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# **DIRECT TESTIMONY**

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# ANGELA SCHABEN

Submitted on Behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel

# UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A AMEREN MISSOURI

CASE NO. ER-2024-0319

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#### DIRECT TESTIMONY OF ANGELA SCHABEN **AMEREN MISSOURI INC.** CASE NO. ER-2024-0319 **INTRODUCTION** 1 2 Q. What is your name, title, and business address? 3 A. Angela Schaben, Utility Regulatory Auditor, Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC" or "Public Counsel"), P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. 4 5 Q. What are your qualifications and experience? Please refer to the Schedule ADS-D-1 attached hereto. 6 A. Have you testified previously before the Missouri Public Service Commission? 7 Q. Yes. 8 А. Would you summarize your recommendations as presented in the subsequent testimony? 9 Q. I recommend the Commission order the continuance of reporting requirements agreed upon in A. 10 the Stipulation and Agreement from Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's 11 ("Ameren Missouri" or the "Company") previous rate case, Case Number ER-2022-0337. 12 What reporting did Ameren Missouri agree to in ER-2022-0337? 13 Q. Ameren Missouri agreed to provide additional monthly fuel reporting to include information 14 A. relating to all generation resources added between rate cases, as well as hourly day ahead 15 and real-time locational marginal prices ("LMP") for Ameren Missouri's load and each 16 generation resource. 17

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#### **1 Q.** Why are you proposing that these reporting requirements continue?

A. The monthly Fuel Report filings related to 20 CSR 4240-20.090(5)(D) should continue to
include information relating to all generation resources added between rate cases in order to
provide a complete representation of all resources included in fuel and purchased power
costs. Additionally, the hourly day ahead and real-time LMP pricing shows the dynamic
MISO energy market pricing by node, which also provides a more complete picture of
overall fuel and purchased power costs. LMP data shows the load and generation values at
different locations on the transmission system.

#### 9 Q. Are there additional reporting requirements that should be continued?

- A. Yes. The OPC should continue to receive the same FAC related correspondence and notifications that the Staff of the Commission receives.
- As I stated above, the monthly as-burned fuel report required by 20 CSR 4240-3.190(1)(B) should continue to include hourly day ahead and real-time locational market prices for Ameren Missouri's load, and each generating resource, as agreed in Case Number ER-2022-0337.

#### 16 Discovery Issues

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#### 17 Q. Has Ameren Missouri timely responded to your questions issued in discovery?

A. No. I issued OPC data request 1100 to Ameren Missouri on October 22, 2024, requesting specific information regarding expenditures relating to executive office upgrades. The Commission's *Order Setting Procedural Schedule and Adopting Test Year* required that Ameren Missouri object or request additional time within ten calendar days or respond to the data request within twenty calendar days. (Order 7).

The Company objected in part, but also requested an additional ten days to respond.

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> Approximately, thirty-five days after I issued the data request, Ameren Missouri responded with voluminous information. This delayed response was provided less than a week before direct testimony in this case is due. That is not enough time to review the response and formulate a position and potential disallowance. Therefore, I reserve the right to propose such a disallowance in rebuttal testimony.

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#### Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

A. Yes.

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

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#### **AFFIDAVIT OF ANGELA SCHABEN**

STATE OF MISSOURI

) COUNTY OF COLE )

Angela Schaben, of lawful age and being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

1. My name is Angela Schaben. I am a Utility Regulatory Auditor 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 testimony are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Angela/Schaben Utility Regulatory Auditor

Subscribed and sworn to me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2024.

TIFFANY HILDEBRAND NOTARY PUBLIC - NOTARY SEAL STATE OF MISSOURI MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 8, 2027 COLE COUNTY COMMISSION #15637121

My Commission expires August 8, 2027.

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