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I. INTRODUCTION

Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Jaime Haro. My business address is One Ameren Plaza,
1901 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63103.

Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

A. I am Director, Asset Management and Trading for Union Electric
Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri" or "Company").

**Q. Please describe your educational background and employment
experience.**

A. I received a Bachelor's degree in Electro-Mechanical Engineering from
Universidad Panamericana (Mexico City, Mexico) in 1995 and a Master of Business
Administration degree from Tulane University in 1998. From 1992 to 1998, I held
several positions with Grupo Bursatil Mexicano ("GBM"), a leading Mexican financial
services and brokerage firm, dealing with money markets, currency exchange, debt
placement, and risk management. In 1998, I joined AmerenEnergy Inc. ("AE") and
worked as a trader of real time energy products before assuming an analytical support
position in the long-term energy market trading area of AE. From 1999 to 2004, I led the
group within AE that provided quantitative analysis for AE's trading operations. In
2004, I became responsible for trading operations, including managing the transition to

1 trading Ameren Missouri's power (with AE acting as Ameren Missouri's agent) in the
2 Day 2 energy markets started by the Midwest Independent Transmission System
3 Operator, Inc. ("Midwest ISO") on April 1, 2005. On December 31, 2006, the Joint
4 Dispatch Agreement between AmerenUE and AmerenCIPS terminated and as a result,
5 effective January 1, 2007, AE's activities were solely related to Ameren Missouri's
6 generation asset management, including the trading and marketing operations. On
7 January 1, 2008, Ameren Missouri terminated the agency relationship with AE related to
8 generation asset management, including the trading and marketing operations. As a
9 result, AE employees formerly responsible for these activities, including me, became
10 employees of Ameren Missouri. At that time, I assumed my current title, Director, Asset
11 Management and Trading ("AM&T") and added the responsibilities of marketing and
12 asset management to my existing duties. On January 1, 2011, in conjunction with the
13 dissolution of Ameren Energy Fuels and Services Company, I assumed responsibility
14 over gas supply for Ameren Missouri.

15 **Q. What are your responsibilities in your current position?**

16 **A.** As Director of AM&T I manage three specific areas: (i) Real Time
17 Operations, (ii) Trading, and (iii) Gas Supply. My main role is providing guidance,
18 oversight and coordination of activities in these areas. I am responsible for staffing,
19 budgeting, goal setting, management reporting and other administrative tasks associated
20 with these functions.

1 **II. PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

2 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

3 A. I am providing testimony in support of the level of off-system sales
4 revenues included in the cost of service utilized for the purpose of setting Ameren
5 Missouri's rates. The level of off-system sales revenues is also a component of the
6 calculation of net base fuel costs, or "NBFC," against which net fuel cost changes are
7 tracked through the Company's fuel adjustment clause ("FAC"). The calculation of
8 NBFC is discussed in the direct testimony of Ameren Missouri witness Gary S. Weiss.

9 **Q. Please summarize your testimony and conclusions.**

10 A. I have determined that at this time the appropriate level of normalized
11 annual off-system sales revenues to use in determining the Company's revenue
12 requirement and to set NBFC in the Company's FAC is \$360.1 million. It must be noted
13 that the Company intends to true-up off-system sales revenues as of the end of the
14 proposed true-up period in this case (July 31, 2012), which means this amount will, in all
15 likelihood, change. The focus of my direct testimony is on the methodology and source
16 data for the calculation used to determine the appropriate level of normalized off-system
17 sales revenues. Ameren Missouri's off-system sales are driven in large part by its load-
18 serving obligations to its retail customers, the availability of its generation resources, and
19 the cost of operating its generating resources relative to the market prices for energy and
20 related services (i.e., capacity and ancillary services). To the extent the level of off-
21 system sales experienced during the test year is not the result of normal conditions or
22 does not properly reflect known and measurable changes, adjustments are necessary, as
23 outlined in more detail below. Ameren Missouri incorporated the necessary adjustments

1 in its PROSYM production cost model (the operation of which is addressed in the direct
2 testimony of Company witness Mark J. Peters) to determine the normalized level of the
3 energy component of off-system sales to include in the determination of the Company's
4 revenue requirement. Using the results obtained from the operation of this model, and
5 further accounting for the remaining components of off-system sales as specified in
6 Factor OSSR in the Company's FAC tariff, which are described in more detail later in my
7 testimony, I determined the appropriate level of normalized off-system sales revenues to
8 use in determining the Company's revenue requirement and to calculate Factor NBFC in
9 the Company's FAC.

10 **Q. What elements are included in your off-system sales revenue**
11 **recommendation?**

12 **A.** In the context of this proceeding, I use the term "off-system sales" in
13 reference to transactions resulting from Ameren Missouri's trading activities. The net
14 revenue from these activities comes from five primary components, as follows:
15 (i) energy sales revenues; (ii) capacity sales revenues; (iii) ancillary services revenues;
16 (iv) real time revenue sufficiency guarantee make whole payment ("RSG") and deviations
17 margins, and (v) other Midwest ISO revenues. As noted, the energy sales component is
18 the product of modeling using the Company's PROSYM model, which is run under
19 Mr. Peters' direction. The remaining components are based upon Ameren Missouri's
20 historical capacity sales revenues, ancillary services revenues, and miscellaneous
21 Midwest ISO revenues, taking into account known and measurable changes.

4 A. I determined that the level of off-system sales revenues that should be
5 included in Ameren Missouri's revenue requirement and used to set NBFC in the FAC is
6 \$360.1 million per year. This total is comprised of the following components:

- 7 1) \$341.3 million of energy sales revenues;
- 8 2) \$5.2 million of capacity sales revenues;
- 9 3) \$11.5 million of ancillary services revenues;
- 10 4) \$1.6 million of RSG/deviations margins; and
- 11 5) \$0.504 million of miscellaneous Midwest ISO revenues.

13 **Q. How is the PROSYM model used to determine the normalized energy**
14 **sales revenues?**

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1 **Q. Why was the normalized level of off-system sales of energy**
2 **determined by modeling rather than utilizing actual test year off-system sales?**

3 A. Modeling was used so that off-system sales reflect a normal year, since no
4 particular 12-month period reflects a normal year. The test year is affected by its
5 particular weather, generation outages, fuel costs, transmission constraints, and energy
6 prices, among many other things. The amount of off-system sales of energy is
7 determined from the amount of generation that is economically available to produce
8 energy reduced by that portion of the generation that is required to serve the Company's
9 load obligations. In any given year, weather, prices, unit availability and load
10 characteristics vary greatly from normal. Utilizing only actual data from one specific
11 year in setting the revenue requirement would fail to account for this volatility. In order
12 to assure that off-system sales revenues utilized to determine the Company's cost of
13 service and NBFC are consistent with normalized conditions, it is necessary to determine
14 the off-system sales based on production cost modeling using normalized loads and
15 generation. Modeling has been used by both the Company and the Staff to determine the
16 energy component of off-system sales revenues in all of the Company's general rate
17 proceedings over the past several years.

18 **Q. How are off-system sales of energy derived from the PROSYM**
19 **model's output?**

20 A. PROSYM has the ability to simulate Ameren Missouri's interactions with
21 the market. The model utilizes the inputs described earlier in my testimony to simulate
22 the dispatch of Ameren Missouri's system by utilizing the lowest cost resources to meet
23 the hourly load requirements. As part of its hourly dispatch, the model identifies

1 opportunities for off-system sales based on the generation that is not being utilized to
2 serve native load that has dispatch costs below the hourly market price for power. The
3 model also identifies opportunities for Ameren Missouri to buy from the market to reduce
4 the cost to serve its native load and offset generation costs. The simulated off-system
5 sales revenues are determined based on the hourly market price received for the
6 megawatt-hours ("MWh") that are sold to the market. I would note that the model
7 assumes that the dispatch of Ameren Missouri's generation is "perfect"; that is, for
8 example, it assumes that available generation units will always operate at their
9 economically optimal level in each hour and that there is no congestion between
10 generation and load (when in fact there often is congestion). The model also ignores the
11 fact that load and generation differ in real time from the previous day's expectations,
12 whereas in the real world it is impossible to achieve a perfect dispatch of a generation
13 system considering the weather variations that affect the load, and equipment issues
14 affecting generators' performance.

15 **Q. What market prices were utilized to model the dispatch of Ameren**
16 **Missouri's generation?**

17 **A.** The PROSYM model was run using energy prices which averaged \$29.67
18 per MWh. That price is the average of the hourly energy prices (i.e., an around-the-clock
19 ("ATC") price) for the test year, which are themselves derived from the 36-month period
20 ending with the anticipated true-up cutoff date in this case, July 31, 2012. The energy
21 prices for the 36-month period are actual market energy prices received at Ameren
22 Missouri's generating units (i.e., the day-ahead locational marginal prices ("LMPs") in
23 the Midwest ISO energy market actually received by Ameren Missouri) during the

1 27-month period from August 2009 through October 2010, plus ATC basis-adjusted
2 forward energy prices for the nine-month period from November 2011 through July
3 2012.¹ I propose to replace these forward energy prices with actual energy prices as part
4 of the true-up in this case.

5 **Q. Please explain why you chose to utilize day-ahead LMPs**
6 **(“DA-LMPs”) at the generator nodes.**

7 **A.** As mentioned before, the PROSYM model simulates the dispatch of the
8 Company’s generators based on a series of inputs. This dispatching process is similar to
9 the one followed by the Midwest ISO to determine its day-ahead commitment of all of
10 the generators in its footprint. The result of the Midwest ISO process is, among other
11 things, the determination of individual LMPs for each generator. It is most appropriate to
12 use the historical prices applicable to Ameren Missouri generation for the day-ahead
13 markets since these are the prices that determined the generation levels that produced the
14 vast majority of Ameren Missouri’s historic off-system sales. In fact, day-ahead prices
15 determine about 97% of Ameren Missouri’s generation commitment and dispatch,
16 whereas real-time prices only apply to the deviations, which are addressed in Mr. Peters’
17 direct testimony.

¹ These forward energy prices are taken from a combination of broker quotes and published data for trading activity at the Indiana Hub (formerly known as the Cinergy Hub), a well-recognized Midwest energy trading market. The forward energy prices were adjusted for the basis differential that exists between prices at the location of the Indiana Hub and the prices that are actually realized at the Ameren Missouri generating units.

1 **Q. What is the average sales price for off-system sales of energy resulting**
2 **from the PROSYM model run?**

3 A. The average sales price for off-system sales of energy resulting from the
4 PROSYM model is \$31.78 per MWh, which is higher than the input (dispatch price) of
5 \$29.67 per MWh because while the model dispatches Ameren Missouri's generation
6 during each hour of the year, off-system sales are only made in a portion of the hours
7 during the year and the total MWhs of generation to serve load and power purchases are
8 greater than the total MWhs sold off-system. Consequently, the price received for the
9 off-system sales that are made varies from the dispatch price.

10 **Q. Please explain the change in off-system sales revenues from energy**
11 **sales in this proceeding from that used to set rates in the Company's last rate case,**
12 **Case No. ER-2011-0028.**

13 A. The off-system sales revenues from energy sales included in this
14 testimony are \$29.2 million lower than those used to set rates in Case No. ER-2011-0028.
15 This reduction is a direct result of the lower three year average price (\$29.67 per MWh)
16 for the period ending July 2012 used in this proceeding, as compared to the average price
17 for the three year period ending February 2011 (\$32.67 per MWh), which was used in
18 Case No. ER-2011-0028. Simply put, given that the Company generally sells about 10
19 million MWhs of energy off-system each year, a \$3 per MWh price differential results in
20 an approximately \$30 million change in off-system sales revenues from energy sales.

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IV. CAPACITY SALES REVENUES

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Q. What is the level of capacity sales revenues on an annual basis that

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you determined was appropriate to include in total off-system sales?

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A. I determined that \$5.2 million is the appropriate amount to include as

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capacity sales revenues, using capacity sales for delivery for the period, which coincides

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with the end of the true-up period. This is the same approach used in the Company's last

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rate case and as was done in that case, we intend to update this total based upon the

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twelve months ending with the last day of the true-up period in this case as part of the

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true-up phase of this this proceeding.

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V. ANCILLARY SERVICES REVENUES

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Q. What level of annual ancillary services revenues did you determine

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was appropriate to include in total off-system sales?

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A. I have concluded that the test year level of ancillary services revenues,

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\$11.5 million, is the appropriate level to include in total off-system sales. As was done in

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the prior case, we intend to true-up this level through July 2012 based upon data for the

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twelve month period ending July 31, 2012.

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VI. REVENUE SUFFICIENCY GUARANTEE/DEVIATIONS MARGINS

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Q. What level of RSG/deviations margins did you determine was

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appropriate to include in off-system sales?

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A. As noted above these revenues are \$1.6 million of Real Time Revenue

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Sufficiency Guarantee Make-Whole Payments (RT RSG MWP) and deviations margins.

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I determined this level of margins by utilizing the percentage used to determine the RSG

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margins as part of the true-up phase of the prior case, which was 13%. Consistent with

1 the methodology employed in each of the last two rate cases, we intend to update this
2 percentage as part of the true-up process, to reflect actual amounts during the twelve
3 months ending with the last day of the true-up period.

4 **VII. OTHER MIDWEST ISO RELATED REVENUES**

5 **Q. What are the “other Midwest ISO related revenues”?**

6 A. These are receipts from the Midwest ISO related to inadvertent energy
7 from the Midwest ISO, and they totaled \$504,000 during the test year.

8 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

9 A. Yes, it does.

