
11 **bit higher.** This suggests that, for some reason, efficient bulbs simply have
12 a universally higher level of usage than inefficient bulbs across the overall
13 region (emphasis added).²⁶

14 The results of the NMR study as well as the recommendations made by the Uniformed
15 Methods Project suggest that a greater emphasis should be placed on EM&V efforts
16 regarding capturing direct rebound effect estimates moving forward in ratepayer-sponsored
17 energy efficiency programs.

18 **Q. Was a lighting hour-of-use (HOU) study performed by Cadmus in their evaluation of**
19 **the LightSavers program and included in the 2013 results?**

20 A. No. The results for PY2013 utilize the HOU estimates that were conducted in Ameren
21 Missouri's service territory in 2010. An HOU study was performed, but the results will not
22 be available until 2014. Moreover, it is unclear whether or not the study examined HOU

²⁵ Dimetrosky, S. et al. (2014) Chapter 6: Residential Lighting Evaluation Protocol. National Renewable Energy Laboratory. http://www.nrel.gov/extranet/ump/pdfs/20140514_ump_res_lighting_draft.pdf

²⁶ NMR Group, Inc. (2014) Northeast Residential Lighting Hours-of-Use Study. <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/-/media/Files/Publications/PPSER/Program-Evaluation/2014ContractorReports/2014-EMEP-Northeast-Residential-Lighting.pdf>

1 times for inefficient bulbs as a comparison similar to what the NMR group did as referenced
2 above.

3 **Q. Would you summarize Public Counsel's comments regarding the rebound effect.**

4 A. The rebound effect is another consideration to take into account when measuring energy
5 savings. Nationally and internationally recognized energy and climate institutions have
6 recognized the phenomenon and the need to study it more carefully so that energy efficiency
7 gains are not overstated.

8 The presence of a rebound effect should not detract from the value of promoting energy
9 efficiency as a least-cost resource moving forward. Clearly, energy savings are occurring,
10 but it is important that those savings are not overstated, especially when Ameren Missouri is
11 rewarded with additional financial compensation for estimated energy savings achieved.

12 Public Counsel presents the rebound effect as an additional consideration for the Commission
13 in determining the appropriate EM&V results. OPC incorporates its Corrected Response to
14 Change Request and recommends the Commission:

- 15 • Adopt Staff's original Change Request that calls for the elimination of market
16 effects and accepting the Auditor's spillover estimates
- 17 • Reject Ameren's downward adjustment of free ridership
- 18 • Include a 9% downward adjustment to the NTG ratio for the LightSavers
19 Program to account for conservative direct rebound effect estimates.

20 In the Response to Change Requests, Public Counsel discussed at length why factoring in
21 market effects for Ameren Missouri's PY2013 is inappropriate in the Response to Change
22 Request. This direct testimony introduced another factor, the rebound effect, which should be
23 accounted for to accurately estimate energy savings attributable to ratepayer funded
24 programs. As illustrated in table 1 above, Public Counsel suggests the Commission adjust

1 the LightSavers program by the 9% rebound effect resulting in an annual estimated energy
2 savings of 303,012 MWh for PY2013.

3 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

4 A. Yes, it does.

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Energy Efficiency and the Rebound Effect: Background Readings¹

An empirical general equilibrium analysis of the factors that govern the extent of energy rebound effects in the UK economy

Economic and Social Research Council

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/my-esrc/grants/RES-061-25-0010/read>

Consumption and the Rebound Effect: An Industrial Ecology Perspective

Edgar G. Hertwich

Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Yale University

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1162/1088198054084635/pdf>

Defining the rebound effect

Peter H. G. Berkhout, Jos C. Muskens, and Jan W. Velthuis

University of Amsterdam

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0301421500000227>

Do increases in energy efficiency improve environmental quality and sustainability?

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