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**DIRECT TESTIMONY**

**OF**

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**ON**

**BEHALF OF**

**UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY**

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1                   **I.       INTRODUCTION & SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

2                   **Q.       Please state your name and business address.**

3                   A.       Robert B. Dixon, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri  
4 ("Ameren Missouri" or "Company"), One Ameren Plaza, 1901 Chouteau Avenue, St.  
5 Louis, Missouri 63103.

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

7                   A.       I serve as Vice President of Regulatory and Legislative Affairs for Ameren  
8 Missouri, a role I assumed in December 2025. In this capacity, I lead the strategy and  
9 implementation of Ameren Missouri's regulatory and governmental engagement with State  
10 of Missouri elected and appointed officials, civic and stakeholder organizations, and in  
11 matters before the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission").

12                  **Q.       Please describe your educational background and employment**  
13 **experience.**

14                  A.       My career has focused on driving economic growth in Missouri by  
15 advancing efforts in economic, community, workforce, and infrastructure development.  
16 Before assuming my current duties, I led Ameren Missouri's economic development  
17 department from October 2021 to November 2025. In this capacity, my team and I worked  
18 in partnership with state and local governments and economic development organizations  
19 to assist businesses with expanding or locating within our service territory. Prior to joining

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1 Ameren Missouri, I served as the Director of the Missouri Department of Economic  
2 Development ("DED") from July 2017 until October 2021. As a member of the Governor's  
3 cabinet, I was responsible for leading the state agency that oversaw economic and  
4 community development, portions of the state's workforce development, and tourism,  
5 among other areas.

6 Prior to joining the DED, I served as the President and CEO of the Missouri  
7 Community College Association and in various leadership roles at the Springfield and  
8 Hollister, Missouri Chambers of Commerce. I am a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, who  
9 served in Afghanistan immediately after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. I was honorably  
10 discharged as a Sergeant after five years of service in 2003. I earned a Bachelor of Arts in  
11 Political Science from the University of Missouri – St. Louis and a Master's Degree in  
12 Public Administration from Missouri State University.

13 **Q. Have you previously testified in a proceeding at the Commission or**  
14 **before any other utility regulatory agency?**

15 A. Yes. I have served as a witness on behalf of Ameren Missouri in  
16 previous proceedings before the Commission. Most recently, I was a witness in the  
17 Company's Large Load Customer Tariff case (File No. ET-2025-0184).

18 **Q. What is the purpose of your Direct Testimony?**

19 A. The purpose of my Direct Testimony is to provide an overview of the  
20 Company's filing, and to update the Commission on how the Company is discharging its  
21 obligation to provide safe and adequate service to all of its customers in a time where it is  
22 experiencing unprecedented load growth, including load growth driven by large load  
23 customers to be served under the large load tariff approved by the Commission in File No.

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1 ET-2025-0184. The primary focus of my Direct Testimony will be to update the  
2 Commission on the status of the Company's ongoing economic development efforts and,  
3 more specifically, the status of its efforts to support the State of Missouri's efforts to attract  
4 beneficial economic development projects that will be served under the large load tariff.

5 **Q. Why are these projects needed and how do they benefit Missouri?**

6 A. The Company filed a Notice of Change in Preferred Resource Plan ("PRP")  
7 in February of 2025 that outlined how the Company intends to meet the growing needs of  
8 the electric system, which includes an unprecedented amount of load growth from large  
9 load customers. This updated plan includes the acceleration of both capacity and low-cost  
10 energy resources such as the battery energy storage system ("BESS") Projects and Solar  
11 Projects for which the Company is seeking approval of Certificates of Convenience and  
12 Necessity ("CCNs") in this case.

13 The Projects not only enable the Company to provide reliable, affordable, and clean  
14 energy that customers desire but also contribute to the larger economic development  
15 strategy across the State of Missouri to attract and retain businesses and bring the  
16 significant benefits that accompany these customers to the betterment of all Missourians.  
17 Beyond these benefits, the Projects were specifically designed to minimize the impact on  
18 land use in Missouri to the greatest extent possible by reusing previous generation sites on  
19 land the Company already owns and with existing interconnection infrastructure.  
20 Additionally, the Projects were designed to take full advantage of federal tax savings, all  
21 of which are passed on to Ameren Missouri's customers, bringing their total costs down  
22 and contributing to the broader affordability of the resources.

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**II. OVERVIEW OF FILING**

**Q. In addition to your Direct Testimony, what other witnesses will be supporting the Company’s Application?**

A. The Company is also submitting Direct Testimony in support of its Application from the following witnesses:

- Steven Wills. Mr. Wills' Direct Testimony will address the *Tartan Factors* that the Commission utilizes as guidelines when evaluating requests for CCNs to construct, own, and operate new facilities,<sup>1</sup> with specific focus on the economic feasibility and public interest factors – the fourth and fifth *Tartan* Factors. Mr. Wills' Direct Testimony also addresses the Company's fulfillment of conditions adopted by the Commission in other recent CCN orders relating to analysis and information the Company is to provide in CCN cases such as this one.
- Matt Michels. Mr. Michels' Direct Testimony will provide the details relating to the needs being addressed by the Projects proposed in this case,<sup>2</sup> including information and analysis on the Company's near- and longer-term need for substantial dispatchable and renewable supply-side resource additions, and information and analysis supporting how the specific Projects proposed in this case are key components of meeting those needs.
- Mitchell Lansford. Mr. Lansford's Direct Testimony provides evidence demonstrating that the Company has the financial ability to finance the projects at issue in this case – the third *Tartan* Factor.

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<sup>1</sup> The *Tartan* Factors are need, qualification to operate, financial ability, economic feasibility, and public interest.

<sup>2</sup> The first *Tartan* Factor.

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1           • Scott Wibbenmeyer. Mr. Wibbenmeyer's Direct Testimony demonstrates that  
2           the Company is qualified to construct/operate the Projects proposed for  
3           construction in this case (the fourth *Tartan Factor*), and provides details  
4           relating to their procurement, construction, and operation.

5           • Andrew Meyer. Mr. Meyer's Direct Testimony addresses how the Projects  
6           support the Company's resource adequacy responsibilities.

7           • Harman Ormani. Mr. Ormani's Direct Testimony describes the Quinn  
8           Switching Station associated with the Millcreek BESS Project.

9           **Q.     Please provide a brief summary of the Projects for which the Company**  
10          **is seeking CCNs in this case.**

11          A.     The Company seeks five CCNs in this case that will provide a total of 945  
12          megawatts ("MW") of nameplate capacity: three CCNs for new battery energy storage  
13          systems and two CCNs for additional solar generation facilities (individually, a "Project"  
14          and collectively, the "Projects"), as follows:

15               • The Castle Bluff BESS Project is a 95 MW four-hour lithium iron phosphate  
16               BESS to be located at the site of the now retired Meramec Energy Center. It  
17               will utilize interconnection rights that are not dedicated to the Castle Bluff  
18               simple cycle Combustion Turbine Generator ("CTG") currently under  
19               construction, and which was previously approved by the Commission in File  
20               No. EA-2024-0237. This Project minimizes the impact on land use in  
21               Missouri by reusing a brownfield generation site already owned by the  
22               Company.

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- 1           • The Huck Finn BESS Project is a 200 MW four-hour lithium iron phosphate  
2           BESS to be located at the site of the Company's existing Audrain simple cycle  
3           combustion turbine generating facility. It will utilize interconnection rights at  
4           that site which are not dedicated to the existing Audrain CTG facility. This  
5           Project minimizes the impact on land use in Missouri by reusing a brownfield  
6           generation site already owned by the Company.
- 7           • The Millcreek BESS Project is a 250 MW four-hour lithium iron phosphate  
8           BESS to be located on property in Lincoln County, Missouri for which the  
9           Company holds a 5-year purchase option that it will exercise upon receipt of a  
10          CCN for the facility. This project is utilizing the Midcontinent Independent  
11          System Operator, Inc.'s ("MISO") Expedited Resource Addition Study  
12          ("ERAS") process, a fast-track interconnection process designed to quickly  
13          approve new generation projects needed for reliability purposes. The Quinn  
14          Switching Station will be the point of interconnection to Ameren Missouri's  
15          existing 161 kilovolt ("kV") system for the Millcreek BESS Project. The Tom  
16          Sawyer Solar Project is a 175 MW<sub>AC</sub> photovoltaic solar generation plant to be  
17          located adjacent to the Company's existing Huck Finn Solar facility  
18          in Audrain County, Missouri, which received a CCN from the Commission in  
19          File No. EA-2022-0244. The Tom Sawyer Solar Project will interconnect at  
20          the Company's existing Spencer Creek 345 kV switching station via a 345 kV  
21          lead-line shared with the Huck Finn Solar facility through the standard MISO  
22          interconnection queue process.

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1           • The Ringer Solar Project is a 225 MW<sub>AC</sub> photovoltaic solar generation  
2           plant to be located in Stoddard County, Missouri. The Ringer Solar Project  
3           will interconnect at the Company's future Vanduser 161kV switching station  
4           via the Morely-Stoddard 161kV transmission line.

5           **Q.     Please summarize the key reasons the Commission should grant CCNs**  
6           **for each of the Projects.**

7           A.     There are several reasons the Commission should grant Ameren Missouri  
8           the requested CCNs, including:

9           • The Projects are needed to serve our customers and to support Missouri's  
10          economic development. As contemplated by the Company's 2025 PRP , the  
11          Company is realizing significant large load customer load growth as  
12          evidenced by the Electric Service Agreements ("ESAs") executed in the  
13          first and second quarters of this year. These ESAs obligate the Company to  
14          provide service to customers whose contract capacity will total  
15          approximately 2,800 MW when they reach full load, which is expected to  
16          occur by \*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*. Additionally, the Company has  
17          construction agreements in place with other prospective large load  
18          customers totaling an additional 600 MW and if ESAs are finalized with  
19          some or all of those prospective customers, it will drive load growth beyond  
20          the 2,800 MW of large loads for which ESAs are already in place. We also  
21          expect additional commercial, industrial, and residential load growth in the  
22          coming years, in furtherance of the State of Missouri's economic  
23          development goals. As Mr. Michels' Direct Testimony addresses in detail,

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1                   all of this growth necessitates additional generating capacity to meet  
2                   resource adequacy requirements, and large volumes of additional energy to  
3                   ensure all customers' energy needs are met without undue long-term  
4                   reliance on market purchases of energy, \*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

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6 \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*

- 7                   • The Tom Sawyer Solar Project and Ringer Solar Project will provide energy  
8                   with no associated fuel costs that will act as a hedge against volatile and  
9                   potentially high-cost energy purchases that would otherwise have to be  
10                  made in the market. In addition, these Projects will assist the Company in  
11                  meeting either Renewable Energy Standard (“RES”) requirements or  
12                  contractual commitments to large load customers that pay for the renewable  
13                  energy attributes in a manner that reduces the revenue requirement  
14                  responsibility of existing customers.
- 15                  • The Projects will be part of the Company's balanced supply-side portfolio  
16                  that meets the needs of all of its customers in a reliable and resilient manner.  
17                  The Company expects the ownership and operation of dispatchable  
18                  resources will provide at least 70% of the energy our customers need, with  
19                  renewables to provide the remaining energy of up to 30%.
- 20                  • The Projects promote the public interest, including by enabling the state to  
21                  reap economic development benefits that new customers will provide to the  
22                  state. This is because demand for reliable, affordable, and clean energy is  
23                  an important factor in determining where businesses locate new jobs and

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1 investments. Missouri is competing with other states for new jobs,  
2 investment, taxes, and other economic benefits that businesses that have  
3 large energy demands will deliver. The Projects support attracting and  
4 retaining those benefits by providing both dispatchable power and  
5 renewable energy that satisfies what such customers are looking for when  
6 they determine where to locate their facilities. To enhance customer  
7 affordability, attracting and retaining these customers also means the  
8 Company will be able to spread its fixed costs of operation over more billing  
9 units to the benefit of all customers. Commission approval of the Projects  
10 will confirm that the state is supporting Ameren Missouri's obligation to  
11 serve its customers by ensuring that Ameren Missouri will have the  
12 generation it needs to meet the respective ramp schedules of announced  
13 ESAs and ultimately their contract capacities post ramp-ups, which will  
14 position Missouri well in the national competition to further attract  
15 economic development;

16 • The Castle Bluff BESS Project allows the Company to take advantage of  
17 Meramec's valuable interconnection rights, since placing the Castle Bluff  
18 Project into service by December 31, 2028, allows the Company to  
19 implement, in the near-term, additional dispatchable battery energy storage  
20 without the additional cost or risk associated with interconnecting that  
21 generation to the grid because the Castle Bluffs BESS Project do not need  
22 to go through the lengthy, complex, and risky MISO Large Generator  
23 Interconnection Queue Process; and

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- 1           • The Projects provide a hedge against the risk that future federal  
2           environmental regulations force the earlier retirement of one or more other  
3           generation resources.

4           Beyond the resource adequacy, transmission system access, and economic  
5           development benefits provided by the Projects, they have also been designed to promote  
6           customer affordability to the greatest extent possible. The following items provide  
7           significant customer cost saving:

- 8           • These Projects enable customers to benefit from substantial federal tax  
9           credits, which are anticipated to cover 30% to 40% of the qualifying  
10          investment in these facilities. For one of the Projects, the tax credit could  
11          reach as high as 50%. As outlined in Company witness Wibbenmeyer's  
12          Direct Testimony, these tax credits substantially lower the overall cost of  
13          adding these necessary resources, making them more affordable for all  
14          customers; and

- 15          • The developer has entered a Chapter 100 financing arrangement with  
16          Audrain County for the Tom Sawyer Solar Project. The developer is  
17          currently in the process of negotiating a Chapter 100 arrangement with  
18          Stoddard County for the Ringer Solar Project. The use of Chapter 100 for  
19          these Solar Projects is designed to bring higher tax revenues to the local  
20          community than would otherwise be the case and any additional tax savings  
21          to Ameren Missouri is directly passed on to our customers.

22          Finally, it is worth momentarily "zooming out" beyond this docket. The Company's  
23          application here is a small part of a much broader and intentional effort driven by the State

1 of Missouri to attract and accommodate economic development. To do so, numerous  
2 Gubernatorial administrations and General Assemblies have enacted economic  
3 development policies specifically to attract certain industries and to accommodate the  
4 electric infrastructure, resource adequacy, and tariff structures needed to serve them. The  
5 passage of Senate Bill 4 (2025), the Commission's approval of the Company's large load  
6 customer rate plan, and the execution of ESAs were the natural next steps emanating from  
7 the State's economic development strategy. Now, we have reached the next link in that  
8 intentional chain of events required to accomplish the State's strategy. That is, as part of  
9 its prudent resource planning process, the Company must expand its fleet of supply-side  
10 resources to serve the load growth. In a nutshell, this is exactly how this is supposed to  
11 work, and all these steps in totality allow Missouri to be a national leader in providing  
12 reliable energy at just and reasonable rates supporting growth in our state.

### 13 III. LARGE LOAD GROWTH

14 **Q. You've used the phrase "large load customers." How are you**  
15 **defining that phrase?**

16 A. I am defining that phrase as a customer whose load is expected to be 75  
17 MW or more that will be served at a transmission level voltage of at least 115 kV as defined  
18 in the Company's large load tariff approved in File No. ET-2025-0184.

19 **Q. Please describe the Company's recent large load developments in more**  
20 **detail.**

21 A. In November 2025, the Commission issued an order approving a stipulation  
22 and agreement authorizing the Company to establish and implement a large load customer  
23 rate plan with the conforming tariffs to take effect in January 2026. Within the first two

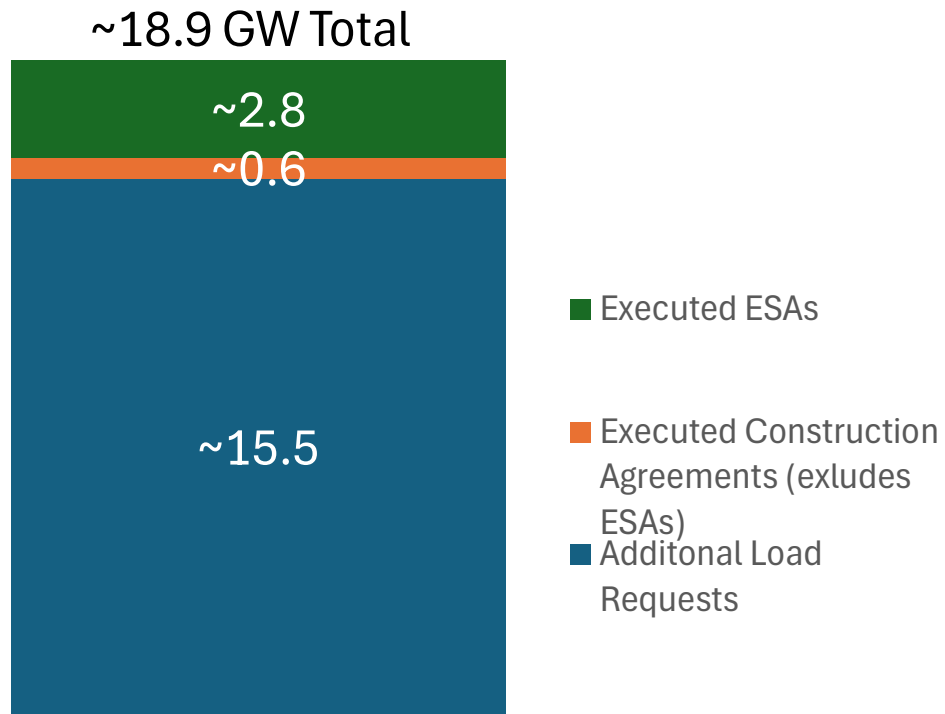
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1 quarters of 2026, the Company executed ESAs totaling approximately 2,800 MW at full  
2 load. \*\*\*

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4 Inclusive of the approximate 2,800 MW of signed ESAs, the Company has executed  
5 construction agreements for completion of the transmission-level infrastructure necessary  
6 to serve approximately 3.4 gigawatts ("GW") of new large load customer demand within  
7 its service territory. Also, we have received additional transmission study requests  
8 representing approximately 15.5 GW of new additional load from other potential  
9 customers, bringing the total new load for which we either have construction agreements,  
10 or are studying additional load additions for, to approximately 18.9 GW. These values are  
11 shown in Table 1 below. Moreover, there is a significant pipeline of additional potential  
12 large load customers beyond the approximately 18.9 GW of potential load I just  
13 discussed. While it is very likely the case that not all of this additional load will in fact  
14 locate and materialize in Ameren Missouri's service territory, it is easy to see that even if  
15 a small fraction does materialize, including the load already subject to existing ESAs, the  
16 Company will need additional and timely dispatchable BESS and renewable generation  
17 solutions to provide the capacity and energy to serve it. This is true both for customers to  
18 whom the Company's large load rate plan would apply as well as more traditional economic  
19 development opportunities, including manufacturing and other commercial and industrial  
20 sectors.

1      **Table 1.**



## Large Load Customer Pipeline

2            **Q.      What role do the ESAs play in determining the Company's need for**  
3 **new system resources?**

4            A.      The executed ESAs are a primary driver of the Company's near-term  
5 incremental capacity and energy needs as outlined in Company witness Matt Michels'  
6 Direct Testimony. The ESAs establish binding demand commitments with defined ramp  
7 schedules. The contracted customers do not introduce system load instantaneously; rather,  
8 demand increases in staged increments over specified milestone dates tied to facility build-  
9 out and operational phases. These ramp schedules are incorporated directly into the  
10 Company's load forecast and resource adequacy modeling. As each ramp milestone is

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1 reached, incremental peak demand and annual energy requirements increase  
2 correspondingly.

3 Furthermore, as a result of their significant energy requirements, these customers are  
4 expected to create an increased need for renewable energy credits in order to comply with  
5 Missouri's Renewable Energy Standard as further explained in Company witness Matt  
6 Michel's direct testimony.

7 **Q. What steps are Ameren Missouri taking to ensure that it has the**  
8 **generation needed to ensure adequate and timely capacity and energy is available to**  
9 **meet its obligations of serving existing and new customers that elect to take service**  
10 **under its approved tariffs?**

11 A. In the short term, the Company has and will continue to increase its system  
12 capacity through enhancements to existing generation facilities while also utilizing both  
13 the MISO market and bilateral agreements for purchases of capacity to cover any additional  
14 short-term needs. Per the terms of the large load tariff, should an interim capacity purchase  
15 be needed to serve a large load customer, these costs are borne entirely by the large load  
16 customer and not passed on to other customers.

17 With respect to longer term resource planning, the Company's PRP outlines the  
18 Company's plan to meet its resource adequacy needs based on expectations for large loads  
19 at the time it was filed. Details of the Company's PRP are described in Mr. Michels' Direct  
20 Testimony. Overall, the PRP addresses the Company's plan to ultimately produce at least  
21 70% of the energy its customers need from a mix of baseload and peaking generation  
22 comprised of nuclear, coal, natural gas, and hydro, with the remaining up to 30% to be  
23 provided by renewable generation to ensure the Company has a balanced generation

1 portfolio to reliably and cost effectively serve all its customers. The Company will file an  
2 updated Integrated Resource Plan later this year.

3 **Q. Does the state of Missouri and the Commission recognize the need for**  
4 **economic development from large load customers?**

5 A. Yes. As I noted in the Company's large load tariff filing (File No. ET-2025-  
6 0184), even prior to the passage last year of Senate Bill 4, the state of Missouri had  
7 numerous supportive public policies that have been and continue to be in place to help  
8 attract and expand large businesses in our state. These programs have been supported by  
9 state leaders including multiple Governors, cabinet-level agency heads, and the Missouri  
10 General Assembly who collectively recognize the importance of economic development,  
11 including that driven by large load electric customers. In April 2025, the state legislature  
12 passed Senate Bill 4 mandating the filing of a new large load tariff by all electrical  
13 corporations in the state serving more than 250,000 customers that would also institute  
14 customer protections related to cost allocation and risk mitigation associated with serving  
15 such significant new load. The Company and Evergy filed their tariffs in May and February  
16 of 2025 respectively.<sup>3</sup> Senate Bill 4 went into effect on August 28, 2025. The Commission  
17 approved large load tariffs for both the Company and Evergy in November 2025.<sup>4</sup>

18 **Q. How does the Commission's decision regarding the generation**  
19 **resources in this case align with both the broader context of economic development**  
20 **in the state of Missouri and the approval of the large load tariff filing?**

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3 Ameren Missouri's large load tariff was assigned File No. ET-2025-0194, Evergy's large load tariff was assigned File No. EO-2025-0154.

4 The Commission approved the Company's large load tariff via *Order Regarding Ameren Missouri's Request for Approval of a Large Load Rate Plan and Associated Variance* effective December 4, 2025, in File No. ET-2025-0184. The Commission approved Evergy's large load tariff via *Report and Order* effective December 13, 2025, in File No. EO-2025-0154.

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1           A.     The Legislature's passage of Senate Bill 4 and the Commission's swift  
2     action in approving the large load customer tariff for the Company and Evergy signaled  
3     that Missouri is "open for business." As a result, just a few months after the Commission's  
4     approval of the Company's large load tariff, the Company executed its initial ESAs with  
5     large load customers. The Company is acting on its obligation to serve all customers by  
6     seeking approval of the Projects contemplated in this case as they are needed to reliably  
7     serve the Company's system load, meet resource adequacy requirements, and meet RES  
8     obligations. Commission approval of the Projects will reaffirm that the state is supporting  
9     Ameren Missouri's obligation to serve its customers; increase access to reliable, affordable,  
10    and clean energy; and unlock the benefits that both the State and the Commission have  
11    sought.

12           **Q.     Do you have a recent example of expected economic benefits to**  
13    **Missouri and its communities of large load customer projects?**

14           A.     Yes. Amazon Data Services ("Amazon") recently announced its plan to  
15    locate a data center in Montgomery County, MO that will significantly increase tax  
16    revenues for the county. The land the project will be located on, absent the data center,  
17    would have generated roughly \$8,900 per year in total taxes across all jurisdictions,  
18    totaling an estimated \$225,000 in tax revenue over the next 25 years. With the data  
19    center, under the approved construction plan, the project is projected to generate  
20    approximately \$400 million in new revenue including real property taxes and payments  
21    made in lieu of taxes for personal property paid over 25 years under a minimum build-out

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1 plan. In a maximum build-out scenario, total revenues are projected to be approximately  
2 \$1.8 billion over the same period.<sup>5</sup>

3 As someone who has spent an entire career in economic development, it is simply  
4 astounding to me to consider the transformative impact these projects will have on the  
5 local community and the state. These revenues will improve county infrastructure  
6 including roads and bridges, along with enhancement to law enforcement and the local  
7 schools. In addition to these tax revenues, Amazon will provide \$1.5 million in 2026 to  
8 replace Montgomery County's 911 system, including upgrades to necessary  
9 communications equipment. Amazon will provide an additional \$1.5 million in 2027 for  
10 other county needs.

11 Beyond the tax revenue, this project is expected to maintain at least 150 full-time,  
12 permanent jobs at the facility earning an annual wage of at least 150% more than the  
13 county's 2025 average, which will provide incremental benefits and economic activity to  
14 the county and its residents.

15 As Steve Etcher, the local economic development leader for Montgomery County  
16 put it:

17 There are so many economic values this project brings. We're talking  
18 thousands of construction jobs for multiple years. We're talking hundreds of  
19 permanent jobs for our graduating students out of the local schools. We are  
20 talking tens of millions of dollars in tax revenue. We will increase the county tax  
21 revenue for taxing jurisdictions by a factor of many multiples from a factor of two  
22 in the initial phases to a factor of ten. By the time we get full buildout, what you  
23 can do then with that revenue is create this dynamic community with excellent  
24 service education systems that are just, you know, top of the line.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> [20251208-125511-c21-Plan Cost Benefit Analysis \(Project Green\).pdf](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Montgomery County Data Centers: Residents Oppose Proposal - News Usa Today](#)

1           **Q.     Do you have another recent example of expected economic benefits to**  
2 **Missouri and its communities of large load customer projects?**

3           A.     Yes. Just this month Google announced a \$15 billion investment in building  
4 infrastructure which includes a data center to be located in New Florence, Montgomery  
5 County, Missouri. Along with their investment in infrastructure, Google has committed to  
6 providing an Energy Impact Fund of \$20 million to support programs that drive down  
7 monthly energy bills for Missouri households with a focus on the communities surrounding  
8 their data centers in Kansas City and this new development in New Florence. This  
9 commitment complements their pledge to pay for 100% of the power it uses. While the  
10 specific tax impact is not yet publicly available, this project will undoubtedly provide a  
11 transformative impact to the local community, including the creation of thousands of  
12 construction jobs over the buildout and hundreds of direct, permanent operational roles  
13 once the data center is up and running.

14           As Missouri Governor Mike Kehoe put it with regards to this project:

15                     Beyond the significant economic impact and job creation, Google  
16 has demonstrated a true commitment to strengthening the community  
17 through local partnerships, investments, grants, and support for area  
18 businesses. This project represents more than infrastructure – it's an  
19 investment in Missouri families, communities, and long-term opportunity.  
20 We are proud to partner with companies like Google that are helping drive  
21 economic growth while making a meaningful difference in the communities  
22 they call home.<sup>7</sup>

23           **Q.     Does this conclude your Direct Testimony?**

24           A.     Yes.

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<sup>7</sup> <https://governor.mo.gov/press-releases/archive/missouri-secures-15-billion-investment-google-montgomery-county>

