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Authority to File Tariffs )  
Increasing Rates for Electric ) Cause No.  
Service Provided to Customers in) ER-2007-0002  
the Company's Missouri Service )  
Area. )

DEPOSITION OF MICHAEL PROCTOR, produced,  
sworn, and examined on the 12th day of January, 2007,  
at AmerenUE, 101 Madison Street, in the City of  
Jefferson City, State of Missouri, before Susan M.  
Fiala, Certified Court Reporter, Registered  
Professional Reporter, within and for the State of  
Missouri, in a certain cause now pending Before The  
Public Service Commission of The State of Missouri,  
In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a  
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Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers in  
the Company's Missouri Service Area.

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MICHAEL PROCTOR,

of lawful age, being first duly sworn to tell the  
truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth  
deposes and says as follows:

## EXAMINATION BY MR. LOWERY:

Q. Good morning, Dr. Proctor.

A. Good morning.

Q. You've been deposed before, correct?

A. Yes, I have.

Q. So several times or -- a number of times; is  
that correct?

A. More than once.

Q. Well, I'll go over a couple ground rules  
anyway, although it's probably redundant with you.  
You're probably familiar with these. Obviously, it  
doesn't do any good if you nod or non-verbal answers  
are not -- the court reporter can't pick those up.  
And I'll try not to talk over you if you'll try not

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copies.)

to talk over me.

Obviously, Mr. Dottheim has a right to  
object to questions that I may pose, but unless he  
directs you not to answer the question on the grounds  
of privilege, after he lodges his objection, of  
course, you can go ahead and answer the question.

If you need to take a break, obviously, just  
ask and we'll do that. I assume you're not taking  
any medication that would interfere with your ability  
to truthfully answer the questions and understand the  
questions I'm posing, correct?

A. I am not taking any medication that would  
cause me difficulties today.

Q. And there's no other reason that you know of  
that would cause you not to be able to understand the  
questions that I'm asking you?

A. That's correct.

Q. If you don't understand a question, I'm not  
clear about something -- or in your mind I'm not  
clear, just tell me, and I'll try to rephrase the  
question and clarify it.

A. Okay.

MR. DOTTHEIM: Mr. Lowery, excuse me. I'm  
sorry. Have we activated the phone call or are we  
going to do that?

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1 MR. LOWERY: Well, you know, actually, I  
2 don't think we got a number, and I didn't get any  
3 request from anybody.  
4 MR. DOTTHEIM: Okay. That's fine. Excuse  
5 me for interrupting.  
6 MR. LOWERY: No. No problem. No problem.  
7 Q. (By Mr. Lowery) Dr. Proctor, did you bring a  
8 copy -- a clean copy of your testimony with you  
9 today?  
10 A. Yes, I did.  
11 Q. Would you mind if I go ahead and mark that?  
12 We'll just talk maybe --  
13 MR. LOWERY: Mark that, please.  
14 (Deposition Exhibits 1 and 2 marked for  
15 identification.)  
16 Q. (By Mr. Lowery) Dr. Proctor, I'm handing you  
17 what's been marked as Deposition Exhibit 1. I'll  
18 just ask you to confirm that that's a true and  
19 correct copy of the direct testimony that you filed  
20 in this docket on December 15th, 2006?  
21 A. Yes, it is.  
22 Q. I'm also going to hand you what's been  
23 marked as Deposition Exhibit 2. Have you seen that  
24 document before; in particular Exhibit A attached to  
25 it?

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1 A. I have not seen this before but I'm looking  
2 at it now.  
3 Q. Dr. Proctor, we had previously -- I had  
4 previously agreed with Mr. Dottheim that in terms of  
5 having printed copies of all these various materials,  
6 that that wouldn't be necessary but you would have  
7 work papers, etc., available today and -- in  
8 electronic form on a computer. And I take it that  
9 you have that available to us today on the computer  
10 you have in front of you?  
11 A. Yes, I do.  
12 Q. What about -- do you also have available any  
13 correspondence documents, prior Commission cases or  
14 rulings, data request responses, those types of  
15 things that you might have relied upon or reviewed in  
16 connection with your testimony?  
17 A. Yes. I have -- I have some of the data  
18 request responses that I used with me on the  
19 computer.  
20 Q. Do you know, could you provide a list of the  
21 -- that type of material that you would have relied  
22 upon in preparing your testimony? Is that something  
23 you could do now or is that something you would have  
24 to do at a different time?  
25 A. I would have to do that at a different time.

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1 Q. Okay. So you don't have all of that today  
2 available?  
3 A. No, I do not.  
4 Q. Are there particular data request responses  
5 from the company that you relied upon in connection  
6 with any analyses that you did or in connection with  
7 the preparation of your testimony?  
8 A. Yes, there were.  
9 Q. Do you know what those are?  
10 A. I believe -- I don't memorize these numbers  
11 very well so --  
12 Q. Sure.  
13 A. -- let me take a look at my responses.  
14 MR. DOTTHEIM: Dr. Proctor, could you  
15 identify -- I think you may have just mentioned it  
16 briefly, but what specifically you are looking at  
17 right now?  
18 THE WITNESS: These are responses to data  
19 requests that were given to me from AmerenUE.  
20 A. For a portion of the analysis I relied upon  
21 Cinergy hub data that was provided to me by Mr. Shawn  
22 Schukar.  
23 Q. (By Mr. Lowery) And what data request  
24 response was that from AmerenUE?  
25 A. I don't know the number. I don't have that

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1 number here with me.  
2 Q. Oh. All right. What document -- are you  
3 looking at -- what documents are you actually  
4 physically looking at at this point? Are those the  
5 data request responses that you gave to AmerenUE?  
6 A. Yes, they are. For mine-mouth coal price --  
7 well, for coal prices -- and I relied on -- or coal  
8 dispatch prices I relied on, I believe, Staff DR69  
9 and an update which was DR429.  
10 Q. Just to clarify. You relied on AmerenUE's  
11 response to DR69 and to DR429 with regard to  
12 developing your coal dispatch prices in your  
13 testimony?  
14 A. That's correct. The other -- the other data  
15 that I relied on primarily where it came from,  
16 AmerenUE work papers. And those were almost  
17 exclusively Mr. Finnell's work papers. We -- Mr.  
18 Finnell's work papers had hourly prices for 2003 to  
19 -- through 2005 for spot electricity prices. And we  
20 did ask for an update to that data, and I don't know  
21 the DR response but we got an update. So we got  
22 through about -- I think through September of 2006 in  
23 a response from Mr. Finnell. So that -- those --  
24 that pretty much covers all of the data sources.  
25 Q. All right. The Cinergy Hub data from

1 Mr. Schukar; how did you use that?  
 2 A. Primar -- there were -- two of my work  
 3 papers, Cinergy off-peak and Cinergy on-peak work  
 4 sheets, I used to look at the cyclical or monthly  
 5 distribution of prices that Ameren had developed for  
 6 its filing to see if those distributions were in line  
 7 with that Cinergy Hub data. That was the only use I  
 8 made of the Cinergy Hub data.

9 Q. Okay. Obviously, the principle subject of  
 10 your testimony is pricing the use to determining  
 11 off-system revenues and margins, correct?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. And would you agree that that's a very  
 14 important issue in terms of setting an appropriate  
 15 level of rates for AmerenUE in this case?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Energy prices used to model off-system sales  
 18 can have a very significant affect on the margins  
 19 that are determined by modeling by the company,  
 20 modeling by Staff, correct?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. When did you first start doing work on this  
 23 case?

24 A. It would have been spring, and I can't  
 25 specify exactly the month, but spring of last year.

1 A. Yeah. Warren -- in the structure I am in  
 2 utility operations. Okay? The staff that normally  
 3 works on this issue is a part of utility operations  
 4 so we coordinated with that staff. I didn't directly  
 5 correspond with Warren on this but with Lena Mantle  
 6 and the Staff in terms of -- of what we were going to  
 7 do in this particular case because it was different  
 8 from past cases. So we coordinated with those folks  
 9 on my role in this.

10 Q. Well, why was it -- why do you say that it's  
 11 different from other cases?

12 A. Well, I think that's come out in the  
 13 testimony, but in the past the Staff had used  
 14 historical levels of profit margins from sales to go  
 15 into the case, and they simply would model purchases  
 16 and actual -- and the dispatch or the generated units  
 17 against normalized sales.

18 This particular case there were two things  
 19 -- two major factors that made it different, and one  
 20 was the lack of normality during the test year; the  
 21 Katrina impact on natural gas prices and on-peak  
 22 prices and the rail problems with coal transportation  
 23 and its impact on coal prices and off-peak prices.  
 24 So that was one factor.

25 The other factor is that historical levels

1 Q. Would it have been before the case was  
 2 actually filed on July the --

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. -- 10th?

5 A. We met with -- I met with Mr. Schukar to  
 6 discuss methods that were being used by the company  
 7 to develop a set of normalized prices for off-system  
 8 sales.

9 Q. And what was your specific assignment with  
 10 regard to this case?

11 A. To develop that set of prices -- or  
 12 correspond a set of prices for the Staff's filing.

13 Q. And who gave you that assignment?

14 A. Greg Meyer was the person who asked me  
 15 specifically if I would work on that.

16 Q. Has your assignment changed in any way since  
 17 you were first given it?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Now, just to explain to me a little bit, I  
 20 guess, the organizational structure. You work for  
 21 who? Who do you report to? Maybe you have more than  
 22 one boss.

23 A. I work -- my direct boss is Warren Wood.

24 Q. Okay. And you have an indirect boss, I take  
 25 it then, other than the five commissioners?

1 of sales would have been based upon the joint  
 2 dispatch agreement, and the joint dispatch agreement  
 3 was going away. So we could no longer rely on  
 4 historical levels of sales for those two. That's  
 5 what made it different.

6 Q. So in other cases it wouldn't -- it would  
 7 have been atypical for somebody like yourself to  
 8 perhaps be involved in the case to try to develop  
 9 Staff's view of a normalized level of energy prices?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. And who -- you mentioned Lena Mantle. Who  
 12 else did you work with or discuss the subject matter  
 13 of your assignment with on Staff? And I'm not asking  
 14 you to talk about conversations you've had with your  
 15 attorneys on Staff, but other folks.

16 A. Well, Leon Bender has historically been the  
 17 Staff person who develops -- for AmerenUE develops  
 18 the production cost model. And so Leon was a part of  
 19 that discussion as well on Staff.

20 Q. Now, you said that Mr. Meyer asked you to  
 21 take on this role in this particular case, and I take  
 22 it he asked you to take that on -- or your  
 23 understanding of why he asked you to take that on is  
 24 because of these differences that you just went  
 25 through, correct?

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1 A. That's correct.  
 2 Q. What interaction or discussions have you had  
 3 with Mr. Meyer about your assignment on this case in  
 4 terms of what you should do or shouldn't do or how --  
 5 what the goal of your assignment should be?  
 6 A. Well, we discussed what was going on on a  
 7 regular basis. I can't remember any discussions  
 8 about what I should or shouldn't do. I mean, I knew  
 9 what the goal was was to develop this set of prices.  
 10 It became -- initially it was just looking at  
 11 spot-market prices, but it became apparent and clear  
 12 to me that you could not develop a set of spot-market  
 13 prices that was somehow different from a set of coal  
 14 dispatch prices or natural gas dispatch prices.  
 15 Q. When you say -- I'm sorry to interrupt you.  
 16 When you say spot-market price, you're talking  
 17 energy, right?  
 18 A. Electricity, yes. Electricity prices. And  
 19 it became apparent as I got into working with this  
 20 that you couldn't separate that from the dispatch  
 21 prices that you were using for coal and for natural  
 22 gas. So I -- as that became apparent I started  
 23 working on that aspect of it as well.  
 24 Q. And what made that apparent to you?  
 25 A. Well, first of all, it was apparent from

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1 Mr. Schukar's testimony. And if you are looking at  
 2 the impact of Katrina, Katrina doesn't directly  
 3 impact on-peak prices. Katrina directly impacts the  
 4 price of natural gas and then the price of natural  
 5 gas impacts on-peak prices.  
 6 And if you look at the impact of the rail  
 7 problems, they don't directly impact off-peak prices.  
 8 They impact the price of coal and that impacts. So  
 9 that correlation or that relationship became fairly  
 10 clear to me pretty -- pretty early on in the process.  
 11 Q. That's something that you and Mr. Schukar  
 12 agree upon essentially --  
 13 A. Yes.  
 14 Q. -- that those effects affected those two  
 15 commodity prices which in turn affected energy  
 16 prices?  
 17 A. Absolutely.  
 18 Q. What interaction did you have -- well, with  
 19 who else on Staff did you have interactions with  
 20 regard to your assignment?  
 21 A. I also interacted with Mr. Cassidy.  
 22 Q. And what was the nature of that interaction?  
 23 A. As we got into -- Mr. Cassidy's assignment  
 24 dealt with the accounting portion of coal prices and  
 25 natural gas prices and those types of things. And so

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1 there was a relationship between those two; what was  
 2 Ameren going to be paying for -- for coal January  
 3 2007 related to what dispatch prices -- coal dispatch  
 4 prices we're going to be using.  
 5 And so as I got more and more involved in  
 6 that I needed to know more information about the coal  
 7 dispatch prices, and I worked with Mr. Cassidy and he  
 8 had submitted some DR's and we talked about these  
 9 things as we went through the process.  
 10 Q. Anyone else on Staff that you had  
 11 discussions with or from whom you obtained  
 12 information that was relevant to the work that you  
 13 were doing?  
 14 A. Not that I recall.  
 15 Q. Okay. Mr. Schallenberg?  
 16 A. No.  
 17 Q. You didn't have discussions with him about  
 18 any of this?  
 19 A. No.  
 20 Q. Now, Mr. Meyer reports to Mr. Schallenberg;  
 21 is that correct?  
 22 A. That's correct.  
 23 Q. And Mr. Cassidy, where does he fit in the  
 24 organizational chain?  
 25 A. He reports to Mr. Meyer.

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1 Q. Mr. Meyer. That's what I thought.  
 2 A. I guess he reports to Mr. Meyer.  
 3 Q. Now, you conducted and prepared certain  
 4 studies or analyses in connection with your  
 5 assignment, correct?  
 6 A. Correct.  
 7 Q. And you used some of those analyses or  
 8 studies as a basis for your direct testimony?  
 9 A. That's correct.  
 10 Q. I just want to confirm that all of the work  
 11 papers that would underlie any of those analyses or  
 12 studies that were used in connection with your direct  
 13 testimony have been provided to the company; is that  
 14 correct?  
 15 A. That's correct.  
 16 Q. Between the time you first started working  
 17 on this case, which I take it was back in April, May  
 18 -- it was in the spring sometime?  
 19 A. In the spring, yeah.  
 20 Q. -- and today have you -- and today not just  
 21 the time of your direct testimony but up until now.  
 22 Have you conducted or prepared any other studies or  
 23 analyses relating to fuel prices or wholesale  
 24 electricity prices that would help Staff determine  
 25 its view of an appropriate level of electricity

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1 prices to use in this case?  
 2 A. All of the analyses that I did I filed in  
 3 the direct testimony, and that -- that focused on  
 4 where the Staff would be in terms of those prices. I  
 5 guess are you asking me have I done any additional  
 6 analyses that would change the Staff's view or --  
 7 Q. Well, let me -- it would be --  
 8 A. The answer to that is no.  
 9 Q. Well, it would be my assumption that in May  
 10 or June or July or September or leading up to your  
 11 filing that you probably did various studies and  
 12 analyses along the way, correct?  
 13 A. Sure. Yes.  
 14 Q. And that the final analysis that ultimately  
 15 fed into your direct testimony may differ in certain  
 16 respects from those earlier analyses; is that fair to  
 17 say?  
 18 A. That's correct.  
 19 Q. And you did continual analyses through the  
 20 period of time I described?  
 21 A. That's correct. Have I done further  
 22 analyses that would adjust it even further; is that  
 23 what you're asking?  
 24 Q. That would be one question.  
 25 A. The answer is no, I haven't.

1 Q. Have you continued to study these issues  
 2 since your testimony was filed?  
 3 A. Well, we have to file a rebuttal, and so I  
 4 obviously am doing some things related to rebuttal  
 5 testimony, yes.  
 6 Q. What are you doing in terms of relating to  
 7 rebuttal testimony?  
 8 A. Looking at various analyses that I think are  
 9 necessary in order to rebut the testimony of the  
 10 company.  
 11 Q. Such as?  
 12 THE WITNESS: How detailed do I need to get  
 13 here?  
 14 MR. DOTTHEIM: Well, we'll let you go a  
 15 little bit. I mean, I'm not suggesting that you  
 16 provide your rebuttal testimony in response to the  
 17 deposition today.  
 18 THE WITNESS: Okay.  
 19 MR. DOTTHEIM: So I mean, if that's where  
 20 Mr. Lowery is headed, I would object to that so --  
 21 A. I have --  
 22 MR. DOTTHEIM: If you want to just provide  
 23 some general -- some general information.  
 24 THE WITNESS: Okay.  
 25 Q. (By Mr. Lowery) Well, the question is what

1 studies or analyses are you doing now related to fuel  
 2 prices and energy prices that would feed into --  
 3 MR. DOTTHEIM: You can provide just, you  
 4 know, a general description.  
 5 THE WITNESS: Framework?  
 6 MR. DOTTHEIM: Yes.  
 7 A. Okay. I've done statistical analyses of  
 8 both on-peak and off-peak prices looking at the  
 9 variability of those prices, the range of variability  
 10 of those prices, developing distributions for those  
 11 and using their relationship to coal and natural gas  
 12 prices to develop a distribution for all four of  
 13 those variables. We've looked at extremes; lows and  
 14 the highs in terms of those distributions. We've run  
 15 production cost models for those extremes. All of  
 16 this relates to Mr. Schukar's testimony on sharing  
 17 mechanism and whether or not there's a need for  
 18 sharing mechanism. So I've done that analysis.  
 19 Q. (By Ms. Lowery) Just so I could -- if I  
 20 could interrupt you for just a moment. So all of the  
 21 analyses you've undertaken since your direct case was  
 22 filed, you're doing those for the purpose of dealing  
 23 with the off-system sales sharing mechanism that's  
 24 discussed in Mr. Schukar's testimony?  
 25 A. Yes. And I've also done some additional

1 analyses on both the off-peak and on-peak prices and  
 2 natural gas and coal prices using the adjustments  
 3 that Ameren put in to -- to see what the trends in  
 4 those have been. And we've gotten updates on where  
 5 those prices are today and comparing those to where  
 6 the trends were going and that type of thing.  
 7 Q. Does that relate to the off-system sales  
 8 sharing mechanism issue or --  
 9 A. Yes, it does.  
 10 Q. Okay.  
 11 A. Well, no. No. That relates to the price  
 12 levels -- I'm sorry. It does not relate to the  
 13 sharing mechanism. That relates to the off -- the  
 14 level of off-system -- let me back up.  
 15 It relates to, overall, the level of the  
 16 profit margin but directly to the prices that were  
 17 used in the company's model for both coal -- for the  
 18 dispatch prices and the spot-market electricity  
 19 prices.  
 20 Q. That really relates to modeling off-system  
 21 sales revenues and margins?  
 22 A. Right.  
 23 Q. Which Staff, of course, did in connection  
 24 with its direct filing on December 15th?  
 25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Are you doing that for the purpose of just  
2 using it as the most recent data you have available  
3 to you?

4 A. I'm doing it for the purpose of rebutting  
5 the prices that were developed by the company.

6 Q. And are these more recent analyses telling  
7 you anything different than the analyses that you had  
8 -- you used in your December 15th filing?

9 MR. DOTTHEIM: And I would object to Dr.  
10 Proctor going any further into his analysis for  
11 purposes of his rebuttal testimony.

12 MR. LOWERY: On what grounds?

13 MR. DOTTHEIM: On the grounds that I don't  
14 think the purpose of the deposition is for you to  
15 discover several weeks in advance his filing, his  
16 rebuttal testimony, the contents of that rebuttal  
17 testimony. So for whatever reason such as the  
18 company's own rebuttal testimony which it may file in  
19 anticipation.

20 MR. LOWERY: I guess I'm not hearing an  
21 objection that precludes discovery on the issue.

22 MR. DOTTHEIM: Well, I'm going to instruct  
23 him --

24 MR. LOWERY: Are you instructing the witness  
25 not to answer that question?

1 MR. DOTTHEIM: I'm instructing the witness  
2 not to answer further that line of questioning.

3 MR. LOWERY: Well, just for the record, I  
4 think your objection is invalid, but I'm not going to  
5 stop the deposition and take it up with the ALJ at  
6 this point.

7 You're not asserting privilege grounds as a  
8 basis for the objection, and I think that's the only  
9 basis that is properly utilized in a deposition.

10 MR. DOTTHEIM: Well, and I consider the  
11 subject matter significant enough that I would want  
12 an RLJ or even ultimately a Commission determination  
13 as to whether this is, at least from their view, a  
14 proper subject matter. So I am fully prepared if you  
15 want to stop the deposition, to stop it and get an  
16 RLJ and even a Commission determination.

17 MR. LOWERY: No. I just -- at this point  
18 you've instructed the witness not to answer, correct?

19 MR. DOTTHEIM: That's right.

20 MR. LOWERY: And we'll move on at this  
21 point.

22 MR. DOTTHEIM: And, Jim, I just want to be  
23 perfectly clear so that you understand how strongly I  
24 feel about that matter. So I think -- I think I've  
25 been very fair and very open on behalf of the Staff

1 in letting you ask the questions that you have to  
2 this point so --

3 Q. (By Mr. Lowery) Dr. Proctor, from whom -- if  
4 you were to describe from whom you received  
5 information, verbal information, written information,  
6 or just to be clear, electronic information --

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. -- from which persons or entities did you  
9 receive information that was important to the  
10 analyses that underlie your direct testimony or that  
11 was -- or to your direct testimony itself?

12 A. I would say information we received from --  
13 the Staff received from Tim Finnell and from Shawn  
14 Schukar.

15 Q. Okay. Anyone else; anyone on Staff or any  
16 Staff retained experts?

17 A. They did not provide information that  
18 impacted my position on direct testimony.

19 Q. What about just third-party external  
20 sources? I mean, public source of data, subscription  
21 services, anything like that; any information that  
22 you really received that was important to your  
23 analyses or your testimony or both?

24 A. No.

25 Q. So it's principally data from the company?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. Let me kind of -- let's talk about  
3 modeling off-system sales or production costs or --  
4 which, of course, off-system sales is one aspect of  
5 that. You need -- well, just tell me what key inputs  
6 you understand one needs in order to model production  
7 costs for a company.

8 A. Well --

9 Q. To the extent you know.

10 A. Certainly, you need to have information  
11 about the generation units, what their heat rates  
12 are. I supplied the dispatch prices for the coal  
13 units and for natural gas. You need to have a  
14 nuclear fuel number as well in Ameren's case. You  
15 need to have hourly loads. You need to have, in this  
16 case, hourly spot-market prices.

17 Q. And you provided the dispatch prices for  
18 coal and natural gas. You provided the hourly spot  
19 prices for energy, right?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. And somebody provided -- who provided the  
22 nuclear fuel information?

23 A. I think this was Mr. Cassidy.

24 Q. And who provided the loads?

25 A. I believe our operations department did. I



1 don't know the specific witness.  
 2 Q. All right. You didn't talk to anybody about  
 3 the load Staff was using?  
 4 A. No, I did not.  
 5 Q. All right. You said information about the  
 6 units, heat rates. Do you know where that  
 7 information came from?  
 8 A. No, I do not.  
 9 Q. Okay. And anything else, any other inputs  
 10 that come to mind -- come to your mind that are  
 11 necessary in order to properly model production  
 12 costs?  
 13 A. It depends on the utility and the mix of  
 14 generation. But that's -- those are the primary ones  
 15 that I can think of.  
 16 Q. When did you start developing your direct  
 17 testimony?  
 18 A. I don't understand the question.  
 19 Q. Okay.  
 20 A. I started working on this issue back in --  
 21 Q. In the spring?  
 22 A. -- the spring. But I don't -- when you say  
 23 developing, I don't know what you mean by that.  
 24 Q. Is there some point that you felt like you  
 25 were at the point where, okay, I can sit down and at

1 least begin drafting my testimony?  
 2 A. Oh, sure. That's after I felt like I had  
 3 completed the analysis and had come to a  
 4 recommendation -- recommended level on it.  
 5 Q. And do you remember when that was?  
 6 A. I'm trying to remember when we filed this.  
 7 We filed it December 15th. I probably completed the  
 8 testimony the week before that or maybe even a little  
 9 earlier than that. I had a lot of stuff going on at  
 10 the Midwest ISO so I probably started late October,  
 11 early November.  
 12 Q. Okay.  
 13 A. That's approximate.  
 14 Q. In the context of developing your testimony  
 15 do you believe you've considered all of the factors  
 16 and information that are important at arriving at the  
 17 opinions that are reflected in your direct testimony?  
 18 A. Yes, I do.  
 19 Q. Would you agree with Mr. Traxler's testimony  
 20 in the KCPL case that was just concluded to the  
 21 effect that off-system sales are an item that's  
 22 difficult to forecast?  
 23 A. It depends upon one's definition of the word  
 24 difficult.  
 25 Q. Well, how would you define difficult?

1 MR. DOTTHEIM: Mr. Lowery, do you have  
 2 something that you could show Dr. Proctor as far as  
 3 --  
 4 MR. LOWERY: Sure.  
 5 MR. DOTTHEIM: -- as far as your  
 6 characterization --  
 7 Q. (By Mr. Lowery) Well, first of all, do you  
 8 agree --  
 9 MR. DOTTHEIM: -- of Mr. Traxler's  
 10 testimony?  
 11 MR. LOWERY: I'm sorry. I thought you were  
 12 done, Steve.  
 13 Q. (By Mr. Lowery) Do you agree that  
 14 off-systems -- using whatever definition of difficult  
 15 you'd like to use, if you could share that with us,  
 16 do you agree that off-system sales are difficult to  
 17 forecast?  
 18 A. If you were asking the question in the  
 19 context could I forecast -- would it be difficult to  
 20 forecast AmerenUE's off-system sales for the next  
 21 month, I would say probably yes. If you were asking  
 22 could you forecast their off-system sales under  
 23 normal conditions for the next year, I would probably  
 24 say that's an easier task to perform than trying to  
 25 predict what's going to happen the next month. And

1 the difference is, of course, the law of averages  
 2 starts to work out as you go through the year.  
 3 You're going to see things -- you're going  
 4 to see random events that occur from month to month  
 5 that cannot be very well predicted, but over the  
 6 cycle you can rely on those things working themselves  
 7 out. Some of your predictions are going to be high.  
 8 Some of them are going to be low, and they're going  
 9 to average out over the long haul.  
 10 Q. Would you agree that it's more difficult to  
 11 predict what the future level of off-system sales for  
 12 a utility, or AmerenUE in particular, are going to be  
 13 than it is to predict what the revenues from retail  
 14 sales are going to be?  
 15 A. Haven't thought about that. I mean, I don't  
 16 know.  
 17 Q. All right. Would you agree that you don't  
 18 want to build a level of off-system sales margins  
 19 into rates that's too high?  
 20 A. Yes.  
 21 Q. Would you agree that the level of off-system  
 22 sales margins built into rates should be set  
 23 conservatively?  
 24 A. If you mean below what you think the normal  
 25 level is, the answer is no.

1 Q. What you think the normal level is is  
 2 probably a range in most cases, correct?  
 3 A. That's correct.  
 4 Q. Would you agree then that if it is a range,  
 5 that it should be set toward the lower end of that  
 6 range, conservatively within that range?  
 7 A. No.  
 8 Q. And why not?  
 9 A. Why would that be fair to rate payers? I  
 10 mean, my answer is no. Why would you go conservative  
 11 from profits from off-system sales? It seems to me  
 12 like that would be bias in favor of the shareholders  
 13 and against rate payers.  
 14 Q. Okay. I'm going to read you a question and  
 15 answer that Mr. Traxler gave in the KCPL deposition  
 16 at Page 856, Lines 11 to 18, and ask you then whether  
 17 you agree or disagree with his statements.  
 18 A. Okay.  
 19 Q. "Question: And do you agree that there  
 20 should be a consideration of a higher risk when there  
 21 is a higher reliance upon off-system sales?  
 22 "Answer: Well, I think that you're -- you  
 23 definitely have a responsibility with the kind of  
 24 money we're talking about and the impact to be  
 25 conservative in your recommendation, and we think

1 A. I think there's other ways to deal with the  
 2 issue rather than just putting in a low level, a  
 3 conservative level, whatever word you want to use.  
 4 Q. And such as?  
 5 A. Kansas City Power and Light -- and I don't  
 6 know the facts of that case -- but could have asked  
 7 for a fuel adjustment clause that incorporated  
 8 profits from off-system sales. You know, if there is  
 9 a lot of risk involved, then maybe that's the way to  
 10 deal with it.  
 11 Q. Now, you indicated, I think, a couple  
 12 questions ago or a couple of answers ago that you  
 13 didn't think there was a lot of risk involved in this  
 14 particular case.  
 15 A. That's correct.  
 16 Q. First of all, could you tell me -- could you  
 17 define for me what you mean by a lot or not a lot of  
 18 risk, and then tell me why you don't believe a lot of  
 19 risk with respect to predicting an appropriate level  
 20 of off-system sales is involved in this case?  
 21 A. I haven't -- well, let me answer the last  
 22 part of your question first and then --  
 23 Q. Sure.  
 24 A. -- why I think there's not a lot -- a high  
 25 level of risk involved here. And that's because fuel

1 we've done that."  
 2 Do you disagree with Mr. Traxler?  
 3 A. I don't know the total context that  
 4 Mr. Traxler was putting that in. I happen to not  
 5 believe there's a high level of risk involved here.  
 6 So in this particular situation I would say whatever  
 7 the situation he was looking at -- and I haven't  
 8 looked at it -- is not comparable to -- may not be  
 9 comparable to what we're looking at here.  
 10 So there's -- I guess my answer is No. 1, it  
 11 appears from what you've read to me that Mr. Traxler  
 12 felt like there was a high level of risk involved  
 13 which I don't believe is the case here. And if  
 14 there's a high level of risk involved, I don't know  
 15 that just putting in the conservative numbers is what  
 16 I would recommend.  
 17 Q. Okay. So even if there is a high level of  
 18 risk involved which you're hearing of what I read  
 19 from Mr. Traxler would indicate that was the  
 20 situation --  
 21 A. Could be.  
 22 Q. -- that he was talking about. Even if  
 23 that's true, you don't agree with him in that  
 24 particular context that a conservative level should  
 25 be set?

1 prices that Ameren is going to face and market prices  
 2 tend to be very highly correlated. Okay? So when  
 3 their fuel costs go up, say coal prices increase or  
 4 natural gas prices increase, their profit margins  
 5 from those will also -- from their off-system sales  
 6 will also go up. And those profit margins from those  
 7 off-system sales will tend to offset the increase in  
 8 their fuel costs and vice versa.  
 9 When fuel prices drop, the margins from  
 10 their sales will drop and the drop in fuel costs will  
 11 tend to mitigate some of the losses they get in  
 12 profit margins, and what that does is it  
 13 significantly narrows the amount of variability that  
 14 they face in terms of those activities; and those  
 15 activities being a combination of their fuel costs  
 16 and profits from their off-system sales to serve  
 17 their customers.  
 18 Now, how big or how small is that range and  
 19 how big is that risk, I'm not prepared to answer that  
 20 today. But I don't --  
 21 Q. When you say --  
 22 A. -- I don't think it's very significant in  
 23 terms of -- in terms of what their overall fuel costs  
 24 are and what -- in terms of what their overall  
 25 margins are, profit margins.

1 Q. When you say you don't think it's very  
2 significant, are you testifying that you think that  
3 you are able to predict over the next three or four  
4 years, for example, a level of off-system sales  
5 margins that the company is likely to hit within a  
6 narrow band of probabilities?

7 A. I would combine that. Okay? I would  
8 combine -- and that's what my answer was before. I  
9 would combine profits from off-system sales with fuel  
10 costs. Okay? So another way of looking at that is  
11 what is going to happen to the fuel costs for this  
12 company that it has to recover from rate payers nets  
13 of profit margins they get from off-system sales.  
14 And what I'm saying is that that margin is in my view  
15 fairly small.

16 If you separate the elements, you're going  
17 to increase the variability. If you separate -- if  
18 you set fuel costs over here and you set profit  
19 margins over here and -- then you're going to  
20 increase the variability and it's going to be much  
21 harder to predict those elements separately than when  
22 you combine them.

23 And you might think of it as a portfolio in  
24 a sense; Ameren has a portfolio, and things work --  
25 it's -- when prices go up, profit margins go up and

1 when the Staff has made recommendations in other  
2 cases in terms of what an appropriate normalized  
3 level of off-system sales margins is, do you know how  
4 accurate those projections have turned out to be over  
5 the coming years for those utilities?

6 A. No.

7 Q. You don't know one way or the other?

8 A. No. I don't know one way or the other.

9 Q. Is it likely that either the company or the  
10 Staff is going to be, quote, right in terms of the  
11 level of off-system sales margins that they recommend  
12 being built into base rates?

13 A. Again, you're going to -- you're looking at  
14 a point estimate. You're looking at it being right;  
15 you know, am I going to hit right on it. The  
16 probability of either of them doing that is zero.  
17 The real question isn't what is the probability of me  
18 being right. The real question is what's the  
19 variability that I'm likely to face with any  
20 forecast. Okay? How much variability is there out  
21 there in profit margins from off-system sales.

22 What I'm trying to convey to you is if you  
23 separate that question out by itself, you're going to  
24 get more variability than if you combine it with the  
25 issue of fuel costs and off-system profit margins.

1 tend to offset the impact of those prices going up.  
2 And so it's like a -- it's like a portfolio where  
3 you've got things that are working in opposite  
4 directions, and it tends to minimize the risk.

5 Q. Okay. Just because AmerenUE's specific fuel  
6 costs go up or go down doesn't necessarily mean that  
7 the energy prices that exist in the markets and to  
8 which off-system sales have to be made are going to  
9 go up and down with those company's specific prices,  
10 does it?

11 A. Well, I think if you're looking at next  
12 month or next week, I would agree with that  
13 statement. If you're looking over the long run, I  
14 would say no that's wrong that they will go up and  
15 down. That Ameren is just as much an animal of the  
16 overall market as anyone is in that market. So that  
17 if coal prices are going up in the market, Ameren is  
18 going to face higher coal prices and gas prices and  
19 those types of things, and they are going to be a  
20 product of that market.

21 Now, having said that, on a given day or a  
22 given month, you know, their contract for coal may  
23 not yet reflect that increase so you may get some  
24 additional variation there.

25 Q. Historically when the Commission has -- or

1 Q. Well, fuel costs are one component of  
2 calculating the off-system margins, obviously, right?

3 A. Absolutely.

4 Q. I mean, the question it seems to me is -- I  
5 think we agree that over the next year, over the next  
6 two years, over the next three years, over the next  
7 four years, if Staff says the margins are 200 million  
8 and the company -- or 300 -- whatever it is, 300  
9 million and the company says they're 200 million,  
10 that neither one of us is going to be right over that  
11 period of time, correct?

12 A. I agree.

13 Q. But do you have an opinion about how close  
14 to those numbers over, let's say, a three-year period  
15 or four-year period the company is likely to come in  
16 its actual experience -- its actual off-system sales  
17 margins over that period? Is it going to come within  
18 10 percent, 40 percent, 30 percent?

19 A. I don't know what those -- yes. I will have  
20 an opinion of that and you'll see that opinion in my  
21 rebuttal testimony, but I can't -- at this point I  
22 don't have those work papers with me. I can't tell  
23 you exactly what those percentages are but -- I  
24 haven't memorized them.

25 Q. You're looking at some percentages?

1 A. Yes, absolutely.  
 2 Q. And there is some -- there is some  
 3 variability around those targeted numbers, correct?  
 4 A. Absolute --  
 5 Q. You'd agree with that?  
 6 A. Absolutely agree with that.  
 7 Q. And we are talking in this particular case  
 8 about rather large numbers, correct?  
 9 A. Yes.  
 10 Q. In the grand scheme of the company's overall  
 11 earnings, for example, the numbers that we're talking  
 12 about in this case are rather large, correct; would  
 13 you agree with that?  
 14 A. I haven't looked at that in terms of what  
 15 their overall earnings are. I haven't -- I haven't  
 16 looked at that aspect of it.  
 17 Q. Power prices are very volatile. Would you  
 18 agree with that?  
 19 A. Define for me what you mean by power prices.  
 20 Are you talking about a specific hourly price for  
 21 power or are you talking about a monthly price? Are  
 22 you talking about an annual price? It varies --  
 23 volatility -- when people talk about volatility of  
 24 power prices, they're typically talking about what  
 25 can happen in the market from hour to hour, and I

1 agree they can be very volatile.  
 2 If I look at them over a year; you know,  
 3 what's the average price over a year for on-peak  
 4 prices, I don't see a lot of volatility. If I look  
 5 at them on a monthly basis, I see some volatility.  
 6 Q. Well, and the hour in which volumes  
 7 available for off-system sales -- the volumes  
 8 available in various hours of the day vary greatly,  
 9 correct?  
 10 A. Yes.  
 11 Q. And the prices hour to hour vary quite a  
 12 bit, correct?  
 13 A. Right.  
 14 Q. And that can affect greatly what the level  
 15 of the margins are, correct?  
 16 A. In a given hour that's correct. But what  
 17 you're talking about there in terms of volatility is  
 18 impacts that weather -- a front coming through can  
 19 have on prices. You're talking about if a key  
 20 generator goes out of service and you got congestion  
 21 on the system, and to cure that congestion you have  
 22 to bring generation in from a long distance away.  
 23 Those are the kinds of things that tend to drive  
 24 prices way up in a given hour. Those are those kinds  
 25 of random events that cause hour-to-hour volatility

1 in the market. But when you average those over a  
 2 year, for example, you will not see a whole lot of  
 3 volatility.  
 4 Q. Well, but power -- one of the reasons that  
 5 you see volatility in power prices, though, is  
 6 because there's volatility in the underlying  
 7 commodities that tend to drive those prices, right?  
 8 A. I don't understand that question.  
 9 Q. Well, natural gas prices, for example, even  
 10 within a given year can range from whatever dollars  
 11 BTU to -- there can be several dollars difference  
 12 between the low price for gas in a particular year  
 13 and the high price for gas in a particular year,  
 14 correct?  
 15 A. Sure.  
 16 Q. I mean, I think even your testimony itself  
 17 indicates that in 2006 we've seen prices \$7, \$4,  
 18 which is a pretty big price swing between 7 and 4,  
 19 correct?  
 20 A. Those are monthly prices, yes.  
 21 Q. Okay. But the monthly prices at least are  
 22 volatile just by that particular example in 2006 for  
 23 gas prices, correct?  
 24 A. Sure.  
 25 Q. And since I believe it's your opinion that

1 gas prices tend to drive on-peak electricity prices  
 2 that volatility is going to be reflected in the  
 3 electricity prices?  
 4 A. No. That's --  
 5 Q. Why not?  
 6 A. Let's back up. There's several components  
 7 to what you're calling volatility. If I was looking  
 8 over a three-year time period, okay, or a four-year  
 9 time period, and I saw a range that went from \$3 to  
 10 \$4, that range could be -- could occur in a couple of  
 11 ways. One of the ways that it could occur was that  
 12 you started at the beginning of that time period at  
 13 three bucks and then it just very evenly moved up  
 14 over that period of time to -- what was our other  
 15 number? \$8, \$7, whatever it was.  
 16 Would I say there's a lot of volatility  
 17 there? And the answer is no, not in the way people  
 18 normally think about volatility. Okay? People  
 19 normally think about volatility in terms of I'm going  
 20 along at three bucks and then all of a sudden I jump  
 21 up to \$7 or \$8 and then I come back down.  
 22 Q. Yeah. But what about if you have -- as you  
 23 cite in your own testimony you got \$7 in March, you  
 24 got 4 in October, you're back to \$7 in November.  
 25 A. Uh-huh.

1 Q. That's the kind of volatility you're talking  
 2 about, right; that's volatility?  
 3 A. And that's in monthly prices.  
 4 Q. Right.  
 5 A. That's correct.  
 6 Q. As opposed -- I suppose you're drawing a  
 7 distinction between monthly and hourly prices?  
 8 A. No. I'm really drawing a distinction  
 9 between monthly prices and annual prices because we  
 10 are going to determine and set rates on a 12-month  
 11 basis. Okay?  
 12 Q. But certain -- you know, we have -- events  
 13 can happen that cause a lot of volatility in  
 14 commodity prices and in energy prices. The  
 15 hurricanes that you agree were abnormal --  
 16 A. Yes.  
 17 Q. -- Caused a run-up in gas prices for several  
 18 months, correct?  
 19 A. That's correct.  
 20 Q. And the rail disruptions caused a run-up in  
 21 coal prices for several months, correct?  
 22 A. Correct.  
 23 Q. And then they dropped back down.  
 24 A. Yes.  
 25 Q. Now, the hurricanes that we've been talking

1 normally happen either, correct?  
 2 A. That's, again, hopefully correct.  
 3 Q. We haven't seen that kind of thing in '06,  
 4 correct?  
 5 A. That's correct.  
 6 Q. Didn't see it in '04?  
 7 A. That's correct.  
 8 Q. How does one -- how would you suggest that  
 9 one best isolate the affects of things like the  
 10 extraordinary hurricanes that took place in 2005 on  
 11 commodity prices? How do you go about figuring out  
 12 what affect those kinds of events have on commodity  
 13 prices; what's the best way to do it?  
 14 A. There's several ways of doing it. I -- the  
 15 way the company looked at it I didn't have any  
 16 problem with. But there are other ways. You could  
 17 look at where were prices trending prior to that, how  
 18 did they -- how did prices change because of that.  
 19 Okay? That's probably the type of thing that I would  
 20 have looked at or I did look at was how were prices  
 21 trending and what impact did this event have on that.  
 22 Then if you're -- after the effect were prices coming  
 23 back down to levels that you -- that those trends  
 24 were projecting. That's the type of thing I would  
 25 look at.

1 about, those occurred in I believe it was July and  
 2 September of 2005. Do you recall?  
 3 A. I don't recall the specific months, but,  
 4 yes, it was in the summer.  
 5 Q. Does that sound right?  
 6 A. That sounds close.  
 7 Q. And the affect of those hurricanes on gas  
 8 prices continued into early 2006. Would you agree  
 9 with that?  
 10 A. I know they continued through 2005. Into  
 11 2006 I'd have to look. I don't remember.  
 12 Q. The -- you at least agree that the gas  
 13 prices were impacted by the hurricanes through the  
 14 end of December '05?  
 15 A. Yes.  
 16 Q. Now, hurricanes of that magnitude don't  
 17 normally happen, correct? Would you agree with that?  
 18 A. I hope not.  
 19 Q. And the consequent -- I would hope not too.  
 20 And the consequent affects on -- the drastic affect  
 21 on natural gas prices don't normally happen as a  
 22 result of hurricanes; is that correct?  
 23 A. That's correct.  
 24 Q. And coal disruptions like the coal  
 25 disruptions we saw from the rail problems don't

1 Q. Okay.  
 2 A. Again, it depends upon where you are in that  
 3 analysis. You know, have I got data that's there  
 4 that tells me these effects are over and so where am  
 5 I right now, where should I have been had these  
 6 effects not occurred. Those types of things. And I  
 7 think that's generally the type of approach that the  
 8 company took in trying to adjust for those.  
 9 Q. You would agree that to the extent you're  
 10 going to use energy prices that were affected by  
 11 those events it would be appropriate, in fact it  
 12 would be necessary, to do your best to try to remove  
 13 the effects of those events from those prices in  
 14 order -- if you're going to use those prices to set  
 15 off-system sales margins, correct?  
 16 A. Correct.  
 17 Q. Otherwise, you've got I guess I would call  
 18 them distortions in the market that are going to flow  
 19 through and distort the margins that you used in  
 20 relying on that information, correct?  
 21 A. Correct.  
 22 Q. And, in fact, I think you testified at Page  
 23 3, Lines 9 to 10, of your direct testimony that the  
 24 objective of your analyses was to remove those kinds  
 25 of effects, correct?

1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. And I believe you mentioned a minute ago you  
3 believe that AmerenUE took -- undertook efforts to  
4 remove those effects in its production cost modeling?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. And you don't have a criticism of the way  
7 AmerenUE did that; do you agree?

8 A. I don't have a criticism of the methods. We  
9 did discover in the process that there were some  
10 calculational errors that were made in that process,  
11 and we've informed the company of those and they've  
12 agreed to correct those.

13 Q. Can you share with me -- I'm sure we  
14 probably know, but can we talk briefly? Is it a  
15 short list or a long list; are they significant  
16 items?

17 A. I'm trying to remember them. Yeah. On the  
18 coal plants the -- on the dispatch prices they were  
19 using, I believe, trends to normalize -- kind of what  
20 I described before; how were the coal dispatch prices  
21 trending out. And they ran four regressions; one for  
22 each of the locations: Labadie, Rush Island, Sioux  
23 and Meramec. But in the spreadsheet they only used  
24 the coefficients from the Labadie plant to make the  
25 adjustments. That's one I remember.

1 Q. What affect did that have in your view?

2 A. I don't recall. It's just -- I just -- I  
3 don't recall. It's been too long since I've looked  
4 at that to -- I went through and actually  
5 recalculated using the right regressions but I don't  
6 -- frankly I don't remember what the results are and  
7 I don't have that with me right now.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. There was also on -- there was something on  
10 natural gas prices but it's not coming to my mind  
11 real soon. It's -- it's not clicking with me exactly  
12 what it was.

13 Q. Do you recall whether or not this particular  
14 issue that you're talking about -- and you can tell  
15 me what you would call material -- but has a material  
16 affect on the calculation of margins, off-system  
17 sales margins?

18 A. I don't know.

19 Q. Don't know. All right. We were talking  
20 about some events a minute ago; the effects on market  
21 prices of things like the hurricanes, the rail  
22 disruptions and so on. A utility doesn't really have  
23 a way to control the price effects caused by those  
24 kinds of events, correct?

25 A. That's correct.

1 Q. Would you -- do you have an opinion about  
2 whether the relationship between coal and gas prices  
3 is stable over the long term?

4 A. Yes, I do.

5 Q. And what is that opinion?

6 A. Let me -- well, let me answer your question.  
7 I believe depending on your definition of long term  
8 there is a relationship between the two. There is a  
9 positive relation -- correlation between the two.

10 Q. In other words, over your definition of  
11 long-term coal prices go up, gas prices are also  
12 going to tend to go up?

13 A. Yeah. Over --

14 Q. How long is long term in your view?

15 A. Well, I'm not sure. I haven't decided on  
16 that.

17 Q. Well, it's your opinion. Is it a year, two  
18 years?

19 A. Yeah. You're in the year -- you're not  
20 talking about month to month now. You're talking  
21 about longer term.

22 Q. Can we agree in this context a year -- or a  
23 long term is a year, maybe a little more, but not  
24 less than a year?

25 A. Not less than a year. I would agree to

1 that.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. The reason for that is fairly  
4 straightforward if you think about it. If gas prices  
5 go up, on-peak prices for electricity will go up.  
6 And that means -- and if coal prices didn't go up  
7 right away, okay, utilities are going to produce more  
8 generation from coal to sell into the on-peak hours.  
9 Okay? Now, I'm not talking about the peak of the  
10 season. I'm just talking about on-peak hours. All  
11 right?

12 Q. Not July when it's 95 degrees and loads are  
13 extremely high?

14 A. Yeah. Right. And as they produce more  
15 generation from their plants that increases the  
16 demand for coal. And when the demand for coal goes  
17 up, the price for coal is going to go up. Now, have  
18 I measured that relationship? The answer is no. But  
19 I believe there's a long-term correlation. Let's  
20 call it a lagged correlation between the two. So  
21 when gas prices go up, more coal generation is going  
22 to be used to produce power and the demand for coal  
23 is going to go up and coal prices for coal will go  
24 up.

25 Q. But there could be a significant lag.

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1 correct?

2 A. There could be.

3 Q. It doesn't mean necessarily that --

4 A. That's why I say there's a positive

5 correlation. Now, how strong it is I think is --

6 right now is a difficult situation -- difficult thing

7 to decipher. And the reason that it's difficult to

8 decipher is because you had the rail effects and the

9 hurricane effects happening at the same time. So if

10 you go back and look at historical data, you're going

11 to see a very strong correlation between gas prices

12 and coal prices.

13 Q. But you have no idea that it had anything to

14 do with normal conditions. It may be because of the

15 rail disruption --

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. -- is why coal prices moved up, not because

18 gas prices moved up, correct?

19 A. Right. I mean, you're going to see a

20 stronger correlation in that -- because of that

21 circumstance than you might normally see.

22 Q. And how close that relationship is or isn't

23 can greatly affect the off-system sales margins a

24 company like AmerenUE would realize, correct?

25 A. Yes. And that's why I attempted to analyze

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1 those two things separately.

2 Q. Now, off-system sales can be volatile

3 because the volumes of energy available to sell

4 off-system in any particular hour, over a month, over

5 a year can vary greatly, correct?

6 A. There's so much -- what's available to sell

7 into the market varies by hour.

8 Q. Right.

9 A. Okay?

10 Q. Varies by hour, varies by day, could vary by

11 month.

12 A. Yes. So there's some variability built in.

13 But the long-run -- the long-run trends is for a lot

14 less variability than what you might think.

15 Q. Is your long-run definition here the same as

16 the one we just used; a year?

17 A. Yes. A year or longer.

18 Q. But forced outages can affect volumes,

19 right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Hurricanes and rail disruptions can affect

22 volumes?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Loads can affect volumes?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And it depends on which hours of the day the

2 volumes are available what the margins are going to

3 be; would you agree?

4 A. Repeat that question.

5 Q. Well, you don't make the same margin in

6 off-system sales in every hour of the year, correct?

7 A. No. Absolutely.

8 Q. You make a lot more margin in some hours

9 than you do in others.

10 A. Sure.

11 Q. So if I've got a lot of energy available in

12 a low margin period, I may not make very much money,

13 correct?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. If I've got a very high margin period but I

16 don't really have any energy available, it doesn't

17 matter that margins are high.

18 A. Sure. And that goes back to my comment

19 about when -- talking about on-peak. I'm not talking

20 about the peak hour of the year.

21 Q. And would you agree that plant availability

22 and the magnitude of loads are two of the key factors

23 available that determine -- two of the key factors

24 that are going to determine what megawatt hours are

25 available?

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1 A. They are an important factor in -- they are

2 two of the key factors, yes.

3 Q. Would you say if you were ranking the key

4 factors, would you put those at the top of the list;

5 one or -- one and two or vice versa?

6 A. I haven't done a study to determine that.

7 Q. Well, in the absence of a study -- you've

8 been in this business for how long; 30 years?

9 A. Close to it, yes. Since '77 so --

10 Q. Okay. 29.

11 A. 29.

12 Q. I won't -- well, we're in 2007 now so --

13 A. I started in June so --

14 Q. All right. Well, I tell you, if we're going

15 to split hairs. Almost 30 years?

16 A. Almost 30 years, yes.

17 Q. In the absence of a study can you think of

18 any factors other than plant availability and

19 magnitude of loads that would be more important in

20 determining the megawatt hours available?

21 A. Well, the way the market works and --

22 Q. Well, the market doesn't --

23 A. Now, wait. Let me -- maybe I didn't

24 understand your first question real well. When you

25 say megawatts available, okay, there's -- there's at

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1 least three different concepts going on there. No.  
2 1, and I agree, forced outages. Okay? No. 2, I've  
3 got to meet my native load first. So now I've got to  
4 commit my units to meet native load. So that's the  
5 second component. Okay?

6 Q. Which is availability and loads, right?

7 A. Right. But when you say available to sell  
8 into the market, there's the third element which is  
9 the market price. Because I'm not going to sell into  
10 the market if the incremental cost of my unit is  
11 above the market price. So that's the third element.

12 Q. I --

13 A. All three of those are important.

14 Q. I apologize for talking over you.

15 I was not focused on whether it's economic  
16 to sell it. I was focused on whether or not the  
17 megawatt hours, if it were economic to sell it, are  
18 available to sell. Which we're dealing there with  
19 plant availability and magnitude of loads are the  
20 principle things that affect that issue, correct?

21 A. Yes. If your definition simply is what --  
22 how much capacity do I have to potentially sell into  
23 the market, yes, I agree.

24 Q. Thank you. Can there be a significant  
25 difference between UE contract prices and coal spot

1 prices over a three to four-year period?

2 A. I think there has been, yes.

3 Q. And there certainly could be in the future,  
4 correct?

5 A. I haven't studied that issue in detail. It  
6 depends on the form of the contract and how the  
7 contract escalates prices. And I --

8 Q. Well, let's assume the contract does not  
9 have some kind of market index escalator in it which  
10 I think is what you were referring to with that last  
11 comment, correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Then in the past you testified that there  
14 has been a divergence between those two things,  
15 correct?

16 A. Sure.

17 Q. And without contracts that have a market  
18 index tied escalator in them -- let's say it's a  
19 fixed price contract.

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 Q. There certainly could be that divergence  
22 over the next few years, correct?

23 A. There could be. The difficulty --

24 Q. Well, first of all, there could be, correct?

25 A. There could be, yes.

1 Q. All right. And what's the difficulty?

2 A. The difficulty is that it -- it's hard -- I  
3 would think it would be hard to enter into a fixed  
4 price contract for a very long period of time. So --

5 Q. Is three or four years an unusual term for a  
6 fixed price fuel contract?

7 A. Well, it may not be. I don't know. But the  
8 -- I -- one of the things that happens is when you  
9 enter into a fixed price contract, you're asking for  
10 some of the risk to be shifted onto the supplier from  
11 the user. Okay? And there's two things that can  
12 happen. One is they can shorten the contract length  
13 in order to get your business, if they want to do  
14 that, and say we're going to turn this over. We're  
15 going to turn this over quickly because we don't want  
16 to get stuck with this price being way below market  
17 value very far out into the future.

18 If you -- and again, it depends on how you  
19 have your contracts set up. If they -- if they're  
20 all set up to come due on the same date, then what  
21 you're talking about is probably true. But in the  
22 longer term your contract prices are going to follow  
23 the market. And I think we -- I think we understand  
24 that as a general concept -- or I understand that as  
25 a general concept. And it's -- we're seeing it with

1 our -- in electric prices for communities that have  
2 to depend upon contracts for their power supply.

3 It's very, very difficult for them to go out  
4 and negotiate a price that's lower than what  
5 suppliers think the market is going to be.

6 Q. But you did testify that in the past at  
7 least you've observed that difference between UE  
8 contract prices and coal spot prices, correct?

9 A. Sure.

10 Q. And it's certainly possible that there may  
11 be some divergence in the future in that same  
12 relationship, correct?

13 A. There could be.

14 Q. And if there is that divergence, that  
15 difference between spot and contract prices, that's  
16 going to affect the margins that UE can realize,  
17 isn't it?

18 A. Sure.

19 Q. If we hold everything else equal, if we hold  
20 fuel prices equal and generation availability equal,  
21 they both remain the same, would you agree that a  
22 substantial driver of market prices for electricity  
23 prices in a particular region are loads in that  
24 region?

25 A. What are we holding constant again?



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 58</p> <p>1 Q. Fuel prices and generation availability.  2 A. And generation availability. Okay.  3 And now, what's the mover?  4 Q. Would you agree that a substantial driver of  5 energy prices in a region are going to be what the  6 loads are in that region?  7 A. I'm sorry. Given our definition of  8 availability which depended upon loads, I'm having a  9 hard time holding availability constant and then  10 changing loads. So I didn't understand the question.  11 Q. Well, hold availability constant and hold  12 prices constant.  13 A. Uh-huh.  14 Q. Assume that those don't change.  15 A. Are we talking about availability in terms  16 of forced outages now?  17 Q. Yes.  18 A. Okay.  19 Q. Not what the market price is and would it be  20 economic to sell it. We're talking about the  21 physical availability at the plants.  22 A. Right. Yeah. Just whether the plants are  23 available --  24 Q. Plants are available.  25 A. -- for service.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 60</p> <p>1 A. Say again? I'm sorry, Jim.  2 Q. Sure. That's fine.  3 The day-to-day pattern of regional prices,  4 regional loads, UE loads and what UE would have  5 available to sell are correlated, correct?  6 A. Let me get a piece of paper because I am not  7 following all of these variables. Thank you.  8 I mean, you're asking me a correlation  9 question so give me the elements again.  10 Q. Regional prices.  11 A. Regional prices.  12 Q. Regional loads, UE loads and megawatt hours  13 available from UE to sell.  14 A. Megawatts. Or unit availability?  15 Q. Unit availability. However you want to look  16 at it. I think we already agreed that the first  17 three of those are possibly correlated. And if the  18 first three of those go up, then the last one of  19 those is going to go down, correct? Do we agree to  20 that before?  21 A. Well, I think you're just talking about  22 basic supply and demand issues here. I don't know  23 that I would use the word correlated on this. I  24 think unit availability is, for example -- to me  25 correlated means maybe something different than what</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 59</p> <p>1 Q. Hold that constant.  2 A. Yeah. And you want to know if load is a big  3 driver of sales?  4 Q. Of electricity prices. Loads in a region  5 significant driver --  6 A. Oh, sure. Yeah.  7 Q. You'd agree with that, wouldn't you?  8 A. Yeah. Loads determine the demand in the  9 market.  10 Q. For example, if loads on a given day are  11 very high because it's real hot in the region --  12 A. Sure.  13 Q. -- then you're going to expect power prices  14 to be high in the region as well, right?  15 A. Sure. Yes.  16 Q. And if UE's loads are high, then UE is going  17 to tend to have less generating capacity available to  18 sell off-system because we're using it to serve  19 native load, right?  20 A. Correct.  21 Q. Put another way, the day-to-day pattern of  22 regional prices, regional loads, Ameren UE loads and  23 the megawatt hours that Ameren has available, not  24 whether it's economic to sell them but are available  25 to sell off-system, those are correlated, correct?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 61</p> <p>1 you're thinking about. Unit availability is -- I  2 view as being an independent random variable.  3 Q. Well, I'm not talking -- the units are not  4 going to become less available. There's going to be  5 less megawatt hours available to sell off-system if  6 prices are high, loads are high, UE loads are high.  7 You agree with that, correct?  8 A. Yeah. I agree with that.  9 Q. Okay. I don't care if we use the correlated  10 number. But you do agree with that, correct?  11 A. Yes. Sure.  12 Q. And if we're going to model off-system sale  13 opportunities correctly, we've got to take that  14 relationship into account; do we not?  15 A. Sure.  16 Q. Do you know whether Staff has maintained a  17 consistent relationship between the hourly loads that  18 it used and the hourly prices it's used in its fuel  19 modeling in this case?  20 A. I would say we did.  21 Q. Okay. The hourly shape of prices used by  22 Staff in its fuel model, those came from you,  23 correct?  24 A. Yes.  25 Q. Would you agree that the hourly shape of</p>

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1 prices you provided reflect a three-year average  
 2 shape of prices?  
 3 A. Yes.  
 4 Q. And that's roughly '02 to '05. Perhaps  
 5 there was some '06 data in there.  
 6 A. Not in the average. It was '03 through '05.  
 7 Q. '03 to '05. So the shape of prices is based  
 8 on averages '03 to '05, correct?  
 9 A. Yes.  
 10 Q. Would you agree that the hourly shape of  
 11 loads used by Staff in its fuel modeling were Staff's  
 12 weather normalized loads; for the test year?  
 13 A. I'm not sure.  
 14 Q. You don't know?  
 15 A. I don't know. I don't know what --  
 16 Q. You didn't supply those, correct?  
 17 A. I didn't supply those.  
 18 Q. Do you know who did?  
 19 A. No. Again, I think it was operations  
 20 department, but I don't know the particular Staff  
 21 witness.  
 22 Q. Well, would you agree that if Staff's  
 23 normalized loads reflect the test year period and  
 24 reflect a shape that's different than the price shape  
 25 that you supplied, that that creates a mismatch

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1 between the price shape and the load shape?  
 2 A. It could.  
 3 Q. Well, wouldn't it? Why do you say it could?  
 4 Unless by happenstance the shape from '02 to '05 is  
 5 exactly the shape as the weather normalized loads  
 6 from July 1, '06 -- or '05 to June 30, '07.  
 7 A. Yeah.  
 8 Q. They'd have to be exactly the same not to  
 9 create a mismatch, wouldn't they?  
 10 A. Here's -- I haven't looked at that in  
 11 detail. That's why I'm uncertain about it. I don't  
 12 know what the details of the hourly loads are that  
 13 were used by the company or by the Staff.  
 14 Q. I understand that. I understand you don't  
 15 even know for sure what period the hourly loads apply  
 16 to. But if the hourly loads were weather normalized  
 17 loads for the test year.  
 18 A. Uh-huh.  
 19 Q. You have that shape for loads.  
 20 A. Uh-huh.  
 21 Q. And you have a completely different shape  
 22 for a completely different period. You're going to  
 23 have a mismatch; are you not?  
 24 A. I don't know what you mean by completely  
 25 different shape for a completely different period. I

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1 don't know what -- are you saying that the hourly  
 2 shapes that were used for prices were based on a  
 3 different method than the hourly shape for loads? Is  
 4 that -- I -- I don't know what mismatch means.  
 5 Q. The hourly shape used for prices is a shape  
 6 reflective of that '02 to '05 period that you  
 7 supplied, correct?  
 8 A. Well, yes.  
 9 Q. And if, in fact, the hourly shape for loads  
 10 is from a different period --  
 11 A. I don't think that's the issue that it's  
 12 from a different period. Just the fact that it's  
 13 from a different period doesn't mean there's a  
 14 mismatch. There may be a mismatch. I don't know.  
 15 Q. If there is a mismatch, that would create  
 16 inaccurate modeling of off-system sales; would it  
 17 not?  
 18 A. It would cause some issues, yes.  
 19 Q. Well, what do you mean it would cause some  
 20 issues?  
 21 A. Because you aren't maintaining the  
 22 correlation between load and prices.  
 23 Q. And it's important to maintain that  
 24 correlation. We already established that, correct?  
 25 A. I agree, yes.

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1 Q. So the extent that that correlation has --  
 2 has not been maintained and has been distorted, it's  
 3 going to lead to inaccuracy, correct; in the modeling  
 4 of the off-system sales?  
 5 A. Yes, it will. Now, how large that  
 6 inaccuracy is I have no idea.  
 7 Q. Because you don't know details of any  
 8 mismatch that may exist, correct?  
 9 A. Right.  
 10 Q. Or any -- I won't use the word mismatch.  
 11 Any failure to maintain that correlation. You don't  
 12 know the magnitude?  
 13 A. I have no idea.  
 14 Q. Could be great?  
 15 A. I have no idea.  
 16 Q. Could be small? You don't have any idea?  
 17 A. I don't know.  
 18 Q. Well, you'd agree, would you not, if you use  
 19 a price shape reflecting hot weather and a load shape  
 20 reflecting normal weather, the model results are  
 21 going to reflect more megawatts being available to  
 22 sell at those higher prices that are driven by that  
 23 hot weather than would actually be available if the  
 24 price and load shapes had been matched? Would you  
 25 agree with that?

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<p>1 A. Let's back up with your def -- let's define 2 hot and normal. 3 Q. Abnormally hot as opposed to -- 4 A. Right. 5 Q. -- normal weather using weather normalized 6 loads. 7 A. Right. If you -- if you are reflecting 8 abnormally hot weather, okay, yes. That's obviously 9 going to be different from normal. 10 Q. And that's going to tend to -- the model is 11 going to tend to reflect more megawatt hours being 12 sold off-system than would otherwise be the case, 13 correct? 14 A. If your hourly prices reflect abnormally hot 15 weather, yes. 16 Q. Did you discuss the matching of load shapes 17 and price shapes with Mr. Rauer? 18 A. No. 19 Q. Did you ever talk to Mr. Rauer? 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. You never talked about weather normalized 22 loads versus the prices you supplied with Mr. Rauer? 23 A. No. 24 Q. What -- you said you did talk with him and 25 did correspond with him. What did you talk to him</p>	<p>1 run? 2 A. Right. 3 Q. Didn't have discussions about the Staff 4 model run itself that ended up being used to model -- 5 to base Staff's case on? 6 A. No, I didn't. 7 Q. Given your sponsored prices for on-peak and 8 off-peak electricity that were used in the fuel 9 modeling in this case, do you believe the market is 10 deep enough for UE to make unlimited off-system 11 sales? 12 A. Yes. When you say unlimited, however, it's 13 the relationship between the fuel dispatch prices and 14 the market -- the spot-market electricity prices that 15 limits. And that's exactly the way the Midwest ISO 16 market works. 17 Q. Well, let me stop you there. I think I 18 understand what you just said. 19 A. Okay. 20 Q. If the fuel dispatch cost ends up exceeding 21 what you can make on that next megawatt hour that 22 you're selling in the market, you're not going to 23 dispatch, you're not going to sell? 24 A. Right. And so that limits the amount that 25 you sell. If you get -- if your fuel dispatch prices</p>
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<p>1 about? 2 A. I had to convey to him what the price levels 3 were that -- to use in the model and -- 4 Q. The prices we were just talking about? 5 A. Right. The off-system prices and the 6 dispatch prices for coal and natural gas. 7 Q. Okay. 8 A. So that's -- that's basically what I talked 9 to Mr. Rauer about. 10 Q. Did he have questions about those or did you 11 just give him the prices and he used them or -- 12 A. I just gave him the prices and he used them. 13 Q. So when you say you talked to him, what did 14 you talk about? I understand that you sent some 15 prices to him that he used in the model. 16 A. Oh, gosh. Most of my discussions with him 17 were early on when he was going through the -- where 18 I actually talked to him were early on when he was 19 going through the benchmarking process. So he was 20 running Ameren -- Ameren's input through it. So just 21 generally I was part of a group of Staff that was 22 talking to him on the telephone about those. 23 Q. About the benchmarking runs? 24 A. The benchmarking runs, yes. 25 Q. Or what ultimately became the benchmarking</p>	<p>1 and your spot-market prices are out of line, then you 2 can -- you can end up over dispatching or the models 3 can end up over dispatching. 4 Q. But at some point the volume of megawatt 5 hours that might be available in the market -- 6 A. Might be. 7 Q. -- or that are avail -- let's just say they 8 are available in the market. 9 A. Uh-huh. 10 Q. May very well be such that the dispatch 11 price is going to exceed what you can receive in the 12 market and you're not going to make that sale, 13 correct; because of economic reasons? 14 A. I think I agree with that statement. 15 Q. I mean -- 16 A. If you're saying -- if you're saying the way 17 the market works is let's say you put in a bid for 18 \$25 a megawatt hour and the market says we got plenty 19 -- we have plenty of power at \$23 a megawatt hour, 20 you're not going to sell. 21 Q. Right. 22 A. Yeah. I agree with that. 23 Q. So the market is not deep enough for UE to 24 make unlimited sales? 25 A. I agree.</p>

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1 Q. At some point the market is going to take  
2 over and say the market can't take any more megawatt  
3 hours. It's got all it can handle.

4 A. That's right. And it will lower the price.

5 Q. Have you performed any studies how deep the  
6 market for off-system sales is for AmerenUE?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Could there be an absolute limit on how much  
9 UE can sell in a given hour even if UE has an  
10 unlimited amount to sell? And when I say unlimited  
11 amount to sell, an unlimited number of megawatt hours  
12 available.

13 A. In reality the way the market works the  
14 situation you're describing would never occur because  
15 prices would drop. If you had an unlimited quantity,  
16 prices are going to drop. You're not going to --  
17 you're not going to get a price that will allow you  
18 to dispatch that unlimited quantity to work.

19 Q. Well, you're not going to make the sale.  
20 You're not going to get a price that causes you to  
21 make the sale, right?

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. But you may physically have the ability to

24 --

25 A. Sure.

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1 Q. -- put those hours into the market if the  
2 economics allowed you to do it, right?

3 A. If the economics allowed you to do it. But  
4 it's a causal relationship. The economics are what  
5 drives whether you can do it or not. It's the market  
6 clearing price that determines whether or not you can  
7 sell those.

8 Q. Well, the economics drive whether you would  
9 do it. Your generating capacity is there but you may  
10 not -- you're not going to dispatch if the economics  
11 don't support the dispatch.

12 A. I don't want to argue about terms here.  
13 Yes.

14 Q. Assume during an off-peak hour that UE's  
15 load is 3,000 megawatts. Do you think the market is  
16 deep enough that UE could sell 2,000 megawatts  
17 off-system?

18 A. I don't have any idea.

19 Q. What about 3,000 megawatts?

20 A. I don't know.

21 Q. What about 10,000 megawatts?

22 A. I have not looked at that issue.

23 Q. Okay. Would you agree that if UE's loads  
24 are low, that in general other generator's -- other  
25 utilities' loads in the region are probably also

1 going to be low at the same time?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And so everybody is going to tend to have  
4 more megawatt hours that they might want to sell  
5 off-system, right?

6 A. Uh-huh.

7 Q. And that's probably going to tend to drive  
8 the price down in the region, correct?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. So that at some point that price is going to  
11 make it uneconomic for everybody to make more sales,  
12 right?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. Do you think there's some point where  
15 certain volumes of off-system sales simply would not  
16 be possible given the depth of the market?

17 A. If I could draw you a supply and demand  
18 curve, yeah. Yeah. I mean, we've just described --  
19 if by depth of the market what you mean is -- to me  
20 it's just supply and demand. I don't understand  
21 depth of the market. I don't know what you mean by  
22 that.

23 Q. Well, supply and demand. At some point the  
24 supply is going to overtake the demand and you're not  
25 going to be able to sell any more, right?

1 A. There are all kinds of hours where there's  
2 excess supply, yes.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. The -- yeah.

5 Q. And you can't economically sell any more  
6 during those periods, right?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. And that varies by --

9 A. Even though it's there you can't sell it,  
10 right.

11 Q. And that varies during the course of a day.  
12 I think that's basically what you just said, right?

13 A. Absolutely.

14 Q. Do you think that -- I think -- I'm trying  
15 to use your terminology because you don't like my  
16 depth of the market terminology, obviously.

17 A. I don't know what it means.

18 Q. Or you don't know what it means. Well, you  
19 know, I tried to listen in Dr. Johnson's economic  
20 class but maybe I didn't pay close enough attention.

21 Do you think that that oversupply is greater  
22 in the off-peak hours than it is in the on-peak  
23 hours?

24 A. Sure.

25 Q. Do you think that during the off-peak

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1 periods when both UE and other market participants'  
2 loads are low there could be significantly less  
3 demand for wholesale purchases than during the times  
4 when loads are high? You'd agree with that, wouldn't  
5 you?

6 A. I'd agree with that, yes.

7 Q. I think probably you -- I think we perhaps  
8 have already covered this point but just to be sure.  
9 Let's assume that that oversupply never takes place.  
10 I know that can't happen. That supply and demand  
11 curve -- but let's say that intersection is way, way  
12 out there somewhere. All right?

13 A. Okay.

14 Q. As UE's off-system sales volumes increase  
15 the price it's going to be able to obtain for those  
16 is going to decrease, isn't it?

17 A. I almost hate to ask you to repeat that  
18 question but would you, please?

19 Q. As UE's off-system sales volumes increase  
20 the price it can obtain for those megawatt hours is  
21 going to decrease, right? More and more supply, the  
22 price comes down.

23 A. Are we talking about from hour to hour now?

24 Q. No. I think we're probably talking like  
25 within an hour.

1 A. So I'm talking about volumes available to  
2 sell; UE's volumes available to sell. So I'm talking  
3 about capacity that they have available -- they've  
4 met their load?

5 Q. Met the load.

6 A. So it's -- so -- for example, let me get it  
7 down to something I can understand.

8 Suppose they were in a given hour and all of  
9 a sudden some of their load, for whatever reason,  
10 disconnected, went off. Okay? So now they've got  
11 more available to sell. Would that cause the price  
12 that they face in that hour to go down? I think the  
13 answer is yes.

14 Q. All right. Let's maybe -- let's try an  
15 example.

16 Assume UE's load is 3,000 megawatts and  
17 off-system sales in that hour are 1,000 and the price  
18 in the market is \$25. That's what UE can get under  
19 those conditions.

20 A. Okay.

21 Q. Assume that somehow UE could increase its  
22 off-system sales to 3,000. Do you expect UE would  
23 still be able to get \$25? And I think you just  
24 indicated that you think the answer is no.

25 A. Yeah. I agree.

1 Q. All right.

2 A. If they lost some of that -- if they lost  
3 2,000 of that load and all of a sudden they had 3,000  
4 available to sell into the market, then the market  
5 price is going to drop, yeah.

6 Q. Have you done any analysis of the extent of  
7 which the off-system sales volumes that Staff's  
8 modeling results reflect are reasonable given the  
9 supply and demand and price affect we were just  
10 talking about; have you studied that in any way?

11 A. I know what those levels are. Okay? I  
12 don't know what those numbers are in my head right  
13 now, but I've looked at what those levels are and  
14 they didn't appear to me to be way out of line.

15 Q. You haven't done any studies. You've  
16 answered a few of my other questions with I haven't  
17 studied it. Have you studied that?

18 A. I haven't gone into -- yeah. I haven't gone  
19 into great detail type of studies of that but I know  
20 what those volumes are. I -- and we've generally  
21 talked about it in terms of what current volumes are  
22 and -- but I don't remember those numbers either.  
23 And my -- my general -- what I can tell you is my  
24 general impression of that was that -- and I'm  
25 talking about on an annual basis. That they weren't

1 out of line.

2 Q. Just based on an impression from knowing the  
3 numbers. Not from doing any kind of analyses that  
4 would confirm whether they're out of line or not?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. Will the generation LMPs that -- and you  
7 know what I mean by generation LMPs. You're the MISO  
8 guy at Staff, right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. For better or worse?

11 A. For better or for worse.

12 Q. Well, will UE generation LMPs be lower if  
13 off-system sales are 4,000 megawatts compared to  
14 off-system sales at 2,000 megawatts, all else being  
15 equal?

16 A. So these are actual sales -- market clearing  
17 sales?

18 Q. We're selling 4,000 megawatts off-system --

19 A. Would the price be lower for 4,000 than  
20 2,000?

21 Q. Versus 2, yeah.

22 A. I see causality coming from the other way,  
23 and so I'm having a struggle to say this. When I  
24 look at these numbers, 2,000 and 4,000, here's the  
25 question I ask if these are actual sales. What

1 caused sales to go up from 2,000 to 4,000, and the  
2 answer was increase in price.

3 So if you ask me if 4,000 were the actual  
4 sales and 2,000 were the actual sale that cleared the  
5 market, I would tell you that the 4,000 would have to  
6 have a higher price.

7 Q. But all else being equal?

8 A. Yes. So I just think about it the other way  
9 around.

10 Q. What if a large plant comes back on-line and  
11 that's what causes the volumes to go up so much?

12 A. The actual --

13 Q. Looking at it from not the way you were  
14 looking at it but the other direction.

15 A. Are we talking about availability or actual  
16 sales? See that's --

17 Q. Well, the plant comes on-line. There's more  
18 availability and then there's --

19 A. There's more sales.

20 Q. -- more sales.

21 A. The only way they can increase their sales  
22 is if the price went up.

23 Well, let me back off. In this particular  
24 example if you -- say you had a very low cost unit.  
25 Okay? Now, just --

1 plant have nothing to do with setting the price, but  
2 more supply has come on so it's displacing some other  
3 unit way out there and causing the price to go down.

4 Q. Correct.

5 A. Yeah. That's a possibility, yeah.

6 Typically we don't -- we think of these as locational  
7 prices, and that's what -- that's what was -- that is  
8 the plants in that location are probably -- some of  
9 them are setting the market clearing price not some  
10 plant over someplace else. But, yeah, it's possible.

11 Q. I might have asked you this before. I can't  
12 remember, and I apologize if I did.

13 Have you updated your fuel price and energy  
14 price analyses through December '06? I think you had  
15 used through November '06 for those at the time you  
16 filed your testimony.

17 A. I have not.

18 Q. Do you intend to?

19 A. We haven't talked about that internally. I  
20 don't know the --

21 Q. What's your recommendation?

22 A. I don't know the process. I don't know the  
23 process for updating so --

24 Q. Well, let me ask it this way.

25 A. I'm not that far along yet.

1 Q. The price wouldn't have to --

2 A. Just hang in there with me a minute to  
3 explain it because I have to think through this.

4 Q. Right.

5 A. You have a low-cost unit that was off-line,  
6 forced out, and it comes back on-line and so you bid  
7 it in. Okay? And bear with me just a minute. I'm  
8 selling an additional 2,000 from that unit plus I'm  
9 selling the same 2,000 from the other units that were  
10 already on-line. Okay? Now, the price could have  
11 stayed the same. All right?

12 In other words, this lower-cost unit that  
13 comes in bids in but he's not the price setter. He's  
14 not setting the price in the market. It's these  
15 higher price units that are setting the price in the  
16 market. But if the price drops, then the output from  
17 these other plants has to go down.

18 Q. Well, it only has to go down if they're not  
19 in the money at a lower price.

20 A. Well, that's true. So your assumption --  
21 your assumption is we're in a situation where none of  
22 these plants are setting the market price, none of  
23 them are on the margin. Okay? And is it possible?  
24 Yeah. It's possible in that situation to have a  
25 plant come on-line, all the other plants plus that

1 Q. Forgetting the process for updating or what  
2 other Staff members might think or what the consensus  
3 on Staff might be. Do you think it would make sense  
4 to do so just from a pure --

5 A. Just from a total conceptual point of view?

6 Q. That's right.

7 A. I have no problem with updating. I think  
8 that when you're looking -- when you're looking at  
9 it, adding a couple months probably isn't going to  
10 make much difference one way or the other.

11 Q. Okay. You haven't made --

12 A. That's just generally my -- because I'm  
13 looking at 12-month averages. I'm not -- okay? I'll  
14 drop off November of -- well, I think I had already  
15 had November.

16 Q. You'll drop off December '05 and add  
17 December '06?

18 A. December '06, right. Will it have a big  
19 impact? The answer is probably not.

20 Q. You don't know what the impact would be?

21 A. No. But it's very unlikely that it's going  
22 to be extremely large. I might be wrong, though.

23 Q. Well, we'll talk about that maybe.

24 Have you made any changes to your regression  
25 analysis since you filed your direct testimony? I

1 take it you haven't.  
 2 A. Which regression analysis?  
 3 Q. You did one for off-peak, right? You did  
 4 one for on-peak where you did the regressions to see  
 5 the relationships between --  
 6 A. Oh. The relationship between the prices --  
 7 the coal prices and off-peak prices.  
 8 Q. And off-peak price and the --  
 9 A. I've looked at some additional other  
 10 approaches to that, yes.  
 11 Q. For what purpose?  
 12 A. I was looking -- I looked at log-log  
 13 regressions.  
 14 Q. I'll admit I have no idea what you're  
 15 talking about now.  
 16 A. I was -- for purposes of the direct I was --  
 17 because I knew I was going to use that relationship  
 18 to drive the price levels I wanted to get the best  
 19 fit. And I used a quadratic for coal prices and  
 20 off-peak prices. And I think I used just a straight  
 21 linear.  
 22 In some additional analysis I'm doing for  
 23 rebuttal I'm using a log-log relationship. And the  
 24 only reason that I'm using that is that the  
 25 coefficients that you get out of a log-log

1 relationship tells you the percentage relationship.  
 2 So if one price goes up by 1 percent, that  
 3 coefficient tells you -- the driver variable goes up  
 4 by 1 percent, your coefficient tells you the  
 5 percentage by which the other variable goes up.  
 6 It's just a cleaner mathematical form when  
 7 you're looking at variability. The difference in the  
 8 R-squareds is extremely small, and it just seemed to  
 9 me like a more convenient -- let me say I used these  
 10 other regressions because they were a little bit more  
 11 convenient in their mathematical form to use.  
 12 Q. That had to do with looking at off-system  
 13 sales, sharing mechanisms, stuff just like before?  
 14 A. Yeah.  
 15 Q. I believe that you're the person on the  
 16 Staff who requested a fuel model run without the  
 17 Joppa plant. Do you remember that?  
 18 A. Do I remember making that request? I don't  
 19 remember making that request but maybe I did. You  
 20 mean from Mr. Finnell; from AmerenUE?  
 21 Q. No. Do you remember talking to or  
 22 communicating with Mr. Cassidy about the need to do a  
 23 no Joppa run?  
 24 A. I've talked to him about that, yes.  
 25 Q. Fairly recently?

1 A. Yes.  
 2 Q. If Mr. Cassidy communicated to Mr. Rauer  
 3 that you needed such a run, would you agree with  
 4 that?  
 5 A. Yes.  
 6 Q. Why did you request that run?  
 7 A. I think we needed to get an analysis that  
 8 was comparable to the one that UE had made which did  
 9 not include Joppa.  
 10 Q. In other words, you wanted a fuel model run  
 11 that assumed Joppa wasn't available just like the  
 12 fuel model run that UE had done in support of its  
 13 direct case?  
 14 A. That's right. If I'm going to rebut Union  
 15 Electric's position, I need to have something that's  
 16 comparable.  
 17 Q. And, of course, the benchmarking run has  
 18 UE's assumptions in terms of what prices and so on?  
 19 A. Sure.  
 20 Q. So you wanted a run that was apples to  
 21 apples with UE's filed run with the exception it  
 22 would have Staff's inputs; prices, availabilities --  
 23 A. Correct.  
 24 Q. -- all those kinds of things?  
 25 A. That's correct.

1 Q. And that's really in connection with the  
 2 Joppa issue for rebuttal, correct; that's why you're  
 3 asking for that?  
 4 A. No. No. Not the Joppa issue. With the  
 5 sharing.  
 6 Q. With the sharing?  
 7 A. The sharing issue.  
 8 Q. Okay. Got you.  
 9 Do you have those runs -- that run?  
 10 A. With me? No.  
 11 Q. No. But it's done?  
 12 A. Yes.  
 13 Q. Dr. Proctor, would you agree that outages  
 14 can greatly affect off-system sales margins?  
 15 A. When plants go out it cuts supply and tends  
 16 to cause prices to go up, yes.  
 17 Q. And --  
 18 A. And it may -- it may cut back on what you  
 19 have available to sell.  
 20 Q. Right. And forced outages can happen  
 21 unexpectedly. In fact, most forced outages are  
 22 unexpected probably. Maybe all of them are, correct?  
 23 A. Yes. True.  
 24 Q. UE experienced a forced outage at its  
 25 Callaway plant this last spring that was unexpected,

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1 correct?

2 A. I'm not -- I don't know.

3 Q. You're -- you're aware that UE had a forced  
4 outage at Callaway last spring; is that --

5 A. I was not aware of that.

6 Q. Not aware. Okay. Well, assume that it did.

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. If a forced outage occurs during hours or  
9 days or weeks when off-system sales margins might  
10 otherwise have been high, the expected margins that  
11 one might have expected in the absence of that forced  
12 outage are going to be impacted, right; they're going  
13 to be reduced, correct?

14 A. Correct. Hopefully you've reflected that in  
15 your fuel dispatch model by having forced outages in  
16 it.

17 Q. Right. If your forced outages are  
18 accurately modeled --

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. -- then it's going to take that into  
21 account?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. But if you have forced outages beyond the  
24 norm, beyond what was expected in your modeling, then  
25 that effect is going to occur, correct?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And the converse is not generally true; a  
3 lot of additional capacity doesn't usually just show  
4 up during a year; is that fair?

5 A. Let's -- no. I think the converse is that  
6 you can have outages that are -- in a given year that  
7 are less than what you modeled as normal. And so in  
8 that particular instance you would have more capacity  
9 available than what you had modeled as normal.

10 Q. The prices that you provided for Staff's  
11 fuel modeling.

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. Were those prices generally higher in the  
14 spring or in the fall; do you remember?

15 A. Are we talking on-peak or off-peak?

16 Q. Well, let's talk about -- let's talk about  
17 both. But you can talk about whichever one you'd  
18 like first.

19 A. Looking at the on-peak prices here -- this  
20 is on the Cinergy Hub comparison to UE normals, and  
21 it appears to me that the lowest prices -- and I  
22 remember talking to Ameren about this, but they  
23 appear to be the lowest in the fall; September,  
24 October, November.

25 Q. Are you looking at -- I think you have a

1 couple of different spreadsheets; MP Cinergy Hub  
2 On-Peak.xls, and then you have an off-peak -- same  
3 name off-peak, right?

4 A. Right.

5 Q. Do you mind if I catch up with you?

6 A. Go ahead. I'm pulling up the off-peak.

7 Q. I'm looking at a chart that I believe is in  
8 -- it's your MP Cinergy Hub On-Peak.xls file.

9 A. Right.

10 Q. Is that the same file you've got?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And I'm looking at a chart that says  
13 comparison: on-peak -- I don't know what the wkds  
14 means.

15 A. Weekdays.

16 Q. Weekdays. If I look at April, I've got a  
17 price of 47.78, right?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. If I look at November, for example, I've got  
20 41.58?

21 A. Yes. So I would say they were -- the  
22 on-peak prices are lower -- have traditionally been  
23 lower in the fall. If you go up above that graph --

24 Q. All right.

25 A. -- what you see --

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1 Q. Is this is on-peak -- well, average monthly  
2 prices graph?

3 A. Yeah. You will see year by year. April --  
4 the year here is April through March. So it's --

5 Q. Right.

6 A. -- '02 to '03. And those are Cinergy Hub  
7 prices.

8 Q. Right. These are not after you'd applied  
9 your constant percentage and got the UE normal which  
10 we were talking about below, right?

11 A. Right. If you looked in September, for  
12 example, and '05, '06.

13 Q. Yeah.

14 A. Which would have been -- let's see. That  
15 would have been '05, September '05. The '06 portion  
16 would have been January. You have a very high price  
17 in September. And I had initially talked to  
18 Mr. Schukar because I felt like the September price  
19 that UE was using was too low, and he kind of  
20 convinced me otherwise and I went back and I looked  
21 --

22 Q. That's when Katrina happened, right;  
23 September '05?

24 A. Right. And I went back and I realized that  
25 in my average I had included that high price and

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1 shouldn't have. And that's why it's not in that  
 2 average. The little prices -- and you also see kind  
 3 of a higher price in October too. So you can get  
 4 those -- from time to time those effects. But  
 5 typically in the fall it looks like the prices are --  
 6 on-peak prices are lower than in the spring.  
 7 Q. And, in fact, the prices that were used in  
 8 Staff's fuel modeling that were supplied by you  
 9 reflect that?  
 10 A. Yes.  
 11 Q. You know, I use the one example of April and  
 12 November. We got about a \$6 and some odd spread  
 13 between those prices, right?  
 14 A. Yes. 47 to --  
 15 Q. 41. \$6 and --  
 16 A. Oh. I'm sorry. Get down to your normals.  
 17 47.78 versus -- you said November -- 41.58.  
 18 Q. Yeah. \$6.20.  
 19 A. Yep.  
 20 Q. So if a unit experienced a planned outage in  
 21 the fall at lower prices, the lost off-system sales  
 22 margins due to the outage would be less than if the  
 23 unit had experienced that same planned outage in the  
 24 spring at higher prices, correct?  
 25 A. I agree.

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1 Q. And if the units were modeled with a planned  
 2 outage in the fall instead of the spring, higher  
 3 off-system sales margins would be generated by the  
 4 model, wouldn't they?  
 5 A. If unit outages were planned in the fall  
 6 rather than in the spring?  
 7 Q. You got a planned out --  
 8 A. Yes.  
 9 Q. It's going to be higher margins coming out  
 10 of that model, isn't it --  
 11 A. That's correct.  
 12 Q. -- in that circumstance?  
 13 But if the unit would actually be out -- if  
 14 the planned outage for that unit is actually going to  
 15 be in the spring and not in the fall, those higher  
 16 margins would be in error, wouldn't they?  
 17 A. Or maybe the planned outage would be in  
 18 error.  
 19 Q. Let's assume that the planned outage isn't  
 20 in error, though. That's when it actually occurs.  
 21 A. Well, I would -- I would ask why. Why would  
 22 you plan an outage in the spring when the ability to  
 23 sell in the market gives you a higher price than  
 24 putting it in the fall? I mean, that's part of the  
 25 question of how do you plan your outages. And I

1 don't know the answer to that, but I -- I mean,  
 2 that's a thought that comes to my mind.  
 3 Q. Well, putting aside the debate about whether  
 4 the planned outage ought to be in the spring or in  
 5 the fall.  
 6 A. Uh-huh.  
 7 Q. If the outage actually occurs in the spring,  
 8 then that would --  
 9 A. Then your model --  
 10 Q. -- be a debate for somebody else?  
 11 A. Then your model will not reflect what  
 12 actually happened. That's correct.  
 13 Q. Now, AmerenUE provided outage schedules to  
 14 Staff; are you aware of that? You don't know?  
 15 A. I don't know.  
 16 Q. Do you know why Staff would have changed the  
 17 outage schedule for a major unit?  
 18 A. No.  
 19 Q. Who do you think more -- who do you think  
 20 knows more about when plant outages will occur; the  
 21 utility operating the generating units or the staff?  
 22 A. I have no idea.  
 23 Q. Don't have an opinion about that?  
 24 A. No. I suspect you could always say that in  
 25 terms of knowledge that the utility has more

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1 knowledge than the Staff. Okay? In any given area.  
 2 Okay?  
 3 Q. Would you agree that a substantial  
 4 percentage of UE's off-system sales margins have  
 5 historically been generated from sales of energy  
 6 during the off-peak hours?  
 7 A. I don't know.  
 8 Q. You haven't studied that?  
 9 A. I haven't studied that.  
 10 Q. Haven't looked at it?  
 11 A. Haven't looked at it.  
 12 Q. Is it fair to say that off-system sales  
 13 margins are slimmer during the off-peak than the  
 14 on-peak?  
 15 A. Yes.  
 16 Q. So that means just because there may be very  
 17 high on-peak power prices at a given time if the  
 18 volumes of energy available to sell during these  
 19 on-peak hours is low, you're not going to make very  
 20 much margin, right?  
 21 A. In terms of total dollars, that's correct.  
 22 Q. You already said you don't know what the --  
 23 you don't know what the waiting is between off-peak  
 24 and on-peak for UE?  
 25 A. Historically, no. No. I haven't looked at

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1 that.

2 Q. When you say historically, it makes me think  
3 that you have some opinion about what it's going to  
4 be prospectively.

5 A. No. I don't have an opinion about what it's  
6 going to be prospectively, no.

7 Q. Do you have some information that tells you  
8 what it's going to be prospectively?

9 A. Well, I mean, you should be able to get that  
10 information from the production cost model runs. You  
11 know, how much -- how much of your off-system sales  
12 occurred in off-peak hours and on-peak hours and  
13 those types of things. But I haven't looked at that.

14 Q. All right. Are the Gen LMPs that AmerenUE  
15 receives for off-system sales the same at each of its  
16 generators; Labadie --

17 A. Oh, no.

18 Q. They're different, right?

19 A. They're different, yeah.

20 Q. Would you agree that to more accurately  
21 model off-system sales it's appropriate to use the  
22 Gen LMP at each of the major generating stations as  
23 opposed to just using one Gen LMP?

24 A. More accurate in terms of predicting --

25 Q. Margins.

1 A. -- margins? Well, predicting on an hourly  
2 basis absolutely. I haven't looked at whether it  
3 would be on an annual basis or not.

4 Q. Let's say we got one unit and it's got a  
5 really high Gen LMP and its costs are really low and  
6 we generate all these margins and the other ones have  
7 much different ones. We're going to have inaccuracy  
8 in that result, aren't we?

9 A. Sure.

10 Q. Have wholesale energy market prices tended  
11 to come down or go up since 2005 and earlier in 2006?  
12 Today. Today have they tended to go down or go up  
13 since, say, late '05, early '06? What have they  
14 tended to do?

15 A. Let me take a look.

16 Q. Are you looking at your Cinergy --

17 A. No. Well, I could look at that.

18 Q. Well, what are you looking at now?

19 A. Hang on just a second. I don't know yet.

20 You want to talk about on-peak prices or --

21 Q. Let's talk about both.

22 A. Okay. Well, I'm looking at the MP gas and  
23 oil spreadsheet.

24 Q. All right.

25 A. And if I go over to --

1 Q. And you have a MP gas and oil on-peak  
2 prices.

3 A. On-peak prices. The analysis sheet --

4 Q. Got you.

5 A. -- the on-peak prices are in Column M.

6 Okay? And the 12-month moving averages are in N.  
7 And my recollection was that the 12-month moving  
8 averages were beginning to fall. Okay? So that --  
9 yes.

10 Q. I'm looking in December '05. I've got \$84,  
11 and then there's a precipitous drop in January to 52  
12 and now I'm down to 40 in September.

13 A. Right. But they started to go back up in  
14 July and August. I think we had some --

15 Q. Uh-huh. Some 74s?

16 A. -- some 70s in there. Let me look at one  
17 other thing.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. But it generally looks like they've started  
20 to come down.

21 Q. They're about -- if we take -- probably  
22 ignore December '05 which was probably really an  
23 anomaly, right; 84 bucks?

24 A. Uh-huh.

25 Q. If we take January '06 to the last value you

1 have we got a 20 some odd percent drop, right; 52 to  
2 40? If I'm doing that right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. That's low 20s percentage-wise, right?

5 A. Uh-huh. Let me check one other thing too.  
6 Yes. Schedule 4.2 of my testimony.

7 Q. All right.

8 A. I'm looking at 12-month moving averages  
9 on-peak prices, and starting -- well, December '05  
10 you're at about a \$65 level.

11 Q. Uh-huh.

12 A. And that 12-month moving average is actually  
13 staying relatively constant until I get to September.  
14 Now, part of the thing that's holding it up were  
15 these higher prices in July and -- July and August of  
16 '06. But -- and what you see on that graph also is  
17 the monthly on-peak prices and where they -- where  
18 they were.

19 Q. Right. That's the triangles.

20 A. The triangles. So they clearly -- as you  
21 indicated they clearly fell in January and then  
22 hovered around what the Staff is calling normal and  
23 then went back up in July and August. And what in  
24 part you're having going on here is that when you're  
25 -- when you look at 12-month moving averages, the

1 January price of '06 is replacing the January price  
2 of '05. Okay?

3 So if you're looking at it on a 12-month  
4 average basis, you say well, did prices drop. And  
5 the answer is well, did the January '06 price fall  
6 below the January '05 price rather than the December  
7 price. And the answer probably was not very much.  
8 So what you're seeing is a real -- prices got up from  
9 Katrina through December of '05. Now your prices are  
10 back down to normal but you're replacing -- you're  
11 replacing pre-Katrina prices with post-Katrina  
12 prices. So my analysis of this is that those prices  
13 are relatively normal starting in January of '05 --  
14 '06 because I'm replacing the stuff from January '05.  
15 I don't know if that's confusing or helpful.

16 Q. I follow you. I think.

17 A. Okay.

18 Q. If an off-system sales sharing mechanism was  
19 a part of an electric rate case at the Missouri  
20 Commission during the last 10 years, would you have  
21 likely been involved in that rate case on that issue?

22 A. No. That was -- let me repeat. Margins --  
23 off-system margins from -- profit margins from  
24 off-system sales have not historically been an issue.

25 Q. Well, I said if off-system sales sharing of

1 A. And my vague recollection was that there was  
2 some other utilities that then came in and said we  
3 would like something similar to that.

4 Q. You just don't have any specific  
5 recollection about a Utilicorp off-system sales  
6 mechanism of some kind; sharing mechanism of some  
7 kind?

8 A. No, I don't.

9 Q. All right. Now, you testified earlier that  
10 gas prices were affected by the hurricanes through  
11 December '05. You weren't sure if the effect  
12 continued into '06, but through December '05 there  
13 was clearly an effect, right?

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. And to arrive at your normalized on-peak  
16 energy price you examined the relationship between  
17 gas prices and energy prices during the on-peak,  
18 right?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. And I believe your testimony is in your  
21 direct testimony that a normal level of gas prices to  
22 use in that relationship is \$7 per MMBTU, right?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. And when you apply your percentage using  
25 that \$7 price, you get an on-peak electricity price

1 revenues --

2 A. Oh. Sharing.

3 Q. Sharing of off-system sales revenues or  
4 margins, if that had been an issue in an electric  
5 rate case in Missouri in the last 10 years, would you  
6 likely have been involved in it?

7 A. Probably, yeah.

8 Q. Yeah. Do you remember a 1997, 1998 time  
9 frame Utilicorp case? And I know there's been a lot  
10 of cases, but that involved off-system sales sharing  
11 issues.

12 A. No, I don't. I'm sorry.

13 Q. You don't know, for example, whether  
14 Utilicorp was presenting a mechanism to share  
15 revenues versus sharing margins?

16 A. Here's -- let me give you my recollection.  
17 My recollection was that somewhere in that time frame  
18 Ameren had come in with its merger case, and it  
19 received a sharing mechanism.

20 Q. Earnings?

21 A. Earnings.

22 Q. The EARP you're talking about, right? Or  
23 Experimental Alternative Regulation Plan?

24 A. Whatever it was, yeah.

25 Q. Okay.

1 of 54.51, right?

2 A. I believe that's correct. Let me check here  
3 real quick.

4 Q. I think it's in your testimony as well.

5 A. Right. That sounds -- that sounds right on.

6 Q. Page 15, Line 5; \$54.51?

7 A. Right.

8 Q. And to arrive at your \$7 gas price you took  
9 a 12-month average of UE's delivered gas prices; is  
10 that right?

11 And I take it you're looking at a work paper  
12 to see if I'm --

13 A. MP gas and oil.

14 Q. The work paper you are looking at is MP gas  
15 and oil --

16 A. Right.

17 Q. MP gas and Oil underscore On-Peak Prices dot  
18 XLS, right?

19 A. Right. And in Column H, Row 50, that is \$7  
20 and that is the number that I used.

21 Q. And that average encompassed the months of  
22 December '05 through November '06, right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Now, when you include the December '05  
25 prices, you're, in fact, including prices that were

1 still being affected, in fact, increased by the  
 2 hurricanes that we talked about, right?  
 3 A. Let me look here real quick. I don't -- in  
 4 this particular instance I'm not sure I would agree  
 5 with that. We know there was some impact from the  
 6 hurricanes but if you look at the prices past  
 7 December '05, they are all higher than the December  
 8 '05 price. And, in fact, the December '05 price was  
 9 8 bucks, and all of the prices through August '06 are  
 10 above 8 bucks. And then in September the price  
 11 dropped to 7.79. In October it's dropped to 7.11.  
 12 Now -- okay. I'm looking at the 12-month  
 13 moving average. Sorry. Take back everything I just  
 14 said.  
 15 Q. Yeah.  
 16 A. I'm looking at the wrong column.  
 17 Q. Which column should we be looking at?  
 18 A. We should be looking at Column G is your  
 19 question.  
 20 Q. Yep. Where it's \$10.06 in December, isn't  
 21 it?  
 22 A. Right.  
 23 Q. And every other price -- I mean, there's a  
 24 fairly precipitous drop between December '05 and  
 25 January '06, isn't there?

1 A. Right. Yes. I agree.  
 2 Q. And in the average that you used you used  
 3 that \$10.06 gas, didn't you?  
 4 A. Yes. That's correct.  
 5 Q. When the Katrina effect -- if I can call it  
 6 the Katrina effect -- on gas prices was still taking  
 7 place, right?  
 8 A. It appears to still be there, yes.  
 9 Q. Yeah. Now, is the reason you used December  
 10 '05 -- you were using 12-month averages, right?  
 11 A. Uh-huh.  
 12 Q. And when you filed your testimony -- you're  
 13 preparing your testimony in early December and you've  
 14 got data through November '05, right?  
 15 A. Uh-huh.  
 16 Q. Is that why you did it?  
 17 A. Yes.  
 18 Q. It's your view, I believe, isn't it, that  
 19 it's better to use prices as close to the period when  
 20 UE's 1/1/07 fuel costs will be into effect as  
 21 possible; is that your view?  
 22 A. On coal prices, yes. I don't think I was --  
 23 I don't think I was taking that into account with  
 24 natural gas prices.  
 25 Q. Well, let me ask you this.

1 Since we've still got artificially inflated  
 2 gas prices in December '05 because of the hurricanes  
 3 and we've got December '06 gas data presumably at  
 4 this point, wouldn't it be better to eliminate that  
 5 abnormal month and use December '06 gas prices to  
 6 calculate this average?  
 7 A. I'd certainly be willing to look at that,  
 8 yes.  
 9 Q. I mean, if you -- one of the goals of your  
 10 testimony I think we talked about earlier, and I  
 11 think it was on Page 3 -- or one of the goals you  
 12 expressed in your testimony, I believe, was that you  
 13 felt -- you say on Page 3, Lines 9 to 10, the  
 14 objective of my analyses is to remove the effects of  
 15 these abnormal events on prices and recommend a set  
 16 of normal prices to be used in this rate case, right?  
 17 A. Yes.  
 18 Q. That's what you're trying to do?  
 19 A. Yes.  
 20 Q. And these effects include the hurricanes --  
 21 the effect of the hurricanes on gas prices, right?  
 22 A. Yes.  
 23 Q. And if you include a \$10.06 gas prices  
 24 that's being affected by the hurricanes, you haven't  
 25 fully removed the effect from the gas prices, have

1 you?  
 2 A. I agree.  
 3 Q. Dr. Proctor, are you familiar with market  
 4 price reports prepared by an organization called PIRA  
 5 Energy Group. Have you ever seen anything like this?  
 6 A. No.  
 7 Q. No familiarity with that?  
 8 A. No, I have not. I'm sorry.  
 9 Q. Okay. Let me show you a chart, and this is  
 10 from the Eastern Grid/ERCOT Market Forecast from PIRA  
 11 Energy Group dated July 31, 2006. Let me show you a  
 12 chart on Page 3 of that report entitled US  
 13 Eastern/Midwest Prices, Short-Term Monthly.  
 14 Take a look at the column labeled N Illinois  
 15 which stands for Northern Illinois. Would you agree  
 16 that probably stands for Northern Illinois?  
 17 A. Yes.  
 18 Q. December '05 gas price is 12.64.  
 19 A. Uh-huh.  
 20 Q. January '06 is 8.38, correct; on this chart?  
 21 A. On that chart, yes.  
 22 Q. And that's reflecting this noticeable drop  
 23 that we were just talking about that's reflected in  
 24 the prices that you had used, correct?  
 25 A. Uh-huh.

1 Q. And then let's take a look -- would you  
2 agree, Dr. Proctor, that we've -- we've got different  
3 trading hubs depicted on this chart we were just  
4 talking about, right?

5 A. Uh-huh.

6 Q. We've got Mid-Continent, Appalachian and so  
7 on.

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. New York. Would you agree that a Northern  
10 Illinois price is probably -- of these prices, of  
11 these various hubs, is probably most reflective of  
12 prices AmerenUE would experience? Mid-Continent is  
13 Kansas, right?

14 A. Well, yeah.

15 Q. Essentially?

16 A. Oklahoma, Kansas.

17 Q. OKIahoma, Kansas. Henry Hub is Louisiana;  
18 Gulf Coast essentially. Of course New York speaks  
19 for itself. Appalachian is Eastern United States.

20 A. I just -- you know, locationally, yes, your  
21 statement is correct. In terms of transportation  
22 costs, I don't know.

23 Q. Well, this hub is going to be closer to  
24 Ameren's service territory than these others,  
25 correct?

1 Q. If a normalized gas price is 6.50 rather  
2 than \$7, the price of electricity in the on-peak is  
3 going to be closer to \$50 all other things in your  
4 analysis being held equal, correct?

5 A. It's going to be lower, yes.

6 Q. Well, it's going to be pretty doggone close  
7 to 50 if you drew a line up -- straight up from 6.50  
8 on your schedule 4.1. Isn't it going to intersect  
9 virtually exactly at \$50 per --

10 A. It looks pretty close.

11 Q. -- per megawatt?

12 Can you describe for me the underlying  
13 nature of gas prices that you used to calculate that  
14 \$7? Are they daily data, monthly data? Is it one  
15 data point within a month; do you know?

16 A. It -- this was data we got from Mr. Finnell

17 --

18 Q. Do you know the nature of it?

19 A. -- and -- and determine for each of these  
20 pipelines -- three pipelines what the price was that  
21 they were using for dispatch. I think Mr. Finnell  
22 told me but I don't recall exactly whether it was the  
23 first day of the month or it was the monthly price or  
24 what it was.

25 Q. All else being equal would you agree that it

1 A. Yeah. But sometimes closeness doesn't  
2 determine what transportation costs are. So that's  
3 -- and it's also the gas supplies that pour into  
4 these hubs. But I'll agree with your statement  
5 locationally.

6 Q. Take a look in the same chart, same column,  
7 that N Illinois column, down toward the bottom  
8 there's a first quarter '06, second quarter '06,  
9 third quarter '06 and fourth quarter '06?

10 A. Uh-huh.

11 Q. Just eyeballing those quarterly prices would  
12 you agree that those -- the average of those prices  
13 is going to yield a gas price of a lot closer to 6.50  
14 per MMBTU than the \$7 that you used?

15 A. Those -- yeah. It's also showing -- for  
16 this particular hub, that's correct.

17 Q. If we take a look at your schedule 4.1, what  
18 you did to come up with your \$54.51 on-peak  
19 electricity price is you had arrived at this \$7  
20 normalized gas price, right?

21 A. Sure.

22 Q. And you drew a line up from \$7 straight up,  
23 and the intersection was at 54.51 and that's the  
24 price, right?

25 A. Right.

1 would be best to use actual pricing data for whatever  
2 region is applicable that captures the actual monthly  
3 price -- the average monthly price for the months  
4 that you're looking at; would that be the gas price  
5 data you'd want to use if you had it?

6 A. Versus what? I'm trying to --

7 Q. Well, versus perhaps, for example, if you  
8 had a gas price from one day of each month as opposed  
9 to the average monthly price. Wouldn't the average  
10 monthly price be better?

11 A. So you were averaging over all the days --

12 Q. In a month.

13 A. -- in that month?

14 Q. Averaging over all the days in January and  
15 February and March as opposed to we got a price from  
16 January 2nd and we got a price from February 2nd.

17 A. Uh-huh. I really haven't thought about  
18 that. It would -- here's kind of the question is --  
19 and I just haven't analyzed that -- the aspect of the  
20 thing that you're talking about. If you're saying  
21 would an average price over the month be more  
22 representative of the monthly price than a one-day  
23 price, the answer is yes.

24 Q. Because you may have volatility within the  
25 month and you pick one data point -- we talked about

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1 this earlier. The average is going to tend to smooth  
2 that volatility out, right?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. So you're going to get better information if  
5 you take the average of that month than if you take a  
6 data point within each of those months, right?

7 A. Sure.

8 Q. Can you tell me the understanding of the  
9 source of the energy prices that you used to perform  
10 your regression analysis that ultimately feeds into  
11 determining your recommended normal level of energy  
12 prices?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. What is that; what's that source?

15 A. AmerenUE.

16 Q. Well, can you -- do you know anything more  
17 about it other than you got it from AmerenUE? Do you  
18 know what that data consists of?

19 A. It was what AmerenUE was using to represent  
20 its hourly prices for 2003, 2004, 2005, and then we  
21 got it updated for 2006.

22 Q. Do you --

23 A. And I calculated averages, monthly averages  
24 for peak and off-peak.

25 Q. Do you -- well, I think earlier -- I don't

1 Q. And I think you seemed to express that you  
2 really didn't know exactly what was behind that data;  
3 is that fair?

4 A. That's fair.

5 Q. Okay. You didn't know, for example, that  
6 through -- up to April 1, 2005, the prices that were  
7 given to you by AmerenUE were actual realized prices  
8 and that post April 1, 2005, the prices were MISO  
9 day-ahead energy prices; were you aware of that?

10 A. I generally would have expected that.

11 Q. And the reason I gave you this Exhibit 3 is  
12 because Mr. Finnell tells Staff that these are the  
13 MISO Day 2 day-ahead market energy prices, correct?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. And those energy prices are the MISO market  
16 energy only prices. That's not the Generation LMPs  
17 that AmerenUE would have received, correct?

18 A. I don't know.

19 Q. Well, if I refer to something that's the  
20 MISO Day 2 energy market prices, I'm not referring to  
21 an LMP price at any particular generator, am I?

22 A. If I understand your question, LMPs have  
23 three components. And there is a -- the energy only  
24 component, there's a congestion component --

25 Q. Right.

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1 know if you referred to that earlier or not.

2 MR. LOWERY: Well, let's just go ahead and  
3 mark this if you don't mind, please.

4 (Deposition Exhibit 3 marked for  
5 identification. Thereupon, the deposition stood in  
6 temporary recess.)

7 Q. (By Mr. Lowery) Dr. Proctor, have you seen  
8 -- ever seen Exhibit 3 which is AmerenUE's response  
9 to DR269? Is, in fact, that AmerenUE's response to  
10 Staff DR269?

11 A. I don't recall seeing -- give me a second  
12 here.

13 Q. Sure.

14 A. I don't recall seeing this, no.

15 Q. If I could borrow it?

16 MR. LOWERY: Well, Steve, if you don't mind,  
17 can I come over here and stand over Mike's shoulder?

18 MR. DOTTHEIM: Sure. That's fine.

19 A. I'm not sure what it's saying there, if  
20 that's all right.

21 Q. (By Mr. Lowery) Well, I asked you before,  
22 Dr. Proctor, if you knew anything about the  
23 underlying nature of the data that you said you got  
24 from AmerenUE.

25 A. Right.

1 A. -- and then there's a losses component.

2 Q. Right.

3 A. And if these don't have the losses or  
4 congestion components in them, if that's what you're  
5 asking, that appears to be the case, yes.

6 Q. All right. And AmerenUE doesn't realize the  
7 energy only component of those LMP prices. It  
8 realizes the LMP price that takes all these three  
9 components into account, correct; when it makes an  
10 off-system sale?

11 A. You can account for it that way, yes.  
12 That's correct.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. They have financial transmission rights to  
15 the extent in a given hour those people generally  
16 think of financial transmission rates and the  
17 revenues they get for those that offset the  
18 congestion, that that's there for native load. Okay?  
19 And they typically don't associate that with  
20 off-system sales.

21 So to the extent you're getting those  
22 additional revenues that's typically associated with  
23 native load. But it's -- however you want to do that  
24 accounting, yes. Losses are generally seen as a  
25 separate -- totally separate component. You pay

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1 losses in a given hour. At the end of the year you  
2 get a refund because you're paying marginal losses  
3 that are higher than average losses. Do you account  
4 -- do you bring that into the accounting? I mean,  
5 what I'm saying is that's a way to account for it,  
6 yes. But does it mean that it's wrong to use those  
7 prices? I don't know.

8 Q. Well, we didn't have FTRs before the MISO  
9 Day 2 energy market.

10 A. Right. Before.

11 Q. We did have congestion on the system. It  
12 was just reflected in a different way or realized in  
13 a different way. If pre April 1, 2005, however the  
14 accounting was done, included the losses and the  
15 congestion and the energy, and post April 1, 2005,  
16 we're looking at only the energy only piece, we're  
17 not looking at apples and oranges, are we; in terms  
18 of what UE actually realized for those off-system  
19 sales?

20 A. I don't --

21 Q. I mean, we are looking at apples and  
22 oranges. I'm sorry. I misstated my question.

23 A. I don't know the accounting well enough to  
24 answer your question. Those are the prices that UE  
25 was using, and I assumed that they were consistent

1 Okay? I don't understand --

2 Q. You're using this data to perform your  
3 regression, right?

4 A. That's right. I'm using the same price data  
5 that the company used in its three-year average to  
6 perform my regression, yes.

7 Q. But if the -- let's assume that the MISO  
8 energy prices are higher than the realized price that  
9 UE has realized at each of its generating stations.  
10 If you're using that to perform a regression and  
11 that's your starting point, aren't you going to end  
12 up with higher energy prices -- higher normalized  
13 energy prices to use for UE in the fuel modeling than  
14 if you used the realized price?

15 A. Why would you assume they're higher?

16 Q. Well, let's assume they are higher. Let's  
17 assume the MISO Day 2 energy only prices are higher  
18 than the Gen LMP realized prices that include all  
19 three components. If they're higher, aren't you  
20 going to bias your energy price results to be higher  
21 than if you used the realized prices?

22 A. No more than they would bias them in doing a  
23 three-year average. I mean, I just assumed those  
24 were the prices.

25 Q. I understand you may not have understood

1 but -- because they were averaging those prices  
2 together. All right? So I assumed that they were  
3 consistent. Now --

4 Q. Well, you used these prices for the purpose  
5 of performing your regression, right?

6 A. Right. To get the correlation.

7 Q. I mean, wouldn't it be more appropriate to  
8 use the prices that UE was realizing at the generator  
9 for the entire period than to use the energy only  
10 piece at the MISO?

11 A. No. You've got two different systems -- are  
12 you talking about looking historically? You got two  
13 different systems going on. I don't know that you're  
14 going to get any -- using prices realized at the  
15 generator?

16 Q. Well, the Gen LMP includes the congestion,  
17 and it includes the losses and it includes the energy  
18 price, right?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. That's what UE is actually realizing,  
21 correct?

22 A. Right.

23 Q. And the prices pre 4/1/05 were what UE was  
24 actually realizing?

25 A. I'm using the same prices the company used.

1 what the prices were.

2 A. But it's going to cause the same kind of  
3 bias in the three-year average.

4 Q. But it is going to cause a bias; is it not?

5 A. If there is evidence that the realized price  
6 is actually lower, then my question is why would you  
7 use those prices if they were lower?

8 Q. Would you agree to the -- that to the extent  
9 that UE makes off-system sales at the day-ahead  
10 price, then the day-ahead price is what should be  
11 used to determine what the margins are? And I'm just  
12 supposing that against the real-time price. If we  
13 make sales at the day-ahead price, that's how you  
14 determine margins for those sales. If you make sales  
15 at the real-time price, that's how you determine the  
16 margins for those sales, correct?

17 A. Sure. If you're talking about actual  
18 realizations, yes.

19 Q. Do you know if the real-time price and the  
20 MISO energy markets -- I guess they've been running  
21 for almost 2 years now. Do you know if they tend to  
22 differ from the day-ahead price?

23 A. I haven't looked at that.

24 Q. Do you have any idea what percentage of  
25 off-system sales UE has historically made at the

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1 day-ahead price versus the real-time price?  
 2 A. We -- the Staff tries to get that data from  
 3 UE. Basically, we ran into problems because there  
 4 was a mistake that UE had made in that data. That  
 5 was initially the data that I was going to use was  
 6 actual realizations for day-ahead and real-time. But  
 7 we ran into an error. Things were not matching up,  
 8 and I had to get my analysis done. I used the same  
 9 data UE was using.

10 Q. All right.

11 A. But have I done any analysis between  
 12 day-ahead and real-time with respect to UE? The  
 13 answer is no.

14 Q. All right. Let's talk about your regression  
 15 a little bit more.

16 A. Uh-huh.

17 Q. If I understand it, what you did is you took  
 18 the monthly data for fuel and power prices,  
 19 calculated a 12-month moving average, and you did  
 20 that before you performed the regression, right?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. Why didn't you perform the regression  
 23 analysis on the monthly data? I mean, you had data  
 24 for each day of the month. Why didn't you do that?

25 A. Because I wasn't interested in the

1 Q. Would you agree that an increased R-square  
 2 value doesn't necessarily have anything to do with  
 3 how well the fit of the regression is?

4 A. Define fit.

5 Q. Well, you're trying to correlate two things  
 6 and you're trying to see how well those two variables  
 7 fit each other, right?

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. Do you -- are you aware that taking that  
 10 12-month average first while it may increase the  
 11 R-square value, that's just a mathematical effect?  
 12 It doesn't necessarily mean that the fit is better  
 13 than if you'd use the daily data.

14 A. The fit of what, the monthlies? No. No.  
 15 I'm not trying to -- I'm not trying to fit monthly  
 16 values.

17 Q. How do you know that the relationship  
 18 between coal prices and off-peak power prices is the  
 19 same in all seasons? For example, summer versus  
 20 non-summer.

21 A. I don't know. I wouldn't expect it to be.

22 Q. You don't expect it to be. So you would  
 23 agree that a different relationship exists in the  
 24 summer versus the rest of the year?

25 A. Yeah. Historically coal prices have not

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1 correlation between monthly prices. Okay? And, in  
 2 fact, I suspect the correlation in monthly prices  
 3 would be -- I wasn't interested in predicting  
 4 December or January's price. My focus was on an  
 5 annual average price. What is the average annual  
 6 price for on-peak sales. What's the average annual  
 7 price for off-peak.

8 I wasn't trying to get from a monthly  
 9 predictor well, what is December's coal price and  
 10 what is December's -- you know, there's going to be  
 11 less correlation there, and that was not my focus of  
 12 my analysis.

13 Q. You didn't have any concerns that taking  
 14 that average beforehand might cause some statistical  
 15 problems that didn't -- none of those concerns  
 16 entered your mind?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Didn't think it might cause what's called  
 19 auto correlation; do you know what that is?

20 A. I'm just looking for correlation between the  
 21 two variables. Yeah. I know what auto correlation  
 22 is, though.

23 Q. Do you know whether taking the 12-month  
 24 average like you did increased the R-square value --

25 A. Oh, yeah. It's going to increase it.

1 shown the cyclical behavior that off-peak prices  
 2 show.

3 Q. How about the relationship between gas  
 4 prices and on-peak prices; how do you know the  
 5 relationship is the same in the summer versus the  
 6 non-summer?

7 A. I don't know whether it is or not. I  
 8 haven't analyzed that.

9 Q. Assume that the relationship is different in  
 10 the summer versus the rest of the year. If you  
 11 assume that difference and those seasonal differences  
 12 exist, how would your regressions need to be modified  
 13 to arrive at those different relationships?

14 A. I wouldn't use the regressions to look at  
 15 that.

16 Q. Well, if you were going to use regressions,  
 17 how would you modify them?

18 A. But I wouldn't. I mean, you know, you're  
 19 asking me a hypothetical -- I wouldn't use -- what I  
 20 was trying to do was get the relationship correct  
 21 between the average annual price for coal and the  
 22 average annual price for off-peak electricity and the  
 23 same for natural gas and for on-peak.

24 Q. Right. You did one regression for off-peak,  
 25 one regression for on-peak, and you're looking at the

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1 average for that year?  
 2 A. For the year, right.  
 3 Q. You're not interested in isolating the  
 4 months?  
 5 A. I was not interested in isolating the  
 6 months. Then I looked at the patterns, the monthly  
 7 patterns, separately for -- and that's where I looked  
 8 at it with respect to the Cinergy data. Is there a  
 9 cyclical and a monthly pattern in off-peak prices,  
 10 and the answer is yes. In on-peak prices, yes. Are  
 11 those correlated to gas prices and coal prices? I  
 12 don't know.  
 13 Q. But if I do have seasonal differences and I  
 14 want to isolate those, wouldn't I need to separate  
 15 those months so I could do a regression on the summer  
 16 for the off-peak, non-summer for the off-peak, on the  
 17 summer for the on-peak and non-summer for the  
 18 on-peak?  
 19 A. If you were wanting to redirect your -- the  
 20 cyclical components that way, yes. I didn't take  
 21 that route.  
 22 Q. I understand you didn't take that route.  
 23 But if there are seasonal differences, which you  
 24 agree there may very well be, in fact, in the  
 25 off-peak you expect there would be, in the on-peak

1 you said you weren't sure but there may be, right?  
 2 A. Well, do natural gas prices correlate on a  
 3 monthly basis to on-peak prices, and is that -- is  
 4 there a strong correlation? I'd have to go back and  
 5 look. I may have run that regression, but I wouldn't  
 6 necessarily expect it to be very strong.  
 7 Q. Let me ask you this. If UE sells less  
 8 off-system sales during the summer -- we make less  
 9 off-system sales during the summer than we do in the  
 10 non-summer --  
 11 A. Uh-huh.  
 12 Q. -- would an annual average be inaccurate for  
 13 normalizing the off-system sales margins?  
 14 A. An annual average of what; prices?  
 15 Q. That's what you arrived at. You did the  
 16 regression, you come up with an annual, and you said  
 17 you weren't interested in the monthly and you --  
 18 A. That's not --  
 19 Q. -- weren't interested in the seasonal and  
 20 summer versus non-summer, right?  
 21 A. That's not what I said. What I said was in  
 22 the regression analysis I was interested in the  
 23 annual -- the correlation of annual prices. Okay? I  
 24 need the annual average level for these prices.  
 25 Q. And you come up with a percentage like 16.05

1 percent or whatever it was, right?  
 2 A. Then I looked at the Cinergy data on the  
 3 monthly basis after I de-trended it. I looked at the  
 4 cyclical behavior. I compared it to the cyclical  
 5 behavior that was in Ameren's filing; their  
 6 three-year average, and I said that is providing the  
 7 kind of monthly variations that I believe are  
 8 correct.  
 9 So the big -- the only difference between my  
 10 prices and AmerenUE's prices is I was saying the  
 11 annual average level that they put in was too low.  
 12 So that was the only variable that I was changing  
 13 from what UE had filed. I wasn't looking at -- I did  
 14 look at the monthly patterns but I looked at them in  
 15 a different way. I didn't use regression analysis.  
 16 Q. What you ended up doing, on-peak, off-peak,  
 17 I think the on-peak it was around 18 percent. You  
 18 came up with a percentage, scaled up the prices.  
 19 A. Right.  
 20 Q. And you applied that same 18 percent to  
 21 every month of the year, right?  
 22 A. Yes.  
 23 Q. And could it be that your 18-percent scaling  
 24 factor really should be higher in the summer and  
 25 lower in the non-summer; that spread between that

1 factor should be different to take into account those  
 2 seasonal differences?  
 3 A. You could have done it on either a  
 4 percentage basis or on a dollar per megawatt hour  
 5 basis. I chose a percentage basis, and I think I  
 6 explained why in my direct testimony.  
 7 Q. You did. But if there's a seasonal  
 8 difference, wouldn't the percentages -- shouldn't the  
 9 percentages be different?  
 10 A. I don't know.  
 11 Q. You don't know?  
 12 A. I'm still reflecting a seasonal difference.  
 13 Why -- why would the percentage of increase be  
 14 different from the summer and the winter just because  
 15 there's a seasonal difference? I don't understand.  
 16 Q. All right. On Page 8, Lines -- around Line  
 17 13 you talk about coal not being cyclical so you felt  
 18 that using a 12-month moving average was appropriate,  
 19 right?  
 20 A. Yes.  
 21 Q. Now, would you agree power prices are  
 22 cyclical?  
 23 A. Yes.  
 24 Q. Don't you distort the results by using a  
 25 12-month moving average and removing the cyclical

1 nature of those power prices?  
 2 A. I did not remove the cyclical nature of  
 3 those power prices.  
 4 Q. You did use a 12-month average, though,  
 5 right, for those power prices; a 12-month moving  
 6 average?  
 7 A. To determine the overall average level of  
 8 those prices. The cyclical behavior is in those  
 9 prices. I applied the same percentage to every hour  
 10 that was on-peak. So to the extent that the -- if  
 11 you go back -- let's look at the on-peak prices that  
 12 -- the MP Cinergy Hub prices, okay? You had that  
 13 graph up before. It's MP Cinergy Hub on-peak --  
 14 Q. Yeah.  
 15 A. -- data.  
 16 Q. The graph we were looking at, the April and  
 17 November. Is that the one you're pointing me to?  
 18 A. Yeah. April through March.  
 19 Q. I got it.  
 20 A. Okay. That's the cyclical behavior of  
 21 on-peak prices. The blue line is Cinergy. The pink  
 22 line is UE. I used the UE -- the same cyclical  
 23 behavior that is in the UE normals.  
 24 Q. Okay.  
 25 A. All I did -- the way you can think about it

1 just being a percentage increase --  
 2 Q. Higher in the summer when loads are higher  
 3 and there's less megawatt hours available to sell  
 4 off-system, right?  
 5 A. I think that was what you had said before,  
 6 yes.  
 7 Q. I think you agreed with that before.  
 8 A. In the summer when loads are higher -- I  
 9 don't know if I agreed with that before.  
 10 Q. Well, let's --  
 11 A. In the summer loads are higher. In the  
 12 non-summer you've got units down for maintenance. I  
 13 have not looked at the trade-off between those two  
 14 things.  
 15 Q. Well, let's make two assumptions. One, that  
 16 the percentage should be higher in the summer and  
 17 lower in the non-summer than your constant  
 18 percentage.  
 19 A. Okay.  
 20 Q. And two, that we, in fact, do make more off  
 21 -- do have more off-system sales volume in the  
 22 non-summer. Then your price is going to go down,  
 23 isn't it?  
 24 A. You mean the margins.  
 25 Q. I'm sorry. Your margins are going to go

1 is if you look at the average across all of those  
 2 pink values, it's about \$46. All right? You can  
 3 think of what I did was I raised that so that the --  
 4 Q. By 18 percent?  
 5 A. Right. So that the annual average is now  
 6 whatever it was. 51 -- I don't remember. \$54 and  
 7 something.  
 8 Q. 54.51, I think.  
 9 A. Yeah. 54.51. But I maintain that cyclical  
 10 component.  
 11 Q. I want you to assume that even if -- you may  
 12 not agree with the assumption. I want you to assume  
 13 that the correct factor was 19 percent during the  
 14 summer and 15 percent during the rest of the year.  
 15 What would that do to your results in terms of your  
 16 -- that's going to change your 54.51, isn't it?  
 17 A. Well, you could have a higher percentage in  
 18 the summer and lower percentage in the winter and  
 19 still come up with the same annual level. Okay? You  
 20 could still come up with 54.51. So you could do  
 21 that, but you would be changing -- you'd be changing  
 22 the shape of this curve. You would be causing it to  
 23 go higher in the summer and lower --  
 24 Q. Right.  
 25 A. -- in the non-summer periods. Instead of

1 down, aren't they?  
 2 A. Yes. Your margins will go down because your  
 3 sales will go down during the higher-priced periods,  
 4 and they'll go up during the lower-priced periods.  
 5 Q. Would it be proper in running a fuel model  
 6 to model forced outages into particular months; model  
 7 them in March and July and November as opposed to  
 8 spreading those forced outages across the year?  
 9 A. Forced outages?  
 10 Q. Forced outages. We tell the model there's  
 11 going to be a forced outage in this month, this month  
 12 and this month. We don't spread the outages across  
 13 the year. Is that proper; is that a proper way to  
 14 model?  
 15 A. Forcing them to the months. I don't know  
 16 the answer to that. I mean, I haven't -- I haven't  
 17 worked with that kind of modeling to be able to  
 18 answer that question.  
 19 My basic understanding of production cost  
 20 models is that forced outages are modeled on a random  
 21 basis.  
 22 Q. That's right. Isn't it normal that forced  
 23 outages are going to randomly occur throughout the  
 24 year?  
 25 A. Right. They will randomly occur throughout

1 that year, but it doesn't mean that the final runs  
2 that you have may not end up with those in certain  
3 months.

4 Q. It could be that the random -- the  
5 randomization that takes place -- I suppose it could  
6 be that they end up in three or four months as  
7 opposed to spread throughout the year, right?

8 A. Right.

9 Q. But that's not what I asked you. What I  
10 asked you is what if you're telling the model -- as  
11 opposed to randomly assigning those forced outages  
12 you tell the model put forced outages here, here and  
13 here as opposed to using that randomization? Isn't  
14 that an improper modeling technique?

15 A. I don't know. I have not set down and just  
16 thought about that.

17 Q. What if you tell the model to put all the  
18 forced outages in just the low energy price months;  
19 isn't that going to skew the results?

20 A. If you did that, yes.

21 Q. Is the goal of modeling to skew the results?

22 A. No.

23 Q. It's not proper to skew the results when  
24 you're modeling --

25 A. If you're trying to --

1 -- let's say you took your two situations; the \$10,  
2 you look at what the profit margin is. At the \$20  
3 you look at what the profit margin is, and then you  
4 average those two. Will you get a different result  
5 than if you looked at 15? The answer is yes.

6 Q. Because you're going to sell more if we use  
7 the average of 15; given the assumptions I gave you  
8 that it wouldn't be in the money at 10 but they are  
9 going to be in the money at 15?

10 A. Only if the supply curve was -- you're not  
11 going to like this.

12 If the supply curve was linear. Okay? If  
13 it was linear, you would get the same result. If the  
14 supply curve is non-linear, you will get different  
15 answers depending upon whether it goes up like this  
16 or goes up like that. You're going to skew it one  
17 way or the other.

18 Q. It's probably not linear, is it? The supply  
19 curve is probably not linear.

20 A. Well, it depends on hour and all that good  
21 stuff.

22 Q. I should know better than to debate supply  
23 curves with an economics professor but --

24 A. We call the supply curve a hockey stick.  
25 It's pretty flat -- it's pretty flat and linear

1 Q. -- production costs, is it?

2 A. If you're trying to get something normal,  
3 it's not proper to skew it, no.

4 Q. We were talking before, I think, about the  
5 averaging effect and over time you're going to  
6 average out these energy prices and so over time --

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. -- the average is going to take care of some  
9 of those problems. If we've got an energy price -- I  
10 know this isn't a realistic price. We've got an  
11 energy price of \$10 in year one. We've got an energy  
12 price of \$20 in year two. The average price is going  
13 to be \$15, right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Even I can do that math. But if at \$10 you  
16 would not be turning units on or you'd be turning  
17 units off because they're not in the money, then if  
18 we use that average in our modeling, we're going to  
19 generate more than we really would have generated in  
20 the real world, right? Well, let me add one more  
21 assumption. Let's assume the units would have been  
22 in the money all the time at 15.

23 A. Yeah. What you're generally saying is that  
24 if you calculate profit margins as a function of an  
25 average, will that give you the same answer as if you

1 through coal but once you start adding natural gas it  
2 -- so between coal and natural gas it's very  
3 non-linear.

4 Q. Dr. Proctor, arising out of the EARP case I  
5 was talking about before, the sharing mechanism that  
6 was in place for UE for a number of years. You are  
7 familiar with that; at least generally familiar,  
8 right?

9 A. Generally familiar, yes.

10 Q. Staff and UE agreed that three temperature  
11 adjustments needed to be made to Noah's weather data  
12 in order to correct problems in that data. Do you  
13 remember that?

14 A. Kind of, yeah.

15 Q. Well, you do remember that there was an  
16 agreement that three adjustments needed to be made to  
17 the Noah weather data to correct problems in the  
18 data?

19 A. I vaguely remember that, yes. There was  
20 problems with the movement -- moving of the  
21 instrument.

22 Q. You remember there was an agreement?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. I mean, I know it's a vague memory but you  
25 do -- you can confirm that there was such an

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1 agreement, right?

2 A. There was an agreement, yes.

3 Q. Can you tell me what those three adjustments

4 are?

5 A. No.

6 Q. In the EC2002-1 case -- you know what case

7 I'm talking about?

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. The complaint case that was settled in -- I

10 guess it was in 2002.

11 A. 2002.

12 Q. It led to the moratorium that led up to this

13 rate case, right?

14 A. Right.

15 Q. When Staff did its weather normalization for

16 the EC2002-1, Staff used the weather data that

17 included those three corrections that had been agreed

18 upon by UE and Staff, correct?

19 A. I don't recall.

20 Q. Do you have any reason to believe Staff

21 didn't?

22 MR. DOTTHEIM: I object. I think Dr.

23 Proctor answered that question.

24 A. I honestly just don't recall what was done

25 with respect to weather in that case.

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1 Q. (By Mr. Lowery) Based on your -- the

2 recollection you do have about these three

3 adjustments -- well, strike that.

4 You gave some weather normalization

5 testimony in EC2002-1, didn't you?

6 A. I may have.

7 Q. Vague recollection?

8 A. Vague recollection.

9 Q. All right. Would you agree that market

10 prices for power and for fuel are generally beyond

11 the control of a utility's management; market prices?

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. You'd agree with that, right?

14 A. Market prices, yes.

15 Q. Would you agree that increasing plant

16 availability, capacity and efficiencies help reduce

17 the cost of serving native load?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Would you agree that plant availability,

20 plant capacity and plant -- increasing plant

21 efficiencies, those are factors that are more

22 directly under utility control than the market prices

23 for fuel and power that you've already indicated you

24 agree are not within the utility's control?

25 A. Yes. I mean, they can affect those. If

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1 they affect market prices, it's called exercise of

2 market power so --

3 Q. Right. Assuming we don't have market power.

4 A. Assuming you don't have market power, that's

5 correct.

6 Q. You don't have any reason to believe

7 AmerenUE has market power, do you?

8 A. Sure they do. Their own study showed they

9 did. I don't -- you don't want to get into that.

10 Q. Maybe not.

11 A. That was --

12 Q. I think you said --

13 A. That was a part of their merger case, and

14 they had a study performed.

15 Q. What merger case are you talking about; the

16 CIPS merger?

17 A. CIPS merger, yeah. They had a market power

18 study done, and it indicated they had market power.

19 Q. But you're not testifying here today that

20 AmerenUE's management has control over market prices

21 for power and fuel, are you?

22 A. No, I am not.

23 Q. You don't think AmerenUE's management has

24 control over those two things, do you?

25 A. I haven't investigated that. I would say

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1 the market monitor at MISO has not accused them of

2 that. Let's put it that way.

3 Q. There's no evidence you're aware of that, in

4 fact, they have control over market prices for fuel

5 and power, correct?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. Now, I think you testified earlier that

8 off-system sales are only made after native load is

9 served, right?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. So if UE makes improvement in plant capacity

12 and availability and plant efficiency, those

13 improvements are going to have the most pronounced

14 effect on off-system sales, right; as opposed to

15 serving native load because we're serving native load

16 first, right?

17 A. Say it again. Improvements and plant

18 availability --

19 Q. Plant capacity, availability and improved

20 plant efficiency are going to -- the effect of that

21 is going to be most pronounced with respect to

22 off-system sales, right?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. Would you agree that there is an interaction

25 between native load and off-system sales?

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1 A. Yes.  
 2 Q. Native load goes down, off-system sales  
 3 volumes probably go up and vice versa, right?  
 4 A. As load goes down -- generally, as demand  
 5 decreases in the market prices will fall. Okay? It  
 6 makes more plants available --  
 7 Q. Right.  
 8 A. -- to sell into the market. I think we've  
 9 --  
 10 Q. We talked about that before.  
 11 A. -- agreed to that before.  
 12 Q. Right. Yeah. If that's true -- and let's  
 13 take the case where native loads go down.  
 14 If off-system sales margins are tracked  
 15 dollar for dollar, the utilities at risk of losing  
 16 dollars passed through the tracker which had native  
 17 loads not decreased would have been received as  
 18 revenues from those native load customers, right?  
 19 A. We have a tracker.  
 20 Q. We have a tracker. Let's assume we have a  
 21 tracker.  
 22 A. And what do you mean by a tracker?  
 23 Q. There's a base amount of off-system sales  
 24 margins set in base rates and every dollar above that  
 25 flows to customers.

1 some of that lost revenue through off-system sales.  
 2 Q. Right.  
 3 A. But with the tracker mechanism where you had  
 4 the flow of all of that back to customers you  
 5 wouldn't be able to make up some of that.  
 6 Q. You agree?  
 7 A. I think I follow the logic, yes.  
 8 Q. And do you agree with that; that's what's  
 9 going to happen under those facts you just described,  
 10 correct?  
 11 A. Yeah. The logic appears to be correct. I  
 12 haven't set down and thought through all of that, but  
 13 on the surface right now I follow the logic and agree  
 14 with the logic.  
 15 Q. Would you generally agree that there's  
 16 little to be gained by holding a regulated firm  
 17 responsible for unanticipated costs that are beyond  
 18 its control?  
 19 A. Little to be gained by holding a firm --  
 20 Q. A regulated firm responsible for  
 21 unanticipated costs that are beyond its control.  
 22 A. Responsible. What do you mean responsible  
 23 for?  
 24 Q. Not allowing -- not reflecting those in its  
 25 rates.

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1 A. Okay.  
 2 Q. Dollar for dollar.  
 3 A. Like a fuel adjustment clause but we're  
 4 going to -- okay. All right.  
 5 Q. So native loads go down --  
 6 A. Right.  
 7 Q. -- lose those native load revenues -- the  
 8 revenues associated with that reduction in native  
 9 load, make more off-system sales. Every one of those  
 10 dollars is going to flow back through the tracker to  
 11 customers but the native load revenues that would  
 12 have been associated with those megawatt hours don't  
 13 show up for the utility, correct?  
 14 A. Okay. Let's put your -- let's put your  
 15 statement in context because, I mean, one context is  
 16 a single hour. Okay? I think the context that  
 17 you're putting your statement in is -- let's say for  
 18 a year.  
 19 Q. Yeah. Let's say for a year.  
 20 A. For a multiple year period. So during that  
 21 multiple year period let's say weather was abnormal  
 22 and your sales -- your native load sales were down.  
 23 Okay? Now, let's -- and you're saying with the  
 24 native load sales being down if you were on  
 25 traditional rate making, you would be able to make up

1 A. In its rates. Okay. Little to be gained?  
 2 Q. From a regulatory policy perspective why  
 3 would you --  
 4 A. Do I think it's probably not very good  
 5 policy? I agree with that statement if that's --  
 6 Q. Do you generally agree that rate  
 7 pass-through provisions are often used with regard to  
 8 uncontrollable costs?  
 9 A. Yes. In some jurisdictions they are, yes.  
 10 Q. For example, isn't it true that incentive  
 11 regulation plans in the electric utility industry  
 12 often include the provisions for the pass-through of  
 13 uncontrollable costs?  
 14 A. Well, I think most people view fuel  
 15 adjustment clauses in that direction.  
 16 Q. As a pass-through of uncontrollable fuel  
 17 costs, right?  
 18 A. Right. Yeah. But that's why.  
 19 Q. Would you generally agree that performance  
 20 incentives for a regulated firm tend to be the most  
 21 effective if they link financial rewards to aspects  
 22 of the company's performance over which the company  
 23 has substantial control?  
 24 A. Yes.  
 25 Q. Would you also agree with the proposition

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1 that economically efficient utility rates should  
 2 reflect the cost of service for that utility? Which  
 3 I think is much the same of what we talked about; the  
 4 first question I asked you a minute ago.  
 5 A. I don't -- what is an economically efficient  
 6 rate? I've been doing this for too long. I don't  
 7 understand what that means.  
 8 Q. Well, I wish I could tell you.  
 9 Let me give you an example. When fuel costs  
 10 increase or decrease is it economic -- does it make  
 11 sense from an economic perspective to have rates  
 12 reflect those cost increases and decreases in fuel?  
 13 A. Oh. To customers?  
 14 Q. Yes.  
 15 A. To send a --  
 16 Q. Send the right signal.  
 17 A. -- price signal type of thing?  
 18 Yeah. Certain customers I think it does.  
 19 Q. Otherwise, they may consume power, switch  
 20 between fuel sources uneconomically. They may make  
 21 uneconomic decisions, right?  
 22 A. Yeah. Part of the argument about lack of  
 23 demand response resources is they're not getting the  
 24 right price signals.  
 25 Q. Right.

1 A. That would reflect what you're talking  
 2 about.  
 3 Q. Do you agree that of all the  
 4 non-restructured states the vast majority of them  
 5 utilize fuel adjustment clauses?  
 6 A. There are several that do. I have not done  
 7 a survey or looked at MRRR surveys about all of the  
 8 regulated states.  
 9 Q. Well, I was talking about non-regulated.  
 10 A. Non-regulated?  
 11 Q. Right. Oh, I'm sorry. I was talking about  
 12 regulated.  
 13 A. Yeah. Non-regulated it's separate.  
 14 Q. Right. I'm sorry.  
 15 A. Yeah. Regulated states? My experience with  
 16 that is that -- for example, in MISO most of the  
 17 regulated states have some form of fuel adjustment  
 18 clause but they really vary all over the place.  
 19 There are some states that don't.  
 20 Q. You haven't really done a study. You don't  
 21 really know what percentages we're talking about?  
 22 A. No, I don't. I haven't done a study, and I  
 23 haven't looked at --  
 24 Q. Do you agree that frequent rate cases reduce  
 25 the efficiency incentives inherent in regulatory lag

1 under traditional cost-of-service regulation?  
 2 A. Yes.  
 3 Q. Do you agree that without a fuel adjustment  
 4 clause increasing or volatile fuel costs may force  
 5 utilities to file more frequent rate cases?  
 6 A. It depends.  
 7 Q. On what?  
 8 A. On the relationship of the volatility of  
 9 fuel prices to their volatility of earnings.  
 10 Q. Have you done any analysis yourself of  
 11 AmerenUE's fuel adjustment clause proposal in this  
 12 case?  
 13 A. Yes.  
 14 Q. Have you developed any conclusions about it?  
 15 A. Yes.  
 16 Q. Is anyone else at Staff analyzing or  
 17 developing conclusions about AmerenUE's fuel  
 18 adjustment clause proposal or are you the guy?  
 19 A. No. There's other people looking at it.  
 20 Q. Does Staff have a current position about  
 21 AmerenUE's fuel adjustment clause proposal?  
 22 A. I have a position. I don't know if it's a  
 23 Staff position yet so I'm not going to share it until  
 24 I --  
 25 Q. And I'm assuming if I ask you the next

1 question, Mr. Dottheim is not going to let you answer  
 2 that question.  
 3 A. I assume that's probably right.  
 4 MR. LOWERY: See, I did it for you, Steve.  
 5 MR. DOTTHEIM: Thank you, Jim. Your pizza  
 6 is here anyway.  
 7 MR. LOWERY: As improper as I think that  
 8 objection is I won't pursue it at this point.  
 9 Q. (By Mr. Lowery) I assume that you're going  
 10 to file your recommendations about AmerenUE's fuel  
 11 adjustment clause and off-system sales sharing  
 12 proposal on January 31st; would that be your  
 13 expectation?  
 14 A. That's my expectation.  
 15 Q. All right. Give me just a second before the  
 16 pizza gets completely cold.  
 17 Dr. Proctor, do you have any other opinions  
 18 about the appropriate level of fuel transportation,  
 19 SO2 prices, energy prices that relate to off-system  
 20 sales for UE in this case, or opinions about  
 21 AmerenUE's fuel and purchase power costs that you  
 22 have not expressed today during this deposition or  
 23 that were not expressed in your pre-file direct  
 24 testimony?  
 25 A. I don't think so.

1 MR. DOTTHEIM: Other than -- excuse me. I  
2 think from the discussion regarding --  
3 MR. LOWERY: Other than the sharing  
4 proposal, is that --  
5 MR. DOTTHEIM: Well, what might properly be  
6 reflected in rebuttal testimony.  
7 Q. (By Mr. Lowery) Which, as I understand it,  
8 Dr. Proctor, what you're looking at at this point for  
9 rebuttal testimony deals with the off-system sales  
10 sharing mechanism and the fuel adjustment clause; is  
11 that fair?  
12 A. Well, I'm also going to rebut the prices  
13 used by AmerenUE in its direct case.  
14 Q. I take it that your expectation is your  
15 rebuttal is going to be consistent with the prices  
16 that you recommend be used in your direct case,  
17 right?  
18 A. That's correct.  
19 Q. I mean, when you say you're going to rebut  
20 the prices, you, in effect, have already rebutted the  
21 prices by using different prices in the Staff's  
22 direct case, fair? Mr. Schukar said -- I'm making  
23 this up. \$45 in the on-peak. You said \$54 in the  
24 on-peak. Obviously, you disagree with his \$54 or  
25 else you wouldn't have used 54, correct?

1 A. Right. But disagreeing is different than  
2 rebutting. Rebutting is getting into the specifics  
3 of what I saw was wrong with the company's numbers.  
4 Q. Right. I understand.  
5 But your opinions as to the appropriate  
6 prices to use in the fuel modeling have not changed,  
7 correct?  
8 A. Have not changed.  
9 Q. And you're not expecting them to change?  
10 A. I don't expect them to change.  
11 Q. Okay. Thank you very much. That's all I  
12 have.  
13 MR. DOTTHEIM: I have a few questions.  
14 MR. LOWERY: All right.  
15 EXAMINATION BY MR. DOTTHEIM:  
16 Q. Dr. Proctor, Mr. Lowery asked you some  
17 questions about Mr. Traxler's -- Steve Traxler's  
18 testimony in a recent Kansas City Power and Light  
19 Company Case and I think even read from the  
20 transcript in that case.  
21 Do you know the context of the purported  
22 quotations of Mr. Traxler's testimony in that case?  
23 A. Well, I know that Kansas City Power and  
24 Light had a rate case, and I know that there was  
25 testimony put in regarding profit margins from

1 off-system sales in that case. And I did read the  
2 company's testimony. They hired an outside  
3 consultant to put in testimony on that, and I did  
4 read that testimony. But that's -- that's the  
5 context. The specific context of what he read, I  
6 don't know, no.  
7 Q. Okay. Mr. Lowery asked you some questions  
8 regarding the Staff's production cost model and the  
9 consistency of hourly shapes for prices and hourly  
10 shapes for loads. I think he referred to it as a  
11 mismatch.  
12 Dr. Proctor, do you know if there is any  
13 mismatch between the Staff's hourly shape for prices  
14 and hourly shape for loads?  
15 A. I do not know.  
16 Q. Okay. Mr. Lowery asked you some questions  
17 -- he was referring to a document which he, I  
18 believe, called PIRA, P-I-R-A, and in that document  
19 referred to prices for various, I think, areas, and  
20 one area he referred to was Northern Illinois. I  
21 think he also referred to climatic conditions.  
22 Dr. Proctor, in regards to the MISO  
23 footprint, are climactic conditions through the MISO  
24 footprint uniform?  
25 MR. LOWERY: I'm just going to object to the

1 form of the question to the extent it refers to my  
2 reference to climactic conditions. I don't think I  
3 referred to that, Steve.  
4 MR. DOTTHEIM: All right. Okay.  
5 Q. (By Mr. Dottheim) Or weather conditions or  
6 temperature.  
7 MR. LOWERY: Same objection. I don't think  
8 I referred to that in the context of this document,  
9 but I -- the transcript will reflect whether I did or  
10 not.  
11 THE WITNESS: So I can answer the question?  
12 MR. LOWERY: Yeah, absolutely.  
13 Q. (By Mr. Dottheim) Yes.  
14 A. And the question is?  
15 Q. And the question is do you know whether  
16 climactic conditions are uniform through the MISO  
17 footprint?  
18 A. Oh. Uniform? Oh, no. You have fronts  
19 typically coming through through the MISO footprint  
20 that extends from Montana all the way into Ohio and  
21 Pennsylvania. And as those fronts come through -- I  
22 mean, right now we've got much lower temperatures to  
23 our west than that are right here. So they're not  
24 uniform. But if you're even talking about on the  
25 average, they're not uniform. You know, it's colder

1 north and warmer south and those types of things.  
 2 Q. Again, referring to this document that  
 3 Mr. Lowery referred you to with the Northern  
 4 Illinois. Do you know the general geographic area  
 5 that is defined by this term Northern Illinois that  
 6 appears in that document?  
 7 A. Generally, yes. It could represent the  
 8 Chicago area which is Northern Illinois --  
 9 Q. And --  
 10 A. -- and north of that. Or it could -- I  
 11 don't know. It could represent an area that's south  
 12 of that. There is a hub in MISO corresponding to  
 13 Illinois, but I think people would characterize it  
 14 more as Southern Illinois than Northern Illinois.  
 15 I'm just guessing now. But it's probably the Chicago  
 16 area.  
 17 Q. How does the geographic area as this  
 18 Northern Illinois area compare to the MISO footprint?  
 19 A. Well, Chicago is not in the MISO footprint.  
 20 It's in PJM, Pennsylvania, Jersey, Maryland Power  
 21 Pool, or RTO or Market, whichever.  
 22 Q. Okay. Mr. Lowery asked you some questions  
 23 about forced outages and modeling. Do you know how  
 24 the Staff modeled forced outages in its case?  
 25 A. No. How we specifically -- how our

1 consultant specifically ran forced outages into his  
 2 production cost model?  
 3 Q. Yes.  
 4 A. No. I don't know.  
 5 MR. DOTTHEIM: I think that's it, other  
 6 than, Mr. Lowery, can we obtain a copy of this PIRA  
 7 document?  
 8 MR. LOWERY: Sure.  
 9 MR. DOTTHEIM: Okay.  
 10 MR. LOWERY: I assume waive presentment but  
 11 you want to read and sign?  
 12 MR. DOTTHEIM: Yes, definitely.  
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 3 I, Susan M. Fiala, Certified Court  
 4 Reporter, Registered Professional Reporter, within  
 5 and for the State of Missouri, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that  
 6 pursuant to notice/agreement between the parties, the  
 7 aforementioned witness came before me at the time and  
 8 place hereinbefore mentioned, and having been duly  
 9 sworn to tell the whole truth of his knowledge  
 10 touching upon the matter in controversy aforesaid;  
 11 that the witness was examined on the 12th day of  
 12 January, 2007, and examination was taken in shorthand  
 13 and later reduced to printing; that signature by the  
 14 witness is not waived and said deposition is herewith  
 15 forwarded to the taking attorney for filing with the  
 16 Court.

17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed  
 18 my name this 16th day of January, 2007.  
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11 Dear Mr. Dottheim:  
12 Enclosed please find your copy of the transcript of  
13 the deposition testimony of Michael Proctor, taken on  
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15 understand you will obtain signature from Mr.  
16 Proctor.  
17 After Mr. Proctor has reviewed the transcript and  
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If you have any questions regarding this matter,  
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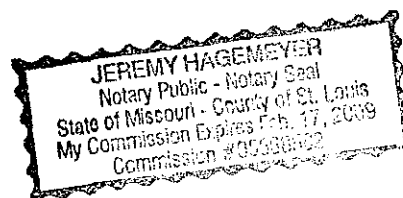
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