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IN THE MATTER OF UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a AMEREN UE FOR AUTHORITY TO FILE TARIFFS INCREASING RATES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDED TO CUSTOMERS IN THE COMPANY'S MISSOURI SERVICE AREA  CASE NO. ER-2008-0318  DEPOSITION OF ERIN MALONEY OCTOBER 31ST, 2008	3 IN THE MATTER OF UNION   ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a AMEREN ) 4 UE FOR AUTHORITY TO FILE   TARIFFS INCREASING RATES FOR ) 5 ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDED TO ) CUSTOMERS IN THE COMPANY'S ) 6 MISSOURI SERVICE AREA,
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A. My name is Erin Maloney, and my business

Q. And by whom are you employed, Ms. Maloney?

address is 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

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1	STIPULATION	1	A. The Missouri Public Service Commission.
2	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by all parties	2	Q. Okay. And are you the same Erin Maloney who
3	hereto, through their respective Counsel, that the deposition	3	contributed to the Staff report on Ameren UE's cost of
4	of ERIN MALONEY, may be taken by Michelle L. Pachesa,	4	service and filed rebuttal testimony in case number
5	Registered Professional Reporter, Certified Court Reporter,	5	ER-2008-0318?
6	and Notary Public, and thereafter transcribed into	6	A. Yes.
7	typewriting.	7	Q. Okay. Ms. Maloney, before we get started, I'd
8	IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that any and all	8	like to go over a couple of preliminary matters. First of
9	objections to all or any part of this deposition are hereby	9	all, is there any reason that you're aware of that you
10	reserved and may be raised on the trial of this cause, and	10	wouldn't be able to hear, understand, or respond to my
11	that signature of the deponent is not waived.	11	questions today?
12		12	A. No.
13		13	Q. So you're not, like, for example, taking any
14		14	medication that could impact your ability to be deposed?
15		15	A. No, sir.
16		16	Q. Okay. And second, if you don't hear or
17		17	understand one of my questions, would you please ask me to
18		18	repeat it or clarify it?
19		19	A. Yes.
20		20	Q. Okay. And third, if you'd like to take a
21		21	break at any point during the deposition, just ask and we
22		22	can stop whenever you want.
23		23	A. Okay.
24		24	Q. Okay. Have you ever been deposed before?
25		25	A. No.
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1	ERIN MALONEY,	1	Q. Okay. In terms of your background, can you
2	of lawful age, being first duly sworn to tell the truth, the	2	could you give me a little bit on your background, like
3	whole truth, and nothing but the truth, deposes and says on	3	what's your educational background?
4	behalf of the Ameren Services Company, as follows:	4	A. I have a degree in mechanical engineering from
5	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	5	the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
6	DIRECT EXAMINATION	6	Q. Okay. What year did you graduate?
7	QUESTIONS BY MR. BYRNE	7	A. '92.
8	Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Maloney.	8	Q. '92. And then when did you start working for
9	A. Good afternoon.	9	the Staff?
10	Q. As you know, my name is Tom Byrne, and I am an	10	I started working for the Commission on
11	attorney for Ameren UE. Today we are here to take your	11	January 1st, 2005.
12	deposition in Case Number ER-2008-0318, which is	12	Q. Okay. And what did you do before you started
13	Ameren UE's electric rate case currently pending before the	13	working at the Commission, after you graduated but before
14	Missouri Public Service Commission.	14	you started working for the Commission?
15	With us here today in addition to your	15	A. I stayed home for several years with my kids,
16	attorney and the Court Reporter are Dan Beck, who's a Staff	16	and then I went to work for a company called EDS in Kansas
17	member, and I think John Cassidy is on the phone.	17	City, Missouri as a system engineer.
18	Is anyone else on the phone? Hearing nothing,	18	Q. And then after that, did you work at the
19	I'm assuming Dan Beck and John Cassidy are the only other	19	Staff?
20	people.	20	After that, yes, this was my next job, yes.
21	Ms. Maloney, could you please state your name	21	Q. Okay. Do you remember what year you started
22	and business address.	22	at EDS?

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A. 1996 I believe.

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Q. Okay. And then what's your position at the

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1	A. I'm a utility engineering specialist.	1	Q. Okay. Do you have experience dealing with	
2	Q. Okay. And who do you report to at the	2 pow	ver markets directly?	
3	Commission?	3	A. No.	
4	A. I report to Dan Beck.	4	Q. Okay. Let me ask you a little bit about	
5	Q. Okay. And then who does Dan Beck report to?	5 non	malization, if you don't mind. I mean, do you know what	
6	A. He reports to Lena Mantle.	6 nor	malization is?	
7	Q. Okay. And then I think I remember Lena Mantle	7	A. Yes.	
8	reports to Natelle Dietrich, is that right?	8	Q. What is it?	
9	A. That's correct. The Division Director.	9	A. An attempt to normalization is an attempt	
10	Q. And then Natelle reports to Wess Henderson,	10 to,	for instance, if you were going to try to normalize gas	
11	right?	11 pric	es, an attempt to compute what an average year might	
12	A. Correct.	12 100	k like, a normal, if you will, year.	
13	Q. Okay. Got it. And what are your current	13	Q. And why well, let me ask you this. What	
14	duties in your job at the Public Service Commission?	14 kind	ds of things typically get normalized in a rate case,	
15	A. I work on rate cases mostly, do some complaint	15 let's	s say?	
16	cases or complaints handle complaints, and I also	16	A. The load, the system load, the sales, the	
17	work I handle data for the report the three	17 out	ages.	
18	there's a 3190 data requirement the utilities have to	18	Q. Do they sometimes normalize other accounting	
19	fulfill, and I handle that data.	19 thin	igs like uncollectibles, is that sometimes normalized?	
20	Q. Okay. So you receive it and compile it for	20	A. I don't	
21	the Staff and maintain it probably?	21	Q. You don't know?	
22	A. Correct.	22	A have any knowledge of the accounting side.	
23	Q. Okay. Great. How many other rate cases	23	Q. Okay.	
24	before this one have you been involved with, if you know?	24	(THERE WAS A SHORT BREAK IN THE PROCEEDINGS	
25	A. I	25	MR. BYRNE: We've been reconnected, and now	
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1	Q. Or approximately?	1 Mid	chael S. Proctor has joined the phone call in St. Louis	
2	<ol> <li>Approximately five or six.</li> </ol>	2 for	the Staff.	
3	Q. Okay. Have have you ever been involved	3	Q. (By Mr. Byrne) Ms. Maloney, right before we	
4	with negotiating any gas contracts?	4 we	ere cut off, we were talking about normalization, and I	
5	A. No.	5 thir	nk you said I asked when is normalization used in a	
6	Q. Okay. Have you have you been involved with	6 rat	e case, and you said, I think, loads are normalized, is	
7	reviewing gas contracts in your position with the	7 tha	at right?	
8	Commission?	8	A. Correct.	
9	A. No.	9	Q. And those are normalized for temperature, is	
10	Q. Okay. Or at any other job, have you ever	10 tha	at right?	
11	reviewed gas contracts?	11	A. Weather, yes.	
12	A. No, sir.	12	Q. For weather. Okay. But it's really	
13	Q. Okay. How about purchase power contracts,	13 ten	nperature, isn't it, or is there more to it than that?	
14	have you ever been involved in negotiating purchase power	14	A. Temperature.	
15	contracts?	15	Q. Okay. And you also said outages are	
16	A. No.	16 no	rmalized, is that correct?	
17	Q. Have you ever been involved in reviewing	17	A. That's correct.	

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A. Correct.

Q. And those would be planned outages and

things, and I don't -- I think you maybe said you didn't

things that get normalized. The example I gave was

uncollectibles, I think, sometimes is normalized, but you

know, but I was asking if there were other accounting type

unplanned outages, they're both normalized, is that right?

Q. Okay. And then I was asking about some other

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purchase power contracts?

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A. No. I have looked at them, but ...

have you ever looked at any of those?

Q. Okay. At your job at the Commission?

Q. Okay. How about -- and maybe this is in some

ways the same thing, but like an off-system sales contract,

- didn't -- I think you said you weren't aware of that. Are you aware of anything else that gets normalized?
  - A. I'm not -- no.
- Q. Okay. Would it surprise you if some other
   things got normalized --
  - A. No.

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Q. -- in the course of a rate case? Okay.

8 Well, let me ask you why is it appropriate -9 the things that are normalized, why is it appropriate to
10 normalize them?

- A. It's appropriate to normalize other -- certain things because events occur beyond the control of the utility. Hotter than normal summers, colder than normal winters.
- Q. I mean, would it be fair to say you normalize something that can vary from year to year and maybe is unusual in the test year?
- A. That would be fair to say.
- Q. Okay. Like you say, if it was a real hot test
   year, you would want to normalize loads to reflect more
   normal temperatures, right?
- 22 A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. Or if you had a -- if Ameren UE had a
  Callaway nuclear plant outage, you'd have to -- in the test
- year, you'd have to normalize that so it was a normal level

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- Q. Transmission?
- A. Transmission.
- Q. Okay. Great. And my understanding is that
- 5 Ameren UE is using a two-year average of those costs, is 6 that correct?
- A. That's what I understand.
- Q. Okay. And why do you think that using thetest year level for those costs is better than using a
- 10 two-year average?
- A. I think that the current prices are more
   reflective of the current market.
- Q. You mean the test year prices are more reflective of the current market?
- A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. On page 31 of the report, there is a chart. I guess it says -- it has a 12-month moving average from the variable costs from each of the pipelines. Do you see that?
- 20 A. Yes.

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- Q. What's the purpose of that chart?
- A. The purpose of the chart was to determine if
- 23 there was any trends in the data.
  - Q. Okay. And are there any trends in the data?
    - A. Not in this two-year period.

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- Q. Okay. My understanding is that you are sponsoring the staff's position concerning the variable portion of gas costs that should be included in the rates, is that correct?
- A. That's correct.
- 8 Q. Okay. And a discussion of those costs -- do 9 you have staff's report with you?
  - A. I have my section of the report.
- Q. Yeah. That's what I'm talking about. I think that's on pages 30 and 31 of the staff's report. Take a look and see if you agree.
  - A. Okay. Yeah.
    - Q. Is that right?
- A. That's correct.
- Q. And my understanding is that the Staff is
  using for the variable portion of gas costs the average of
  natural gas prices from each of the three pipelines
  Ameren UE uses for the test year. Is that what you're
  using for the variable portion of the gas costs?
- A. That's correct.
- Q. Okay. And what are the three pipelines, if you know what they are?
  - A. Natural Gas Pipeline, Panhandle Pipeline, and

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- Q. Okay. But would you agree with me -- and you used a 12-month moving average. Why did you use a 12-month moving average?
  - To see if there was any trends in the data.
- Q. Okay. Did you just pick that as the right thing to do?
- A. (WITNESS NODS HEAD).
- Q. Okay. And why is a 12-month moving average better for identifying trends than just the data plotted on a graph?
- A. Because you can see how the data changes over
   time.
- Q. Okay. Will you agree with me that a 12-month moving average is not a good way to look at the variability of the data within the period of time that you're looking at?
  - A. No.

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Q. I mean, I guess what I'm trying to say, and
you may disagree, but what I'm trying to say is doesn't a
12-month moving average, while I understand it's useful to
see if there are trends for the purpose you were using it,
if you were looking — if you were trying to examine the
variability of the data, doesn't using a 12-month moving

average mask the variability of the data by averaging it?

A. It shows you what the trend is. It -- it's

- 1 not for any other purpose than to look at trends.
  - Q. Okay. Fair enough. Wasn't there actually --in terms of variability, wasn't there actually pretty much variability in gas prices over the test year? And I guess I'm looking at that table two below.
  - A. Can you repeat that question?
- Q. Yes. Looking at table two below on page 31 of
   the Staff's report, wasn't there a lot of variability of
   gas prices over the test year?
- A. Well, there's quite a range. So, you know, you can go from \$5.22 to \$11.
- Q. Right. So, like, if you look at -- well,
  looking at the NGP column, which is the first column, it
  looks like the lowest amount is maybe \$6.09 in September of
  '07, and then it goes all the way up to \$10.54 in December
  of '07. So, you know, that's probably maybe a 70 or
  80 percent increase over \$6.09, isn't it?
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- Q. And isn't that -- isn't that pretty much
   variability, a 70 or 80 percent increase in the course of a
   couple of months?
- 22 A. There's -- there is some variability there.
  - Q. I mean, I guess I'm asking you whether it's a lot of variability, and I guess that's the question. Do you think 70 or 80 percent over the course of three months

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- I can't say for certain.
- Q. Well, let me ask you the broader question outside of this test year data. Would you agree with me that gas prices are quite variable?
  - The spot market in gas is pretty volatile.
  - Q. Okay. And, I mean, it's ranged -- well, just in this one year, it ranged from five or six dollars up to ten or eleven dollars in some respects with this data. So at least that's the range that it's experienced in a year, is that right?
    - A. That's correct.
  - Q. Okay. And my recollection is five years ago, it was in the two or three dollar range. Do you know if that's true?
    - That was before my time here.
  - Q. Okay. Let me ask you this. On these two -on the chart and the graph, are there any -- are these -have you found any errors in either of those?
- 20 A. The calculations?
- Q. Yeah.
- 22 A. There was an error.
  - Q. What is it, if you know?
- A. We had a problem in the March data. One of the data points was \$18 and something, and one of the data

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is a lot of variability?

A. I don't think that — if you take out that one point, there's not a lot of variability in that National Gas Pipeline price if you remove the December price. So in the data — in all of the data — there might be a few outliers there, but there's not a lot of variability in the data

- Q. Well, let's look at the next column, PEPL, which I think is Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company, and it, you know, goes from a low of \$5.75 in November of 2007 to \$11.07 in February of '08. That's almost a hundred percent increase, isn't it?
- A. The Staff did notice that there was some trending up in the last three months of the test year.
- Q. I mean, do you know what -- do you know what's happened to gas prices since the test year?
- A. Since the test year, the prices went up again in the summer, and now they're back down.
  - Q. Do you know what gas is trading for right now?
  - A. Right now today?
- Q. Right now today or in the recent past.
  - A. I don't know.
- Q. I mean, isn't it a lot lower than \$10 or \$11,
- 24 isn't it?
- A. I don't know.

- points didn't have any gas supplied to it. I think it was the Panhandle. So there was not a price available.
  - Q. So --
- A. So we normalized. We took an average of February and April price to get a March price for that, for those points.
- Q. But why -- what was the \$18 price for, do you remember?
  - A. That was Missouri --
    - Q. MRT?
  - A. I think -- or Mississippi -- I think it was
- 12 Mississippi price. It was the...
  - Q. Maybe March MRT. Does that sound right?
- A. March -- yeah. MRT price was \$18.79.
  - Q. So how come -- how come you threw that one out?
  - A. Well, it was unreasonable. It wasn't a reasonable price.
- Q. Okay. But it was the actual price for that month, right? It's just not reasonable in your view?
- 21 A. It wasn't a normal price.
- Q. Gotcha. Gotcha. So at least to some degree, you're saying this data ought to be normalized, where there's abnormal -- abnormalities in it. right?
- 25 A. We -- correct.

- 21 Q. Okay. Are there -- were there any other data 1 points that didn't get included in -- on the table or 2 3 the -- or in the calculations for the --4 Not to my knowledge. Q. Okay. How about -- I'm skipping around a 5 little bit. But I know you also did an analysis of power 6 7 prices. 8 A. Correct. 9 Q. Did you throw out any of the outlying data on 10
  - for your power -- on any of your power price analysis? A. Not -- not with what I submitted in direct.

    - Q. Okay. How about in rebuttal?
- 13 A. We didn't change our position in rebuttal.
  - Q. Okay. So the answer is no, you didn't --
- 15 A. No.

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- 16 Q. - throw out any of the power prices? Okay. I guess I ought to turn to power prices 17
  - a little bit. And you're the witness sponsoring the Staff's position on power prices, right?
    - A. That's correct.
  - Q. And those are fed into the production costs model as one of the inputs?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. Let me ask you in general what 24 determines power prices? 25

- 1 A. The company's native load or ...
  - Q. Okay. I guess just in general, there's a
- 4 there's a correlation between load and power prices?

correlation between -- in the power market in general.

- 5 A. You mean everything that's on the system at
  - Q. Yes.

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- A. 3:00 a.m. as opposed to 7:00 p.m. type...
- A. Yes. There's a correlation.
- Q. Okay. And I guess load changes for a number of reasons. You were just talking about sort of the different times of the day. I guess -- I guess load comes on the system more during the day than at night, is that true?
  - A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. And it comes on the system more during the summer than in the shoulder months? 18
  - A. That's correct.
- 20 Q. And maybe -- maybe more in the winter 21 than the shoulder months, but not more than in the summer?
- 22 A. That's correct.
  - Q. Okay. And isn't there also a connection
- 24 between temperature and load. I guess you must believe that 25
  - since the Staff normalized -- weather normalized the

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- 1 Supply and demand.
- 2 Q. Okay. In other words, if the supply of power increases, all other things being equal, the price will 3 fall, right? 4
  - A. Makes sense.
  - Q. And if the supply decreases, the supply of power decreases, all other things being equal, the price will rise?
    - A. Correct.
  - Q. And on the demand side, the other way around, if the demand increases, all other things being equal, the price will rise, right?
    - A. Correct.
- Q. And if the demand decreases, all other things 14 being equal, the price will fall? 15
  - A. Correct.
  - Q. Okay. I thought I remembered that economics, but I'm glad you were able to confirm that. Would it be fair then to say there is a correlation between loads and power prices? And I guess loads, in my mind, is sort of the demand for power. Would you agree with that?
    - A. That --
- 23 Q. That's there's a correlation --
- 24 A. What load are you referring to?
- 25 Q. Well, just in general --

- 1 Ameren UE loads?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And, therefore, then isn't there a connection 3 also between temperature and power prices? 4
  - A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Okay. Besides temperature and time of day and 7 season, which we've just talked about, what other factors affect power prices? 8
  - A. Generation availability.
    - Q. Like if there are a lot of outages?
    - A. Correct.
- 12 Q. Okay. How about demand changes that aren't 13 directly related to weather or season or time of day, like 14 if there's an economic downturn like maybe we're having 15 now, might that not affect demand for electricity?
  - A. It might. I didn't -- I haven't really thought about those two in connection.
  - Q. Okay. Well, I haven't done any analysis myself, but doesn't it stand to reason that if economic times are good and factories are producing things, they're likely to use more electricity than economically bad times?
    - A. That's true, yes.
- 23 Q. Okay. How about speculation in power markets 24 by financial players, could that affect power prices?
  - A. Yes.

- 25 27 rainfall can affect power prices because it can impact, 1 Q. Has that affected power prices? 1 2 2 either for good or bad, the ability to produce hydroelectric power? 3 Q. Okay. How about congestion in certain areas 3 4 of the electric grid, can that affect power prices? 4 A. That's fair to say. A. Yes. 5 Q. Okay. Would you agree with me that power 5 Q. How about operational issues like -- and what 6 prices are volatile? 6 7 A. Yes. 7 I'm thinking of there is, for example, there were rail Q. Would you agree that they're difficult to disruptions in 2005. I mean, does an -- can an operational 8 8 issue like that affect power prices? 9 9 predict? 10 A. Yes. 10 A Yes 11 Q. And more, in particular, and I'm sure you 11 Q. Do you have any -- do you have any prediction probably know this, but the rail disruptions I'm talking 12 of what power prices are going to be next year? 12 A. (WITNESS SHAKES HEAD). 13 about disrupted the supply of coal to power plants, and 13 14 then that affected power prices, is that correct? 14 Q. I don't blame you if you don't. I certainly 15 A. I don't know that for a fact. 15 don't know. Q. Okay. Okay. But even if you don't know it A. What they are? 16 16 for a fact, that's the kind of thing that could affect Q. Yeah. 17 17 power prices? 18 MR. DOTTHEIM: You need to respond verbally. 18 19 A. Yes. 19 A. No. Well, I guess I need the question again Q. Okay. And how about -- oh, how about 20 to make sure I'm answering the right question. 21 non-temperature weather events, like Hurricane Katrina was 21 Q. (By Mr. Byrne) All right. Let me try the 22 one that came to mind, didn't that affect power prices? 22 question again. The question is do you have any prediction for what power prices are going to be in 2009? 23 A. Yes. 23 Q. And I think, in particular, hurricanes tend to 24 24 disrupt the gas supplies in the Gulf, and then that in turn 25 Q. Okay. And that's just because nobody knows, 25 26 28 has a impact on power prices, is that correct? 1 right? 1 A. That's correct. 2 A. Correct. 2 3
  - Q. So an even broader way to look at it is maybe gas prices might -- natural gas prices might influence power prices in some cases, is that correct?
    - A. That's correct.

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- Q. Okay. How about an unusually high level of rainfall? And I -- in particular because the higher the rainfall, my understanding is the more hydroelectric generation can be produced, might that impact power prices?
  - A. It might.
- Q. I mean, doesn't it logically stand to reason that there's more water, more hydroelectric power can be produced?
  - A. I experienced in my capacity as tracking loads for the summer to see where the utilities stood as far as being able to meet native load, my experience was that when there was heavy rainfall, they weren't able to run the hydro.
- 20 Q. Okay.
  - Because there was too much.
- Q. So there can be so much rainfall, it can adversely affect hydroelectric generation?
- 24 A. Yes.
  - Q. But would it be fair to say either way

- Q. Okay. Would you agree that some years power prices are so unusual that they should not be used to set rates?
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. And I think maybe it's in your rebuttal testimony. I think it's there. You talk about the Staff's position in our last rate case where you had a -- you had the situation where 2005 was part of the test year, and there was some unusual events in 2005. Can you tell me about that?
- A. That's correct. We didn't use the 2005 data because it was -- we had the Hurricane Katrina and disruption in the gas supply, and prices were abnormal.
- Q. And I do think -- I don't know if you remember this, but I do think rail disruptions were also in that period, and that was part of why it wasn't used. Do you recall that at all or not?
  - No. I don't recall the rail disruptions.
- Q. Okay. But for whatever reason, it was an unusual year --
  - It was an unusual year.
    - Q. -- certainly because of the hurricanes.
       Is there anything that makes 2006 an unusual

29 31 year in the same way that 2005 was an unusual year? right of the top chart say test year peak and off peak, and 1 1 A. The -- as far as hurricanes, no. 2 I think that's -- those are the power prices that the Staff 2 Q. Is there anything else you can name that makes 3 is using, is that true? 4 it kind of an unusual year? 4 A. The Staff used actual hourly prices. These 5 Not to my recollection. 5 are average. 6 Q. Okay. How about 2007, is there anything in 6 Q. Okay. But those are an average of the prices 7 7 2007 that makes it an unusual year or an unusably unusual that the Staff used on an hourly basis? 8 year for power prices? 8 A. Correct. Q. Okay. I understand. What is this piece of 9 A. The -- no. 9 Q. Okay. How about so far in 2008, is there 10 paper, if you can just tell me? 10 11 11 anything that's happened so far in 2008 that would so A. It was just a summary of average monthly distort power prices that they shouldn't be used in 12 12 market prices. 13 Q. Was this one of your work papers though? 13 rate-making? A. I'm still looking at the 2008 prices. 14 14 15 Q. Okay. But you can't -- as you sit here right 15 Q. Okay. So you're using -- you're using the 16 now, there's nothing in your mind for 2006, 2007, or 2008 16 hourly prices that comprise these averages and feeding that would make the power prices so unusual that they those into the realtime production cost model, is that 17 17 right? 18 shouldn't be used? 18 A. I don't -- I'm not aware of external events, 19 A. Correct. 19 20 although I am aware that there was a large spike in prices 20 Q. Okay. And how was it decided that the Staff 21 in 2006 that's not been explained. 21 position or the -- really your position would be to use 22 22 Q. Okay. Other than that, there's nothing test year prices for this purpose? Did you decide that or 23 did a group of people from the Staff decide that? How did 23 though, is that correct? A. I haven't had a chance to completely review 24 24 that -- how was that decision made? 25 all the update period in 2008. 25 A. It was a group kind of decision between -- it 30 32 Q. Okay. You mentioned the price spike. Have was discussed -- Staff discussed it and decided --1 you ever been able to figure out -- when was the price 2 2 spike? 3 A. -- to use actual prices. Lena Mantle, Dan 3 A. 2006. 4 5 5 in the discussion or not.

Q. Have you looked into why that price spike occurred?

A. I haven't been able to determine why.

Q. Okay. Have you looked?

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Q. Okay. And specifically in this case, you guys are using test year power prices.

12 MR. BYRNE: Let me -- I guess maybe I ought to 13 mark an exhibit if I could.

> (DEPOSITION EXHIBIT NO. 1 WAS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION BY THE COURT REPORTER)

Q. (By Mr. Byrne) Ms. Maloney, I've handed you what's been marked Deposition Exhibit 1. Do you recognize that?

A. Yes.

Q. And I'm looking at the -- I'm trying to drill down more specifically and exactly what power prices the Staff was using, and I think it's reflected on the chart at the top of the page, is that right?

A. The test year.

Q. Yes. The column -- the two columns on the far

Beck, John Cassidy. I don't remember if Mike was involved

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MR. DOTTHEIM: You said Mike. Could you identify who Mike is?

9 A. Mike Proctor.

10 Q. (By Mr. Byrne) How about Bob Schallenberg, was he involved in that discussion? 11

Q. Okay. And on this chart, I think it's also showing the company's position or at least an average of the company's position maybe, a monthly average. I mean my understanding is the next two columns over show 2006 and 2007 average, and that's what the company is proposing to use for power prices?

19 A. That's my understanding.

> Q. But similar to your recommendation, the company would have put hourly prices into their production cost model, is that correct?

A. No. They put -- well, I don't know.

Q. You think they put monthly averages?

A. Yes.

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- A. That's what I think.
- 3 Q. For peak and off peak?
- A. That's what my understanding is.
- Q. I mean, and the production cost model would still have hourly -- would operate an hourly basis, but you're saying like for January, they would just put \$46.38 as -- for all the peak hours in January, is that how they'd do it?
  - A. That's my understanding.
- Q. Okay. That makes sense. Whereas, you did it differently. You had different prices for each hour possibly?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. Got it. Did you do any analysis of the test year power prices to see if they were normal?
  - A. I charted them against weather.
- Q. And what did you find when you charted them against weather?
- A. They were all over the place. They didn't have a real clear relationship with weather.
- Q. Okay. And that made you think they were normal?
- A. That made me think that there was a lot of other factors involved besides weather.

- rainfall might have impacted power prices during the test vear?
- A. I looked at how much generation there was from
   the hydro units.
  - Q. Take a look at your test year averages on this Deposition Exhibit 1 and, in particular, the peak prices.
  - MR. DOTTHEIM: Excuse me, Mr. Byrne. I think Ms. Maloney testified that those were not her test year averages.
  - Q. (By Mr. Byrne) Good point. Let me clarify the question. My understanding is on the test year column, which is the two columns on the far right of the chart at the top of Deposition Exhibit 1, those represent monthly averages of the hourly prices that you actually used, is that correct?
    - A. That's correct.

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- Q. Okay. So in looking at those monthly averages and, in particular, I'm looking at the peak column, and I'm looking at February, which was \$64.89; March, \$66.59; April, \$60.65; and May, \$62.65. That's a price per, what, kilowatt hour? Megawatt hour?
- Megawatt hour.
- Q. Okay. I guess I should know that. But those prices that occurred on peak from February to May are higher than June. June is \$60.07. July is \$51.63. You

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- Q. Okay. Did you look -- did you analyze any other factors?
- A. No.

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- Q. So you didn't look to see if there was, for example, unusual congestion in the test year?
  - A. No.
- Q. You didn't look to see if there was an unusuallevel of plant outages in the test year?
  - A. No. I wasn't aware of any unusual level of ...
- Q. You didn't look to see if there were unusually high or low gas prices during the test year?
- 12 A. I looked at gas prices.
  - Q. And what did you decide?
- A. I decided the gas prices represented a prettynormal year.
  - Q. Okay. Did you look at whether power prices were distorted by market speculators during the test year?
    - A. No
- Q. Did you look at the impact of the high
  level -- we had a high level of rainfall during the test
  year, did we not?
- 22 A. It's my -- yeah.
- 23 Q. Did you --
- A. There was a lot of rain.
- Q. Did you examine how that high level of

- know, doesn't it strike you as odd that the on-peak prices
- 2 during the summer of the test year were lower and, at least
  - in the case of July pretty substantially lower, than the
  - prices prevailing in February through May, doesn't that
- 5 strike you as odd?
  - A. It does.
    - Q. And I mean --
- A. I would expect a higher price in the summer.
   Q. I mean, we were talking about generally the
- prices are seasonally differentiated, so they're the
- 11 highest in the summer, aren't they, usually?
  - That's what I would suspect.
  - Q. Okay. And do you have any knowledge or have you done any analysis about why that was the case during the test year?
  - A. No. No.
  - Q. And aren't your prices for on-peak -- or not your prices -- the average of the prices -- the monthly average of the prices you used for those months, and I'm talking February, March, April, and May, aren't those substantially higher than the on-peak prices that the company is using? In other words, for February, your on-peak price is \$64.89. The company's is \$53.95. So that's pretty much lower, right?
    - MR. DOTTHEIM: Again, Mr. Byrne, you're

referring to those as her prices. Those are -- those are
 not literally her prices.

MR. BYRNE: Right. I apologize. Let me try the question again. You're absolutely right, and I need to be more careful.

- Q. (By Mr. Byrne) In February, the average of the prices that you -- the monthly average of the hourly prices that you used is \$64.89, right?
  - A. That's correct.
- Q. And the price that we used for February, which is 2006-2007 averages, is fairly significantly lower. It's \$53.95, is that right?
- 13 A. That's correct.

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- Q. And the same with the other months, March, \$66 and change versus \$49; April, \$60 versus \$56; May, \$62 versus \$54. All of those months are a little bit higher -- I mean, a little bit lower in the company's case, is that correct?
- A. There are some months where it's higher, not
   all of them.
  - Q. Okay. But at least those months that I was talking about, they're all lower, aren't they?
- A. The months that you indicated that were lower are lower, yes.
  - Q. And, I mean, those months matter, don't they,

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(DEPOSITION EXHIBIT NO. 2 WAS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION BY THE COURT REPORTER)

- Q. (By Mr. Byrne) Okay. I'm handing you what's been marked as Deposition Exhibit 2, and can you identify that for me?
- A. This is Union Electric Company doing business as Ameren UE, Net System Load Normalized for Test Year April 2007 through March 2008.
- Q. And it's -- if you look at the bottom right-hand corner, it says Appendix 3-2, and would you agree that it's Appendix 3-2 attached to the Staff report? You can check your report if you need.
  - A. I would agree.
- Q. Okay. And it shows how -- I believe it shows how loads are being weather normalized or really temperature normalized, is that -- is that correct?
- 18 A. That's correct.
  - Q. And so if you look at, you know, April 2007, there's an adjustment, and towards the middle of the chart, it shows a negative 4.58 percent adjustment, is that correct?
    - A. That's correct.
    - Q. For monthly usage. So that month, they're adjusting the load by 4.58 percent to reflect normal

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- because aren't those the months that were -- you know, Ameren UE typically doesn't sell a lot of off-system sales in the summer, does it, if you know?
  - A. I haven't looked at that.
- Q. I mean, isn't it true -- maybe you don't know -- but isn't it true that they have a summer peaking native load that uses a lot of the available generation during the summer months?
- A. It's true that they have a summer peaking native load, but I don't know how much generation is still available for off-system.
- Q. Okay. Well, assuming we sell a lot of off-system sales during those months, if the -- if prices -- if the power prices are overstated, wouldn't that overstate the revenues of off-system sales?
  - A. Can you repeat that question please?
- Q. Yeah. I mean, basically I'm saying if the power prices in the spring are overstated and if we sell a lot of our power in the spring, won't that overstate our off-system sales revenues?
- A. If -- if they're overstated and you sell a lot in the spring, that would be correct.
- Q. Okay. We talked a little bit before --MR. BYRNE: I guess I'd like to mark another exhibit, Deposition Exhibit 2, which I believe is an

- 1 weather, is that...
- A. That's correct.
  - Q. Okay. In some months, there's big adjustments, like look at August. There's a negative 14.20 percent?
    - A. That's correct.
- Q. So it's reducing the load in August to reflectnormal weather, right?
- A. That's correct.
- Q. Then I guess at the other end of the spectrum, like November is not adjusted at all or barely adjusted, unmeasurable percent adjustment. So that was pretty normal, is that right?
  - A. That's correct.
  - Q. And do you know how the Staff does their weather normalization at all?
    - A. I am somewhat aware of...
  - Q. Well, let me ask you if you agree with this general broad I know it's very complicated. Sadly enough I know only too well how complicated it is. But in general, my understanding is the Staff uses 30 years of weather data to try to normalize test year data, is that do you is that your understanding?
    - A. That's correct.
      - Q. Okay. And it's a pretty complicated process

- they go through, and I won't get into the details, but would you agree it's a pretty complicated process?
  - A. It's got several steps to it, yes.
- Q. Okay. And the Staff also normalizes outages, do they not, plant outages?
  - A. That's correct.
  - Q. Do you know how they normalize plant outages?
  - A. No.

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- 9 Q. Okay. But would you agree it's a multi-year 10 examination of outages?
  - A. Five years or more.
  - Q. Five years or more. Okay. So I guess my question is if the Staff normalizes loads and they normalize outages, shouldn't they also normalize power prices so there's an apples to apples situation?
    - A. Can I have a moment?
- Q. Sure. I told you you can ask for a break whenever you want. So if you want a break, you can take it.
  - A. The Staff feels that there's too many factors involved with what might influence purchase power prices. Purchase power prices that happened 30 years wouldn't have any relationship to what might happen today. So using the same type of weather normalization technique wouldn't be appropriate for power prices.

- as I did for gas. Do you know what power prices are doing right now or in the recent past?
- A. I pulled up MISO web site a week or so ago.
- 4 It just depends on what hour you look at.
  - Q. Okay. Fair enough. But isn't it true that in general and, I mean, I know everything varies hourly, day to day, but isn't it true that in general power prices right now are a lot lower than they were in the test year?
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- Q. Okay. Do you know if power prices projected for 2009 are higher or lower than what's in the test year?
  - I don't know that.
- Q. You haven't looked at them?
  - A. (WITNESS SHAKES HEAD).
- Q. Okay. Would it matter to you if they were a
- 16 lot lower than they were in the test year?
- A. Well, our position is to model prices so that they reflect the market conditions. We can't forecast. We don't know exactly what they're going to be.
  - Q. And even the people who are putting out the futures forecast don't know what they're going to be, right?
  - A. Exactly.
    - Q. Okay. Would you agree that the power prices the Staff is recommending in general are higher than what

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- Q. Okay. So 30 years ago, everything was so different in the electric power market, you just can't take 30 years of data in the same way you can weather?
  - A. Weather.
- Q. But -- okay. Isn't it true that the Staff has developed a method for normalizing power prices?
- A. Not to my knowledge.
- 8 Q. Okay. You've never heard of that or don't 9 know anything about it?
- A. Well, I mean, we -- we -- that's kind of -can I correct my answer?
  - Q. Sure.
  - A. Yes. In the last case, Staff developed what we considered normal prices because of the disruptions in the test year, 2005 test year. We didn't have actual power prices available to us that were what we would consider normal or reflective of the market conditions.
  - Q. So how did you normalize in the last case, if you know?
    - A. I don't know exactly the method.
- Q. Okay. But at least the concept of normalization, at least in that one case, Staff used normalization for power prices?
- 24 A. Correct.
  - Q. Okay. Same -- I'll ask you the same question

- the company is using, in other words, the test year is
- 2 higher than the two year average that the company is
- 3 proposing?
- A. These numbers -- some of these numbers are
   higher.
  - Q. Aren't they --
- A. I would agree that some of the numbers are
   higher, but not all of them.
- 9 Q. Aren't they more often higher than they are 10 lower?
  - A. I didn't count.
- Q. Okay. Fair enough. They are what they are.

  If power prices end up being considerably lower than the
  test year power prices that Staff is using, won't it -well, won't it be a lot more difficult for the company to
  earn its authorized return?
  - A. There will be less -- the company will have less revenue.
- 19 Q. Less revenue that's --
  - A. From sales that will affect the bottom line.
- Q. Less revenue than the revenue on which their rates were calculated, right?
- 23 A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. And I guess it could work the other way if power prices go up?

power prices?

A. No.

Q. When you say no --

A. I don't know.

its authorized return. Do you know whether the company

earns its authorized return or not solely dependent upon

Q. Okay. And I think he asked you a question

about some of the Staff's prices being higher or lower than

1	Go higher, correct.	1	the company's prices, and I don't think there was any		
2	Q. Do you think that's do you think it's fair	2	reference to what document he was referring to, and I think		
3	that the company could earn way more if power prices go up	3	you were both looking at a document. Do you recall that		
4	and would earn way less than its authorized return if power	4	question?		
5	prices go way down, do you think that's fair?	5	A. Yes.		
6	A. I think the Commission does its best to make	6	Q. Do you recall your response?		
7	decisions that will be fair for the utility.	7	A. Regarding how many times that the Staff's		
8	Q. Okay. I'm just going to look at one last	8	price was higher		
9	thing.	9	Q. Yes.		
10	MR. BYRNE: Okay. I guess I'd like to mark	10	A than the company's price?		
11	this as Deposition Exhibit 3.	11	Q. Yes.		
12	(DEPOSITION EXHIBIT NO. 3 WAS MARKED FOR	12	A. I said that I hadn't counted.		
13	IDENTIFICATION BY THE COURT REPORTER)	13	Q. Yes. And you were referring to Staff's price.		
14	Q. (By Mr. Byrne) Do you know what I've just	14	Is it actually Staff's price or are you looking again at		
15	handed you Deposition Exhibit 3. Do you know what this is?	15	Deposition Exhibit 1 where what you were referring to as		
16	A. I tracked the average temperatures from I	16	Staff's price is an average and not actually the hourly		
17	tracked 12-month moving average temperature and the	17	prices used by Staff?		
18	24-month moving average temperature to compare how close	18	A. That's correct.		
19	either one would come to a 30-year normal.	19	Q. So it what you were referring to were not		
20	Q. Okay. And I think some of this data it's	20	actually then the Staff's prices, were they?		
21	not exactly your I think it is a work paper of yours;	21	A. No.		
22	but anyway, so what did it end up showing?	22	MR. DOTTHEIM: Okay. Thank you. I have no		
23	A. To me, it showed that averaging two years of	23	further questions.		
24	temperature doesn't get any closer to the 30-year normal	24	MR. BYRNE: Great. We're done.		
25	than just one year of temperature.	25	COURT REPORTER: Signature?		
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1	Q. But isn't the variability of the two-year	1	MR. DOTTHEIM: Yes.		
2	averages less than the one-year average?	2	(THERE WAS AN OFF THE RECORD DISCUSSION HELD)		
3	A. Yes.	3	MR. BYRNE: When we went off the record, the		
4	Q. So if you look at any given point on the	4	Staff and the Company agreed that there may be some		
5		5	confidential information in either Ms. Maloney's deposition		
	graph, it's more likely to be closer to the mean if you	6	or Ms. Mantle's deposition, which we took earlier in the		
7	were using the 24-month average than the 12-month average,	7	day, and the Company is going to look through the		
8	is that right?  A. I believe that about half the time it gets	8	depositions when we get a transcript and, if necessary,		
9		9	mark any confidential information. Is that correct, Steve?		
10	closer for one year, and half the time it gets closer for two years.	10	MR. DOTTHEIM: That is correct.		
	The state of the s	11	MR. BYRNE: Okay. Thanks,		
11	MR. BYRNE: Okay. I don't think I have any		•		
12	other questions. Thank you, Ms. Maloney.	12	COURT REPORTER: Okay. What kind of		
13	A. Thank you.	13	transcripts would you like?		
14	CROSS EXAMINATION	14	MR. BYRNE: I'll take them all.		
15	QUESTIONS BY MR. DOTTHEIM	15	(SIGNATURE IS NOT WAIVED)		
16	Q. I've got a question or two myself.	16	(EXHIBITS WERE ATTACHED TO THE TRANSCRIPT)		
17	Ms. Maloney, Mr. Byrne asked you about the company earning	17			

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