BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy Metro,) Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy) Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West) for an Accounting Authority Order Allowing the) Companies to Record and Preserve Costs Related) to COVID-19 Expenses.)

File No. EU-2020-0350

AMEREN MISSOURI'S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER AND MOTION FOR LEAVE TO LATE-FILE

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri" or "Company"), and in response to the Commission's September 3, 2020 Order Directing Filing, states as

follows:

1. Ameren Missouri requests that counsel be allowed to participate in the evidentiary

hearing via telephone or video conference. The Company's participation in Evergy's hearing will be

limited. Ameren Missouri does not object to a virtual hearing.

2. The Company is filing this response a few hours late having inadvertently overlooked

the September 16, 2020 deadline. Therefore, the Company respectfully requests leave to late-file this

response and apologizes for any inconvenience. No party should be prejudiced by this filing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Response was served on all parties of record in this case via electronic mail (e-mail) or via regular mail on this 17th day of September 2020.

> <u>/s/ James B. Lowery</u> James B. Lowery