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 Adjust its) Revenues for Electric Service.)

File No. ER-2022-0337

NOTICE REGARDING STATUS OF ISSUES

COME NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri") and

Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), and provide this Notice Regarding

Status of Issues to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") stating as follows:

1. On June 14, 2023, the Commission issued its *Report and Order* in this case. The

Report and Order determined that an issue regarding Rider B and regarding the Company's

Continuing Property Record ("CPR") should be addressed outside this case.

2. Specifically, the *Report and Order* stated the following regarding Rider B:

... the Commission does not find it appropriate to ... alter the Rider B values due to absent sufficient information to do so. All of these issues involve the non-residential classes. The Commission finds these sub-issues appropriate to address in the non-residential working docket ordered in File No. ER-2021-0240. Because Ameren Missouri filed this case before the Commission established a working docket via separate order, the Commission will issue an order opening a non-residential working docket within 30 days of the effective date of this order[.]

Report and Order, p. 43.

3. And with respect to the CPR, the *Report and Order* stated the following:

Ameren Missouri proposes the Commission order the Company, Staff, Public Counsel and any other interested stakeholders, which may include other regulated utilities, to meet and discuss the mass property retirement process further. Staff's witness indicated that Staff would be open to discussions about mass property and assets. The Commission finds Ameren Missouri's proposed solution reasonable. Ameren Missouri shall meet with Staff, Public Counsel, and other interested stakeholders to resolve Staff's concerns with how mass property assets are recorded in the Company's CPR. Staff shall inform the Commission of any resolution by appropriate pleading.

Report and Order, p. 60.

4. Ameren Missouri has led three workshops so far in EW-2024-0031, which the Commission opened after issuance of the *Report and Order*. As a part of these broader rate design discussions, Ameren Missouri and Staff have discussed how Ameren Missouri anticipates restructuring its non-residential rates by removing Rider B in a rate case subsequent to ER-2024-0319 and implementing charges within applicable rate classes to reflect the voltage of service received by customers. Ameren Missouri and Staff have further discussed how the end result of this restructuring would likely include discrete rate components for customers served at (1) transmission voltages, (2) subtransmission voltages, and (3) primary voltages. Given these discussions, Ameren Missouri and Staff agree that implementing such restructuring in a rate case subsequent to ER-2024-0319, with the goals of the restructuring to include alignment of revenue responsibility and cost causation while considering customer impacts in the timing and implementation of a restructuring, would reasonably address the Rider B sub-issue which the Commission directed be addressed in the Commission's above-referenced *Report and Order*.

5. With respect to the CPR, two meetings have been held to discuss resolution of Staff's concerns and additional meetings are contemplated over the next several months to continue efforts to resolve those concerns. The Staff and Company agree that these issues merit further discussion and analysis that the Staff and the Company expect will not lead to resolution and implementation of the CPR-related issues until subsequent to ER-2024-0319. It is anticipated that such discussions will include discussion about the scope of possible changes relating to recording mass property assets in the CPR and about the timeline for implementing such changes to efficiently and effectively resolve this issue which the Commission directed be addressed in the Commission's above-referenced *Report and Order*.

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WHEREFORE, Ameren Missouri and Staff provide this Notice Regarding Status of

Issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been emailed to the parties of record on this 14th day of June 2024.

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