BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Brett Felber,)
Complainant,)
V.) <u>Case No. EC-2023-0395</u>
Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri,)))
Respondent.)

STAFF RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSES ISSUED JULY 18, 2023

COMES NOW Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its response to the *Order Directing Responses and Authorizing Discovery Motions* ("Order") issued July 18, 2023, states as follows:

- 1. The Order ordered Staff to (a) "inform the Commission no later than July 20, 2023, whether Complainant has answered data requests sufficient for Staff to submit a recommendation [report] on July 24, 2023" and to (b) "inform the Commission no later than July 20, 2023, if it believes it will be unable to propose a joint procedural schedule." Each of these items are addressed below.
- 2. Regarding item (a), Staff believes it has sufficient data to submit a report on July 24, 2023, as previously directed.
- 3. Regarding item (b), Staff does not know much more now than it did at the last procedural conference when it was directed to coordinate with the parties to submit a procedural schedule. Staff has been in contact with the parties regarding a procedural schedule, but due to the fact that Staff's report has not yet been filed, Staff cannot at this

time state with any certainty whether or not a joint procedural schedule proposal will be possible. As the Commission is aware, Ameren Missouri has submitted data requests to Complainant and the Commission has directed Ameren Missouri to inform the Commission whether Complainant is answering Ameren Missouri's data requests; the answer to this question could significantly affect whether a joint procedural schedule proposal will be possible.

WHEREFORE Staff submits this response to the *Order Directing Responses and Authorizing Discovery Motions* ("Order") issued July 18, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System on this 20th day of July 2023.

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