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## **MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

### FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS ANALYSIS DIVISION

### AUDITING DEPARTMENT

## SURREBUTTAL/TRUE-UP DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

## PAUL K. AMENTHOR

UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY, d/b/a Ameren Missouri

CASE NO. GR-2024-0369

Jefferson City, Missouri May 2025

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7	Q. Please state your name and business address.		
8	A. My name is Paul K. Amenthor, 111 N. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 105, St Louis MO, 63101.		
9	Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?		
10	A. I am employed by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as		
11	a Senior Regulatory Auditor.		
12	Q. Are you the same Paul K. Amenthor that filed direct testimony on		
13	February 28, 2025, in this case?		
14	A. Yes, I am.		
15	Q. What is the purpose of your surrebuttal/true-up direct testimony?		
16	A. I have no surrebuttal testimony at this time; however, the purpose of this		
17	testimony is to provide Staff's true-up position on the following issues: The Pay As You Save		
18	("PAYS") regulatory asset, liability, associated amortization and revenue; other amortization		
19	expense; and non-labor distribution maintenance expense.		
20	TRUE-UP DIRECT		
21	PAY AS YOU SAVE		
22	Q. Please explain the updates Staff proposes to the cost of service related to the		
23	PAYS program?		

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1	A. Staff has netted the PAYS' asset and liability balances as of December 31, 2024,			
2	which results in a regulatory liability included as an offset to rate base. Staff also included the			
3	associated annual amortization of the regulatory liability balance in the income statement.			
4	Q. How did Staff annualize the revenue collected associated with the			
5	PAYS program?			
6	A. Staff included the twelve-month ending December 31, 2024, revenue collected			
7	from its participants.			
8	AMORTIZATIONS			
9	Q. Has Staff updated its regulatory balances and amortizations related to the			
10	expired and expiring amortizations?			
11	A. Yes. Staff has included the most current balance for the rate base related expired			
12	and expiring amortizations at December 31, 2024, as well as an annual amount of amortization			
13	expense on the balances for Ameren Missouri's rate base and non-rate base balances.			
14	Q. Has Staff updated its regulatory balance and amortization related to			
15	intangible assets?			
16	A. Yes. Staff has included the most current balance at December 31, 2024, for			
17	Ameren Missouri's intangible assets and also included annualized amortization on this balance			
18	in the income statement.			
19	NON-LABOR DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE			
20	Q. Has Staff reviewed non-labor distribution maintenance expense as part of its			
21	true-up audit?			
22	A. Yes. Staff further reviewed non-labor distribution maintenance expense through			
23	December 31, 2024, and noticed a decrease in non-labor cost subsequent to the test year.			

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1	Q.	Did fewer maintenance activities contribute to lower maintenance cost?		
2	А.	Maintenance cost decreased, in part because Ameren Missouri performed fewer		
3	maintenance	during the calendar year 2024. However, Ameren Missouri anticipates that "the		
4	non-labor distribution maintenance expense will be relatively flat to 2024 actuals" going			
5	forward, based on Ameren Missouri's response to Staff Data Request No. 0217.1			
6	Q.	What is Staff's proposed adjustment?		
7	А.	Staff included an annual level based on the twelve-month period ending		
8	December 31	, 2024, as the ongoing level of non-labor distribution maintenance expense.		
9	Q.	Does this conclude your surrebuttal/true-up direct testimony?		
10	А.	Yes it does.		

#### **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

#### **OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tariffs to Adjust Its Revenues for Natural Gas Service

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### AFFIDAVIT OF PAUL K. AMENTHOR

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STATE OF MISSOURI ) ) ss. COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS )

**COMES NOW PAUL K. AMENTHOR** and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Surrebuttal / True-Up Direct Testimony of Paul Amenthor*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

PAUL K. AMENTHOR

### JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, at my office in St. Louis, on this  $39^{4}$  day of 40n1 2025.

LISA M. FERGUSON Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for St. Louis County My Commission Expires: June 23, 2028 Commission Number: 16631502

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