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DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

NATELLE DIETRICH

**UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY,
d/b/a AMEREN MISSOURI**

CASE NO. GR-2019-0077

Jefferson City, Missouri
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7 Q. Please state your name and business address.

8 A. My name is Natelle Dietrich. My business address is 200 Madison Street,
9 Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

10 Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

11 A. I am employed by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as
12 Commission Staff Director.

13 Q. Have you provided your educational background and work experience in
14 this file?

15 A. Yes. My educational background and work experience is included in my Direct
16 Testimony filed with Staff's Cost of Service Report filed in this case on April 19, 2019.

17 **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

18 Q. What is the purpose of this Direct Testimony?

19 A. The purpose of this Direct Testimony is to sponsor Staff's recommended rate
20 design as developed by Staff and described in the Report on Class Cost of Service ("CCOS
21 Report") filed concurrently with this direct testimony.

22 Q. Did Staff perform a Class Cost of Service ("CCOS") study in this case?

23 A. Yes it did.

1 **CCOS REPORT**

2 Q. What is Staff's recommendation in this case?

3 A. As more specifically explained in the CCOS Report, relative to the class
4 revenues generated *prior to the interim rate reduction*, Staff recommends that any decrease in
5 permanent rates be allocated to the classes as follows:

- 6 1. Maintain the revenue responsibility of the Residential, General Service, and
7 Interruptible classes under permanent rates¹;
- 8 2. Apply the first \$286,820 of decrease equally to the Standard Transportation
9 and Large Volume Transportation Classes;
- 10 3. Apply any further decreases to the Standard Transportation class, up to a total
11 reduction to that class of \$547,752;
- 12 4. Apply any further decreases to all classes as an equal percentage adjustment.

13 In Staff's opinion, these changes would minimize customer impact; would retain the class
14 revenue responsibilities of the Residential, General Service and Interruptible classes that existed
15 prior to the interim rate reduction; would maintain the revenue responsibility of the Large
16 Volume Transportation class as it exists on interim rates; and, would move the permanent rates
17 of the Transportation classes closer to Staff's CCOS.

18 Further, Staff provides rate design recommendations for each class, including a
19 residential customer charge of \$17.00 and a residential volumetric rate for all Ccfs of
20 approximately \$.28/Ccf.

21 Q. Does Staff address other noteworthy items in its CCOS Report?

22 A. Yes. In its filing, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren
23 Missouri") is requesting a Weather and Conservation Adjustment Rider ("WCAR"). If the

¹ Rates in effect prior to the interim rate reduction.

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1 Commission determines that a mechanism to account for changes in usage due to variations in
2 weather or conservation is in the public interest and is just and reasonable for Ameren Missouri,
3 Staff witness Michael L. Stahlman recommends a Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider
4 (“WNAR”) similar to the example tariff sheets attached as Appendix 2, Schedule MLS-d1 to
5 the CCOS Report. Regarding the existing Special Contract Rates – Transportation Service
6 (“SCR”), Staff recommends increasing the specificity of provisions contained in Ameren
7 Missouri’s SCR tariff found at Sheet No. 18.1. Staff’s recommended language is provided in
8 Appendix 2, Schedule RK-d1.

9 In addition, and consistent with Commission guidance in previous cases, Staff
10 witnesses Sarah L.K. Lange, Robin Kliethermes and Kim Cox prepared an inclining block
11 Residential rate design for Commission consideration. The inclining block rate alternative is
12 more fully explained in the CCOS Report.

13 Q. Does this conclude your Direct Testimony?

14 A. Yes it does.

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)
its Revenues for Natural Gas Service) Case No. GR-2019-0077

AFFIDAVIT OF NATELLE DIETRICH

STATE OF MISSOURI)
)
COUNTY OF COLE) ss.

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

Further the Affiant sayeth not.




NATELLE DIETRICH

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 1st day of May 2019.

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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