Exhibit No. 147

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Testimony of Justin Tevie
Rebuttal
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TARIFF AND RATE DESIGNDEPARTMENT

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OF

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Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Justin Tevie and my business address is P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

Q. Are you the same Justin Tevie who provided direct testimony in this matter, filed July 2, 2025?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the purpose of your rebuttal testimony?

A. To address Empire's lack of information on the economic development rider ("EDR") as required in 393.1640.1.(2).

Q. What does sub-section 393.1640.1.(2) say?

A. It says, in part, the following:

> Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subsection, the cents-per-kilowatt-hour realization resulting from application of any discounted rates as calculated shall be higher than the electrical corporation's variable cost to serve such incremental demand and the applicable discounted rate also shall make a positive contribution to fixed costs associated with service to such incremental demand. If in a subsequent general rate proceeding the commission determines that application of a discounted rate is not adequate to cover the electrical corporation's variable cost to serve the accounts in question and provide a positive contribution to fixed costs then the commission shall increase the rate for those accounts prospectively to the extent necessary to do so.

Q. Has Empire provided any analysis that demonstrates that each of the customers receiving an EDR discount continues to pay rates that are "adequate to cover the electrical corporation's variable cost to serve the accounts in question and provide a positive contribution to fixed costs?

A. Empire has not yet provided any information on this subject. Staff is awaiting Empire's response to Staff Data Request 0449 which is due on August 19, 2025. Based upon a preliminary review of a portion of the variable costs to serve the EDR customers, it appears that there may be an EDR discounted rate that is not adequate to cover the electrical corporation's variable cost to serve the accounts. Staff will update its position in the surrebuttal and true-up round of testimony when more information is available.

Q. What do you recommend?

A. If the application of a discounted rate is not adequate to cover the electrical corporation's variable cost to serve the accounts in question and provide a positive contribution to fixed costs, Staff will recommend modification in a subsequent round of testimony.

Q. Does this conclude your rebuttal testimony?

A. Yes it does.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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AFFIDAVIT OF JUSTIN TEVIE

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW JUSTIN TEVIE and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Rebuttal Testimony of Justin Tevie*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

JUSTIN TEVIE

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 13th day of August 2025.

D. SUZIE MANKIN
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: April 04, 2029
Commission Number: 12412070

Notary Public