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# MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION UTILITY OPERATIONS DIVISION

### SUPPLEMENTAL REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

**OF** 

#### **ERIN L. MALONEY**

### UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a AMERENUE

**CASE NO. ER-2010-0036** 

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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Union Electric Company	)	
d/b/a AmerenUE's Tariffs to Increase its	)	Case No. ER-2010-0036
Annual Revenues for Electric Service.	)	

#### AFFIDAVIT OF ERIN L. MALONEY

STATE OF MISSOURI	
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COUNTY OF COLE	)

Erin L. Maloney, of lawful age, on her oath states: that she has participated in the preparation of the following Supplemental Rebuttal Testimony in question and answer form, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ pages of Supplemental Rebuttal Testimony to be presented in the above case, that the answers in the following Supplemental Rebuttal Testimony were given by her; that she has knowledge of the matters set forth in such answers; and that such matters are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

Erin L. Maloney

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  $26^{\frac{11}{2}}$  day of February, 2009.

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SUSAN L. SUNDERMEYER My Commission Expires September 21, 2010 Callaway County Commission #08942086

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10		CASE NO. ER-2010-0036	
11 12	Q.	Please state your name and business address?	
13	Α.	Erin L. Maloney, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102.	
14	Q.	Are you the same Erin L. Maloney who contributed to the Missouri Public	
15	Service Com	mission Staff Revenue Requirement and Cost of Service Report (Staff	
16	Report) filed	on December 18, 2009?	
17	Α.	Yes.	
18	Q.	What is the purpose of this testimony?	
19	A.	This testimony corrects an error in Staff's calculation of the spot market	
20	energy (normalized hourly purchased power) prices Staff used in its fuel run to calculate		
21	AmerenUE's fuel and purchased power expense for purposes of Staff's determination of		
22	AmerenUE's	revenue requirement in this case.	
23	Q.	What was the error?	
24	A.	Inadvertently Staff used incorrect normalization factors when calculating	
25	the spot marl	ket energy prices it used as inputs into its fuel run.	
26	Q.	Would you explain?	
27	A.	Each month the electric utilities this Commission rate regulates, including	
28	AmerenUE,	provide to Staff data from which Staff can calculate an average purchased	
29	nower price for each hour of that month. In this case Staff used the three most recent		

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years of average hourly purchased power prices, based on AmerenUE data, to develop factors it then used to normalize the average hourly purchased power price of each hour in the modified year Staff used—the twelve month ended July 31, 2009. The results of this process are Staff's spot market energy prices which are used as inputs into Staff's fuel runs. While preparing to apply this same normalization procedure to the new true-up data, I discovered that the monthly peak and off-peak prices Staff used in its fuel run did not equal the three year average hourly price. This means there was an error in the calculation of the normalization factors. The error resulted in the spot energy prices Staff used in its fuel run for its direct case being too low and Staff's determination of AmerenUE's fuel and purchased power expense being too high.

- Q. What has Staff done to correct this error?
- A. Staff has recalculated its normalization factors and verified them.
- Q. What impact did the corrected normalization factors have on Staff's determination of AmerenUE's fuel and purchased power expense?
- A. Staff used the corrected spot energy prices as inputs into the RealTime<sup>TM</sup> production cost model without changing the other inputs it used to calculate AmerenUE's fuel and purchased power expense for purposes of Staff's determination of AmerenUE's revenue requirement in its direct case filed December 18, 2009. The new model runs show that the correction caused an increase in the fuel and purchased power expense for AmerenUE to meet its retail and wholesale loads of approximately \$1.7 million. However, when modeled with off-system sales, which are netted against fuel and purchased power costs, the correction caused a net decrease in Staff's determination of AmerenUE's fuel and purchased power expense of \$39.3 million.

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Yes.

What is the impact of this correction on Staff's determination of 1 Q. 2 AmerenUE's revenue requirement in this case? 3 A. It reduces it by \$39.3 million, before the approximate 95% allocation to 4 Missouri jurisdictional retail operations. 5 Q. Is Staff proposing or making any change to the methodology it used in its 6 direct case to develop the spot market energy prices it is using as inputs into the RealTime™ production cost model? 7 8 A. No. 9 Q. Will you be updating the spot energy market prices again through January 10 31, 2010, the end of the ordered true-up period? 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. Does this conclude your supplemental rebuttal testimony?