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2	JUDGE WOODRUFF: My name is Morris
3	Woodruff. I'm the Chief Regulatory Judge for the
4	Public Service Commission, and I'm going to be
5	presiding over the local public hearing here. I'm
6	not a Commissioner myself, but I do have four
7	Commissioners here with me.
8	To my left is Chairman Daniel Hall. This
9	is Commissioner Scott Rupp, Commissioner Stephen
10	Stoll, and Commissioner Bill Kenney.
11	And future as I indicated earlier,
12	we're here to get your comments and your testimony.
13	And several people have signed up, and I'll call
14	them to come up to the stage, up to the podium
15	here. And I'll swear you in, and you can give your
16	give your statement.
17	To try and keep these things moving along
18	a little bit, we have a timer here. After I've
19	sworn you in and so forth, we'll allow you five
20	minutes to give your testimony. And five minutes,
21	in fact, takes a while. You don't have to use all
22	the time, and and we'll see how it goes.
23	After you make your statement and I may
24	have some questions for you, some Commissioners may
25	have some questions for you and some of the

1 attorneys who are here, and the parties may have some questions for you as well. And so we'll get 2 started with that. 3 4 But before I call the first witness, we 5 need to take care of another matter here, and 6 that's the entries of appearance from the attorneys 7 who are here representing the parties. So I'll 8 begin with Ameren Missouri. 9 MS. GIBONEY: For Ameren Missouri, I'm 10 Sarah Giboney, and the court reporter has my 11 contact information. 12 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. And for Staff 13 of the Commission? 14 MR. JOHNSON: For Staff of the Missouri 15 Public Service Commission, I'm Mark Johnson, and 16 I've already provided my information to the court 17 reporter. 18 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for the Office of 19 Public Counsel? MR. OWEN: For the Office of Public 20 21 Counsel, James Owen, Acting Director, and I have 2.2 provided my information to the court reporter prior 23 to this hearing. 24 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. Any other 25 parties here represented by Counsel?

1 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Well, thank you. Anv Commissioners want to make any statements before we 2 3 qet started? 4 CHAIRMAN HALL: Good afternoon. Thank you so much for being here. This is a very important 5 6 part of the entire process. 7 As -- as has been explained to you, there will be an evidentiary hearing in Jeff City on the 8 9 matter. And at that hearing, we're going to hear a lot of testimony from economists, from audititors, 10 11 from engineers, from policy specialists about the 12 rate requests that's -- that's at issue in this 13 case. 14 What we won't get a lot of is actual 15 testimony from individuals who are directly impacted by these rates. And that's -- that's the 16 purpose of these hearings, that we hear from you so 17 that we can take that into account when we hear the 18 19 rest of the evidence and, ultimately, render a decision. 20 21 You should be aware that everything that 22 -- that you say when you're testifying will be 23 transcribed and will be part of the record. And so all five Commissioners, including Commissioner 24 25 Coleman who is not here today, will have access to

your testimony. So thank you for being here, and 1 2 we look forward to hearing your testimony. JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. And the first 3 4 witness on the list is Jim Gann. Good afternoon. 5 And could you tell us your name for the court 6 reporter? 7 MR. GANN: My name is James R. Gann, 8 G-a-n-n. 9 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. And if you'd please rate your right hand, I'll swear you in. 10 11 JAMES GANN, being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole 12 13 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows: 14 TESTIMONY OF JAMES GANN JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. 15 16 MR. GANN: So welcome to Booneville, Commissioners. Thank you for coming here today. 17 And -- and right here. I trust -- I'm from 18 19 Boonville and Cooper County, and I'm an economic developer, and it's with that responsibility that I 20 want to address four topics with you today. 21 22 Given the limited time, I'll run through 23 them fairly quickly. But I want to make myself 24 available for your questions or staff Questions that you may have after the fact. So I'm happy to 25

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1 do that.

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2 These four topics are tangential to this
3 rate case. But -- but do impact it or have a
4 potential to impact it.

5 The first thing I would like to discuss 6 Ameren's rules that they have to follow regarding 7 economic development rate tariffs.

8 Being an investor-owned public utility, I 9 understand your sentiment and -- and watching out 10 for the ratepayers about how Ameren delivers those 11 rates to commercial customers when an economic 12 development project comes along.

13 What I can tell you as a practitioner at 14 the local level is the method that that has to be 15 applied is untenable for me as the local 16 practitioner.

17 And the reason that it's untenable is in 18 order to make that process work, I can tell a 19 prospect that a utopia exists, but in order to get 20 it -- or in order to access that utopia, you have 21 to be unethical and give me information that I will 22 share with the utility that might be competitive 23 with other communities not only in this state, but 24 elsewhere.

So that's an incredibly difficult

1 conversation to have. So that's my first point. The second point -- that I would address. 2 3 The second point is we have had an engaged 4 dialogue with the utility regarding pole attachments, and we've sought a waiver on what 5 6 appears to be internal rules regarding pole 7 attachments. 8 We believe in small rural communities that 9 broadband access is incredibly important and will 10 become increasingly important in the future. We've 11 asked for the waiver on what appears to be internal 12 rules. I've been sent down some rabbit holes by 13 the company saying there was FCC rules or National 14 Electric Code rules. 15 And I can't find them, and the utility has 16 not provided that to me. But I'm not asking for a 17 waiver of access charges. Our community, 18 Boonville, is surrounded by a Fiber to the Homes 19 project, and we'd like to allow them to come in and 20 access the utility's poles here so that we can have 21 one gigabyte service to the home. It's another 22 case of utopia exists just beyond the border. 23 We also have -- my third topic has to do with bringing economic development finance tools to 24 25 some of the company's needs and infrastructure.

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1 I've had a dialogue with the company regarding the costs of renewable generation center, 2 3 particularly the solar plant. And I would like to 4 bring some local financing options to the table on 5 that. So far, I've -- it's -- I'm not sure that 6 7 in the bureaucracy I've gotten to the right person. 8 But it's been a little bit of crickets of the 9 response. And in particular, as a local community, 10 11 if we treated this as any other economic 12 development project, while it wouldn't create jobs, 13 it would create investment in our community, and we 14 would have some tools at hand that would allow some 15 local tax abatement that would lower the marginal 16 cost of operation on a solar facility on an ongoing 17 basis and provide us, as a community, the ability to differentiate ourselves to sooners in that we 18 19 would be able to say, X percentage of our sole --20 of our energy that is consumed locally is offset by 21 these solar sources that are within our town. 2.2 So, again, the -- the company does not 23 seem to have been very receptive to that 24 discussion. And I don't know how that fits into 25 their strategic plans. But as a local community,

1	that is something that we can do and would be
2	interested in furthering that discussion.
3	Then the last point that I would like to
4	address is, I believe, Thursday, the Commission
5	will be looking at Ameren's proposal for
6	transportation energy.
7	And and I'm very proud to say that this
8	is one place we think Boonville has a lot of
9	opportunity. And we were, if not the first, one of
10	the first to engage in the dialogue with with
11	the utility about putting a transportation charging
12	site here.
13	And we're very excited about that.
14	We see that as an opportunity, again, for our
15	tourism development because of the length of time
16	it takes to charge a car. And we have a lot of
17	nice amenities for the traveling public. So those
18	are my four topics, and I'll respond to any
19	questions you have.
20	JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you very much.
21	Thank you.
22	MR. GANN: The count down times helped.
23	JUDGE WOODRUFF: Yes. Chairman?
24	CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you, Mr. Gann. I
25	don't have any particular questions other than I'm

1 wondering the extent to which you've had conversations about the first three items that you 2 answered with -- with the Staff of the Missouri 3 4 Public Service Commission. 5 MR. GANN: I have not had any -- any talk with staff at Public Service Commission about those 6 7 first three topics. 8 I -- there are former -- there is a local 9 former Staff member in the Office of Public Counsel that I dialogued with regarding all of these 10 11 issues. 12 CHAIRMAN HALL: Well, and I'm obviously 13 going to persuade you to have more conversatons 14 with them. But I recommend you raise at least 15 those first three issues with Staff as a result of the discussions and poor result. 16 17 MR. GANN: I will do that. 18 COMMISSIONER RUPP: Thank you for your 19 testimony. When I listened to the testimony, I 20 tried to pick up the theme. And the theme was 21 coming across, and I want to see if it was correct, 2.2 was when communicating with the customer, with the 23 company and their customer service that they became a cause for frustration. Would you summarize that 24 25 as the way it has been on those first three issues

1 of dealing with any information from the company? 2 MR. GANN: So I think it -- yes. 3 Frustration. But -- but frustration may be 4 warranted by both parties. What -- how I would better characterize it is I think I've tried to 5 6 propose creative solutions to some problems. 7 And either the regulatory structure or their bureaucracy isn't able to interpret and 8 9 respond to the creative solutions I think I've 10 proposed. So --11 COMMISSIONER RUPP: So specifically 12 dealing with the feeling as if you're being sent 13 down rabbit holes, chasing statements that are not 14 true? 15 MR. GANN: That -- that has happened. 16 Yes. 17 COMMISSIONER RUPP: All right. Thank you. COMMISSIONER STOLL: The only thing I 18 19 would say is that I think it would be important for 20 you to talk to Staff today and maybe they could 21 give you a contact or a number that you would be 22 able to call when everybody is back at the office. 23 MR. GANN: T will do that. 24 COMMISSIONER STOLL: Okay. Thank you. 25 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you, Mr. Gann.

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MR. GANN: Thank you. 1 2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Anything -- any questions from the parties? Thank you very much. 3 4 MR. GANN: Thank you. 5 JUDGE WOODRUFF: The next name on the list is Paula Stern. 6 7 MS. STERN: Hi. My name is Paula Stern, and I --8 9 JUDGE WOORUFF: You might want to put microphone a little bit closer to you. 10 MS. STERN: I have a quiet voice as it is, 11 12 so I'm sorry. But I had a thyroid surgery, and it's kind of messed up with the vocal cords. 13 14 JUDGE WOODRUFF: I'll need to swear you in, if you can raise your right hand? 15 16 PAULA STERN, being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole 17 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows: 18 19 TESTIMONY OF PAULA STERN 20 JUDGE WOODRUFF: What would you like to tell us? 21 22 MS. STERN: Well, I just want you all to be aware that I am on a fixed income. Because I am 23 2.4 on a limited income and I live frugally at best, it makes it really difficulty when my bill is going to 25

1	potentially go up eight plus dollars a month.
2	That sort of when I look at it, it's
3	like, Okay, I can take medication or I can pay my
4	bill. I think it's going to be medication. It's
5	not going to be the bill.
6	My bill went from \$30 last month to \$83
7	this month. And, yes, it's been a lot colder. And
8	the windows in the apartment I live in are not real
9	secure. And I've had weather stripping done. But
10	even with that, turning my heat down at night,
11	doing all of these things, I can't imagine that my
12	bill is going to be over 90, \$100 a month.
13	And I just think you need to be aware that
14	people that are on limited incomes can't pull that
15	from anywhere else. There is no place to get it.
16	So there's a lot of Seniors out there.
17	There's a lot of children out there. There's a lot
18	of folks like me. I just want you to be aware of
19	that and maybe take that into account because
20	that's a lot of money for someone that's on a fixed
21	income to have to deal with and come up with every
22	single month. That's kind of all I need to say.
23	Thank you.
24	JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you very much. Any
25	questions from parties?

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Thank you, 2 Ms. Stern. 3 MS. GIBONEY: Ma'am, are you a customer of 4 Ameren Missouri? MS. STERN: Yes, I am. 5 6 MS. GIBONEY: Okay. Thank you. 7 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Any other questions from Commissioners? 8 9 CHAIRMAN HALL: No questions. Thank you for your testimony. 10 MS. STERN: Thank you, ma'am. 11 12 JUDGE WOODRUFF: The next name on the list is Amelia Duvall? Pronunciation? 13 14 MS. DUVALL: It's Amalie. JUDGE WOODRUFF: Amalie. Sorry about 15 16 that. Please raise your right hand. 17 AMALIE DUVALL, being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole 18 19 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows: TESTIMONY OF AMALIE DUVALL 20 21 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. What would 22 you like to tell us? 23 MS. DUVALL: Well, I quess following up 2.4 somewhat on what Paula said, I would just like to state, that, you know, there's only so much that 25

1	people can tolerate.
2	A 50 percent increase in the last ten
3	years. My income has not increased. So there
4	comes a point where Ameren's going to have to start
5	looking somewhere else besides rate increases.
6	I'm thinking ahead to when I retire. My
7	income will be even less. I'm I'm very frugal
8	right now. And I don't know how I would be able to
9	stay in my home paying the rates that I pay right
10	now on less income than I have.
11	So in the past ten years, I'm paying much
12	more and I'm getting much less. I currently don't
13	run my furnace. I keep it just enough to keep my
14	pipes from freezing.
15	And I put a space heater in my son's room.
16	So his bedroom is warm, and we bundle up in the
17	house. I do not use central air any longer. I
18	have it in my house.
19	I used to use it and not think about it.
20	I don't use it anymore. I have a window unit in my
21	son's room, and I can tell you this past summer,
22	there were a couple of months that were really
23	unbearable. I spent a lot of time outside of my
24	own home because of it.
25	So I don't know if as a community, in

1 conjunction with Ameren, we need to start looking for other ways to get the money they need to make 2 3 these improvements if they must be made. But I 4 also feel if -- that if part of it is because of a 5 reduced demand, then maybe all of these improvements don't need to be made if -- if there's 6 7 less demand. 8 But, again, I just think it's really 9 important to be on the record that people know how much people are suffering. And I -- I feel 10 11 fortunate because I do have a job, a steady job, a 12 qood job. 13 In this community, there are a lot of 14 people that very recently lost their jobs. We've 15 lost industry. And they're struggling even more 16 than I am. 17 And the elderly people here that live on a 18 fixed budget, I don't know what they're going to 19 do. I personally -- I have neighbors that, you 20 know, I take extra food to that I know are 21 struggling. 2.2 So I just want to make my voice heard. 23 I've never participated in anything like this 24 before. But there comes a time when there's just 25 nothing left to give. I mean, you've squeezed it

all out of me. There's not anything left. 1 2 I just wanted to make sure that people are aware of that, you know, that that's happening to a 3 4 lot of us out here. JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Thank you. Any 5 questions from the parties? 6 7 COMMISSIONER RUPP: Thank you. 8 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you. 9 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you, ma'am. The next name on the list is Burt McClary. Good 10 afternoon. Please raise your right hand. 11 12 BURT MCCLARY, 13 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole 14 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows: TESTIMONY OF BURT MCCLARY 15 16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. And you are Burt McClary? 17 18 MR. MCCLARY: Burt McClary. 19 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Spell the last name for the court reporter. 20 21 MR. MCCLARY: M-c-C-l-a-r-y. 22 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. What you would 23 like to tell us? 24 MR. MCCLARY: Just a -- excuse me. Just a couple of brief comments from a consumer's point of 25

1	view. I own five properties within the city limits
2	of Boonville. They're adjacent properties.
3	And a couple of years ago, I was
4	interested in exploring the possibility of some
5	solar power to use on these properties. We have
б	space for a large ground-based solar array.
7	And so I looked into the to the issues.
8	And, quite frankly, I found it didn't appear that
9	Ameren was had much interest in solar or other
10	renewable energy sources as some of the other
11	public utilities in Missouri.
12	And we hear statistics given. And it's
13	difficult for a consumer to interpret these and
14	and understand the the impact.
15	But, recently, I I've heard a couple of
16	other statistics such as savings regarding the
17	the Kansas City Power & Light Company and their
18	investments in wind and energy efficiency that
19	that will provide potentially a billion dollar in
20	customer savings over the next 20 years.
21	And then the Springfield Utilities that
22	have switched to wind power that provides a 25
23	percent cheaper energy source other than coal and
24	that they are now at approximately 30 60 percent
25	wind power.

1	And the statements regarding Ameren and
2	their investments and and application of of
3	wind power is another 1 percent of wind energy.
4	So, again, it's as I said, it's difficult for us
5	as consumers to to really compare different
б	public utilities and their efficiencies.
7	But, in general, I would just like to
8	encourage Ameren to look at these alternate
9	sources, and and make the investments in
10	Missouri.
11	One other comment as well I'd like to
12	reiterate to the concerns that a couple of other
13	speakers have mentioned about the the cost
14	increase to the individual.
15	Myself, I have no problems at all it in
16	absorbing costs for the services provided. And
17	and I would like to say, too, that I've been a
18	Missouri power and light and UE and Ameren customer
19	for 63 years of my life. And and I'm generally
20	satisfied with the service and reliability.
21	And and as I said, I have no problems
22	absorbing rate increases myself, and I am willing
23	to pay my share. But I do I do find that it's
24	difficult for my tenants to absorb these kind of
25	cost increases.

1	We have individuals that have expressed
2	I can absorb a portion for all of that for them.
3	However, it is their responsibility to pay their
4	own utilities, and I am concerned that that they
5	may have diffictulty with that large of an
6	increase. Thank you.
7	JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Any questions
8	from the parties first?
9	COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Thank you, Mr.
10	McClary.
11	COMMISSIONER STOLL: Thank you for your
12	testimony.
13	JUDGE WOODRUFF: Mr. McClary, I do have
14	one question for you, though.
15	MR. MCCLARY: Yes.
16	JUDGE WOODRUFF: You mentioned the
17	possibility of solar power. Have you looked into
18	any other possibility for energy efficiency
19	programs for your structure system of the apartment
20	buildings?
21	MR. MCCLARY: No. They're single
22	single family frame residences. As far as just
23	efficiency within the buildings, windows and doors
24	and high efficiency furnaces, yes, I do have.
25	JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. I was going to

suggest you might want to talk to the Ameren people 1 or with our Staff over here for --2 MR. MCCLARY: We have -- we have plenty of 3 4 -- plenty of resources to look at those. And -and we have invested in new pipes, furnaces on two 5 units in the last couple of years as well. 6 7 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Thank you. 8 MR. MCCLARY: Thank you. 9 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Next name on the list is John Meyer. Good afternoon, Mr. Meyer. 10 MR. MEYER: Good afternoon. 11 12 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And your name is John 13 Meyer? 14 MR. MEYER: Yes, it is. 15 JOHN MEYER, being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole 16 17 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows: TESTIMONY OF JOHN MEYER 18 19 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you very much. What you would you like to tell us? 20 MR. MEYER: Well, I realize Ameren is a 21 for-profit company. You know, they've got to make 22 23 a profit. 24 But as a -- you know, they're also a -- a publicly traded company. They're more worried 25

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1	about dividends to their stockholders than they are
2	abou us as customers because if they don't keep
3	their stockholders happy, they're going to sell
4	their their stocks. They're going to get
5	something else.
6	But I understand they've got to make a
7	profit. I don't have that against them. I think
8	if they if they're wanting to do all this, they
9	need to let us know, let us decide before you
10	know, don't keep it hidden secret while they're
11	spending the money on it.
12	If they want a rate increase, let us know
13	so we can think is it worth what we're going to
14	have to pay extra for what they're saying they're
15	doing? Or are they just saying they're doing this
16	or are they not?
17	Because we have no way of knowing. But
18	I'm not a computer person. I guess if I was, I
19	could get on the computer and find out. But I'm
20	not interested in computers. I didn't have them
21	when I was a kid. I could die without one.
22	I won't hold it against them making a
23	profit. I just don't think they should get rich
24	off of it, you know.
25	I'm on Social Security. I've got three

1 three-tenths of a 1 percent increase this year for Social Security. Well, they're getting an 8 or 9 2 3 percent, and they've had a 50 percent increase in 4 the last ten years. 5 I worked at a good job. I didn't get any kind of increases like that. I thought 2 or 3 6 7 percent was a real good increase. I wasn't 8 dissatisfied with it. 9 For a lot of years, I took a 1 percent 10 because I thought I was making enough for what I've 11 got to do. And, you know, when -- I just can't see 12 that I've heard where they've built so much stuff 13 that they're needing this kind of money. 14 If they would let a person know, well, you 15 know, we built this, we're getting so much off of 16 this or off of that. They shouldn't have got to spend it before they take it and collect for it. 17 They need to let people know they're 18 19 spending it and what they're spending it on so they'll know what's going on. I'm not against them 20 21 making money. I just don't think they should get 2.2 rich off of it. And that's what I feel like 23 they're trying to do on this one. 24 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Thank you, sir. 25 Any questions from the parties? Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER STOLL: Thank you for your 1 2 testimony. 3 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you for your 4 testimony. And you might want to talk to Mr. Own over here the Office of Public Counsel. And he'll 5 give you some more information about this case and 6 how it all works in general. So -- all right. 7 Next name on the list is Joan Read. Good 8 9 afternoon. 10 MS. READ: Hi. JUDGE WOODRUFF: And you are Joan Read? 11 12 MS. READ: Yes, I am. 13 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. And would you 14 spell the last name for the record? 15 MS. READ: R-e-a-d. JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you very much. 16 17 Please raise your right hand. 18 JOAN READ, 19 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows: 20 21 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. What would you like to tell us? 22 23 MS. READ: Municipalities all over all the 24 United States and leaders world-wide are actively pursuing more affordable clean energy renewable 25

1 energy.

Clean renewable energy is a job creator,
reduced pollution, enhances our public health and
reduces suffering and lowers the health care costs
with renewables, collecting benefits, including
reduced utility bills.
Renewables are less expensive than coal.
A rate increase of \$99 dollars per year might not

9 sound like much to you, but I assure you it 10 increased utility bills are a real burden in this 11 community.

12 I volunteer at one of three local banks in 13 Boonville alone. Hundreds of our neighbors need 14 those services to survive.

15 Fortunately, my situation is different.
16 And we chose to install solar panels for reasons
17 that are in Boonville at our home or at our
18 business in Columbia.

And we -- Ameren did not offer any rebates, so we did it at our place of business, and this is in Columbia. We went to that effort. We have not seen other utility companies take their customers with renewable energy.

24 Given the fact that for years Ameren has 25 chosen to favor coal over renewables prior to the

1	program, why is it appropriate now for them to ask
2	their customers to build them now?
3	At this current trajectory, our bills will
4	only continue to increase. As the Missouri Public
5	Service Commission, I encourage you to advocate on
6	our behalf. We deserve better.
7	JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you, ma'am.
8	Questions from the parties? Commissioners?
9	COMMISSIONER STOLL: Thank you.
10	JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you, ma'am.
11	MS. READ: Thank you.
12	JUDGE WOODRUFF: Last name on the list is
13	Warren Schlotzhour?
14	MR. SCHLOTZHOUR: Yeah. I don't need to
15	do mine.
16	JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Did I at least
17	state your name right?
18	MR. SCHLOTZHOUR: Yeah. You did pretty
19	good.
20	JUDGE WOODRUFF: Well, thank you very
21	much. Mr. Schlotzhour was the last name on the
22	list. Is anyone else here who would like to
23	testify who didn't sign up on the list? Yes. come
24	on up. And can you tell us your name?
25	MS. PERRY: Linda Perry.

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1 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Perry? 2 MS. PERRY: Perry, P-e-r-r-y. JUDGE WOODRUFF: I need to swear you in. 3 MS. PERRY: I'm sorry. 4 5 LINDA PERRY, being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole 6 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows: 7 8 JUDGE WOODRUFF: What would you like to 9 tell us? 10 MS. PERRY: I promised myself I wouldn't do this. I just wanted to hear what everybody else 11 12 had to say. But the more I sat, the more I listened. And I'm a little concerned. 13 14 I run a social service organization as an outreach here for Cooper County. I also deal in a 15 lot of low income families. I work for the Food 16 17 Pantry. I'm concerned with the fact that within 18 19 the ten-year period, there was seven times increase. That doesn't seem right to me. 20 I deal with a lot of low income families. 21 And like was clearly stated, there are those who 22 have recently lost jobs. How can you sit and tell 23 2.4 an individual who's already in poverty, who is already struggling to make those payments, Oh, 25

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1	you've got eight more dollars to pay a month?
2	You've got to feed your kids. You've got to pay
3	this bill. You've got to do whatever you need to
4	do. How are you going to be able to do that
5	because you're struggling anyway?
6	We have a great organization set up to
7	where they would help with you your energy bills.
8	But the way it's been continuing these past few
9	years that I've seen in this county, everybody's
10	out before before there's time. What do you do
11	then?
12	You go without your lights. And if it's
13	warm, you go without your heat. There's got to be
14	a better way.
15	I understand a company has to make profit.
16	I understand they have to look at the overall
17	situation. I understand that. But there still has
18	to be a better way.
19	Like I said, for me, I was concerned when
20	I heard about the ten-year period it rose seven
21	times. I I I'm I'm baffled.
22	So I heard a lot of good answers. I heard
23	a lot of good answers. I just don't buy it. And
24	I'm speaking because I'm a customer myself. And
25	I've had my ups and downs with them.

1 And I sat here. I just expect more. And 2 as Americans, we're supposed to expect more. So I 3 expect more. 4 I want you guys to take into account very 5 carefully of what you're going to do, and I respect 6 you for doing that because I'm -- I'm respectful 7 that you're taking in all aspects of the -- of the 8 situatoin. 9 Because you're not just looking at Ameren. 10 You're looking at the whole thing, the whole 11 picture. All I ask is just for a fair count. 12 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you very much, 13 ma'am. Any questions from parties? Commissioners? 14 MR. KENNEY: No. 15 COMMISSIONER STOLL: Thank you, Ms. Perry. 16 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you. 17 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you, Ms. Perry. 18 MS. PERRY: Thank you. 19 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Anyone else in the 20 audience who would like to come forward? All right 21 then. Yes, ma'am. Tell us your name, please. 2.2 MS. LUDWIG: Mary Ludwig. 23 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Ludwig? 24 MS. LUDWIG: Ludwig. 25 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay, can you spell the

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last name for us? 1 2 MS. LUDWIG: L-u-d-w-i-q. JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. If you'd 3 4 please raise your right hand, I'll swear you in. 5 MARY LUDWIG, 6 being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows: 7 TESTIMONY OF MARY LUDWIG 8 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you very much. 9 What would you you like to tell us? 10 MS. LUDWIG: Well, as I was sitting there, 11 I'm thinking, Well, I can do \$8 a month. I can do 12 that. And several other people said that. 13 14 Several other people said they flat out can't. Has anybody ever thought about a sliding 15 scale based on income? Just a thought I had 16 sitting out there. 17 JUDGE WOODRUFF: I can't address that at 18 19 this point on behalf of the Commission. Something you might want to talk about with -- with Mr. Owen, 20 again, as well as with our Staff counsel. And our 21 22 other Staff memebers here, they might -- there are 23 some discussions of those kind of things going on. 24 MS. LUDWIG: Okay. Great. Thanks. 25 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Anyone -- anyone else?

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Any questions from the parties or Commissioners?
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             COMMISSIONER KENNEY: No.
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    much.
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             COMMISSIONER STOLL: Thank you for your
    testimony.
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             JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. Anyone else
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    wish to testify? All right. With that, then, we
    will conclude this local public hearing. And thank
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    you all for coming out. And we are adjourned.
              (The proceedings were concluded at 1:30 p.m. on
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