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24 Rider MV, Rider BGS-L and Rider RTP, which provided for the recovery of power
25 supply costs associated with the September 2006 competitive procurement auction and
26 the procurement of capacity and energy for hourly priced service for customers with
27 demands equal to or greater than 1 MW.

28 **Q. Do you have an understanding as to the origin of the tariff filings?**

29 A. Yes. As Mr. Craig Nelson more fully describes, legislation was recently passed
30 that provides for a prescriptive means by which certain standard products are to be
31 purchased in the wholesale market, pursuant to the filed procurement plan. As part of
32 that legislation, the Commission is required to approve or modify the electric utility's
33 tariffs that are filed with the initial procurement plan.

34 **TARIFF REVISIONS**

35 **Q. What tariff changes are you sponsoring?**

36 A. I am sponsoring the following tariff changes:

37 New Tariffs:

38 Rider PER – Purchased Electricity Recovery

39 Rider MVA – Market Value Adjustment

40 Rider HSS – Hourly Supply Service

41 The tariffs are attached to my testimony as Ameren Exhibits 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3,
42 respectively.

43 Revised Tariffs:

44 Customer Terms & Conditions

45 The aforesaid revised tariffs are attached to my testimony as Ameren Exhibit 3.4.

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47 Tariffs to be Cancelled:

48 Rider MV – Market Value of Power and Energy

49 Rider BGS-L – Basic Generation Service Large

50 Rider RTP-L – Real-Time Pricing Large

51 The cancelled tariffs are attached to my testimony as Ameren Exhibits 3.5, 3.6,
52 and 3.7, respectively.

53 **Q. What other tariff changes will be made?**

54 A. There are additional references to Rider MV which appear in other electric service
55 tariffs that need to be removed and/or replaced with references to Rider PER, Rider
56 MVA, or Rider HSS, as applicable. The Ameren Illinois Utilities plan to file such
57 changes as part of the compliance filing in this proceeding.

58 **Q. When will the new tariffs, and changes to existing tariffs, become effective?**

59 A. The Ameren Illinois Utilities request that the new tariffs, Rider PER, Rider MVA,
60 and Rider HSS become effective within 30 days after the conclusion of this proceeding.
61 These tariffs should also include a footnote stating that “retail charges computed in
62 accordance with this Rider become operational and are applicable for service provided on
63 and after June 1, 2008”. A similar statement was contained in tariffs filed during the
64 summer of 2006, for tariffs that were to in effect on January 2, 2007, in compliance with
65 Docket No. 06-0070 (cons.), the Ameren Illinois Utilities’ previous power procurement
66 case approving Rider MV. Regarding modifications to existing tariffs, including changes
67 to the Customer Terms and Conditions, the Ameren Illinois Utilities propose that such
68 changes be submitted in a compliance filing by May 9, 2008, with an effective date of

69 June 1, 2008. Likewise, tariffs proposed to be cancelled would also be submitted in the
70 May 9, 2008 compliance filing with an effective date of June 1, 2008.

71 **Q. What is the purpose of Rider PER – Purchased Electricity Recovery?**

72 A. The purpose of Rider PER is to provide the mechanism to recover electric power
73 and energy costs from customers that are incurred pursuant to the Commission-approved
74 procurement plan and those other costs identified in Section 16-111.5 of the Public
75 Utilities Act (PUA) necessary for the provision of bundled electric service to eligible
76 retail customers, as well as customers served under Rider RTP – Real-Time Pricing until
77 the Supplier Forward Contract requirements have been fulfilled. The Supplier Forward
78 Contracts will roll off by May 31, 2010.

79 **Q. Why are customers served under real-time pricing falling under Rider PER?**

80 A. Rider RTP was developed as an optional hourly pricing service for customers
81 with demands under 1,000 kW. Such customers are currently served with supply
82 acquired via the BGS-FP Supplier Forward Contracts. One-third of these contracts
83 expire on each of May 31, 2008, May 31, 2009 and May 31, 2010. Further, the
84 acquisition of supply to serve customers electing hourly pricing is specifically excluded
85 from inclusion in the Procurement Plan. As such, the Utilities will be acquiring supply to
86 serve such customers under both the BGS-FP Supplier Forward Contracts and other
87 market purchases, and must account for this commingled supply accordingly. It is for
88 this reason that such customers fall under Rider PER rather than Rider HSS. (Note:
89 Service under Rider RTP-L, hourly pricing for customers with demands over 1,000 kW,
90 is already provided by the Ameren Illinois Utilities outside of the auction process).

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92 **Q. How does Rider PER differ from Rider MV?**

93 A. Rider PER and Rider MV both explain the applicable procurement methods and
94 provide a mechanism to recover the cost of supply acquired by the Company to serve
95 eligible load, provide a true-up mechanism to reconcile such costs. Unlike Rider MV
96 which applied to all customers taking company-supplied power and energy, Rider PER
97 applies to only those customers taking service under Rider BGS and customers taking
98 service under Rider RTP through May 31, 2010. Accordingly, unlike Rider MV, Rider
99 PER only provides company-supplied power and energy to customers who are eligible
100 for fixed-priced bundled service.

101 **Q. What tariffs have been proposed to address cost recovery for those**
102 **customers who are not eligible for fixed-priced bundled service?**

103 A. Rider HSS has been designed to provide company-supplied power and energy to
104 those customers.

105 **Q. What is the purpose of Rider MVA?**

106 A. Rider MVA provides the bridge for the true-up of power and energy supply costs
107 for customers served under Rider BGS, Rider RTP and Rider BGS-L to allow for the lag
108 in the Midwest Independent Transmission Systems Operator's 55 day settlement which
109 will continue to occur even after Rider MV has been cancelled and replaced with Rider
110 PER.

111 **Q. Please explain Rider HSS?**

112 A. Rider HSS effectively replaces the function previously provided by Appendix B
113 of Rider MV, which covered the provision of hourly service to customers with demands
114 equal to or greater than 1,000 kW, and expands the scope of the tariff to include all

115 customers with demands 400 kW and greater taking company-supplied power and energy
116 supply service.

117 Rider HSS reflects a few changes in the pricing of supply service. For ease of
118 understanding, certain costs have been combined to reflect four major billing
119 components: Supplier Charge, Energy Charge, Supply Cost Adjustment and Supply
120 Balancing Adjustment. The Supplier Charge recovers the capacity costs and demand-
121 based ancillary costs. The Energy Charge recovers the Real-Time Locational Marginal
122 Price, estimated costs for any energy-based ancillary service plus estimated costs for
123 market settlement costs. The Supply Cost Adjustment recovers the costs, as approved in
124 the Company's Delivery Service case, for procurement costs, cash working capital
125 requirements, and uncollectible costs. The Supply Balancing Adjustment mechanism
126 allows for the expenses the Company incurs for the procurement of electric power and
127 energy supply to equal the amounts billed to the hourly supply service customers. The
128 SBA is a true-up mechanism similar to the Purchased Energy Adjustment (PEA) factor in
129 Rider PER. The tariff has been developed so that the adjustment mechanism for the
130 recovery of costs related to customers being served under Rider MV will carry over to
131 Rider HSS seamlessly. Amortized costs under the true-up mechanisms under Rider MV
132 for such customers will continue to be amortized and recovered under Rider HSS.

133 **Q. Please explain Rider MVA?**

134 A. As explained previously, Rider MVA provides the bridge for the true-up of power
135 and energy supply costs for customers served under Rider BGS, Rider RTP and Rider
136 BGS-L to allow for the lag in the Midwest Independent Transmission Systems Operator's
137 55 day settlement which will continue to occur even after Rider MV has been cancelled

138 and replaced with Rider PER. Since a fixed priced option is no longer applicable to
139 customers who have been declared competitive, Rider BGS-L will be cancelled and there
140 will only be one adjustment factor after June 1, 2008. Rider MVA addresses the
141 transition to electric power and energy supply service adjustments under Rider PER just
142 as Rider HSS addresses the true-up mechanism transition for customers served under
143 Rider RTP-L. Rider RTP-L is also being cancelled since Rider HSS has combined the
144 provision of electric supply from Rider MV and Rider RTP-L.

145 **Q. What other changes have resulted from Rider MV being cancelled?**

146 A. Rider MV contained the switching rules applicable to customers electing
147 company-supplied power and energy. These rules, as well as certain definitions
148 contained within Rider MV, have been moved to the Customer Terms and Conditions of
149 the Ameren Illinois Utilities' Delivery Service tariffs.

150 **PRICING UNDER RIDER PER**

151 **Q. Rider MV described in considerable detail the methodology to convert**
152 **winning auction values into retail prices. Will Rider PER include similar language?**

153 A. Rider PER will provide general directions on development of base Purchased
154 Electricity Charges. Due to the nature of the products being acquired under the
155 procurement plan, it is not necessary within Rider PER to provide the same level of detail
156 that was contained within Rider MV. For example, the "translation" section of Rider MV
157 provided lengthy detail on splitting single auction values into summer and non-summer
158 seasonal supplier payment ratios, in addition to seasonal and time-of-use retail supply
159 charges applicable to the various customer groups. Such ratios have already been

160 calculated for the existing Supplier Forward Contracts expiring May 31, 2009 and May
161 31, 2010, respectively

162 **Q. How will development of base Purchased Electricity Charges under Rider**
163 **PER differ from those calculated under Rider MV?**

164 A. Purchased electricity costs will be converted to base charges similar to the
165 methodology used to develop the base retail charges under Rider MV. While the
166 methodology is similar, there are a few significant differences. First, Retail Supply
167 Charges were modified by the Commission in ICC Docket No. 07-0165 (“rate redesign
168 case”). The Ameren Illinois Utilities have assumed that the values developed in the rate
169 redesign case represent the starting point for all modifications to base Purchased
170 Electricity Charges. Second, the translation provision in Rider MV used loads for all
171 delivery service customers to develop base Retail Supply Charges. Under Rider PER,
172 only usage from customers that are projected to take fixed price service from the Ameren
173 Illinois Utilities are used in developing the seasonal and time-of-use prices, thus helping
174 to ensure that such prices reflect the expected load characteristics of the customers
175 expected to take such service. Third, the mitigation adjustment calculation has been
176 substantially modified to address rate impacts for residential and small commercial
177 classes, by season, and by usage block, whereas the mitigation adjustment in Rider MV
178 today applies only at a class average level for all customer groups under 1,000 kW of
179 demand.

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182 **Q. What is the significance of using the Retail Supply Charges from the rate**
183 **redesign case as the starting point?**

184 A. In the rate redesign case, the Commission endeavored to develop rates that were
185 “more just and more reasonable” than those developed under the strict application of
186 Rider MV. In that proceeding, the non-summer rates for high winter use residential
187 customers (e.g., electric space-heat customers) were significantly reduced. All Ameren
188 Illinois Utilities now have reduced prices available to high winter use residential
189 customers using more than 800 kWh in a non-summer month. At AmerenCILCO and,
190 also, the portion of the AmerenCIPS service territory formerly served by tariffs
191 applicable to the St. Louis metro-east region (former Union Electric Company – Illinois),
192 all customers using more than 800 kWh are eligible for the same reduced non-summer
193 rate. At AmerenIP and AmerenCIPS, customers that took service under special electric
194 space-heat tariff provisions prior to 2007 are eligible for reduced non-summer rates for
195 use over 800 kWh. All residential base retail supply charges for the first 800 kWh of
196 non-summer use were increased, and summer charges were decreased slightly.

197 Moreover, prices for small general use customers were also realigned. For all
198 three Companies, non-summer rates were changed from a single retail supply charge to a
199 block for the first 2,000 kWh, and for all additional usage. The prices for the first block
200 were raised, while the charges for the tail block were reduced. Summer prices for all
201 three Utilities were increased over the pre-existing Rider MV Retail Supply Charges.
202 AmerenCIPS summer prices were also differentiated by a higher price for the first 2,000
203 kWh.

204 Retail Supply Charges for General Service customers with demands from 150 kW
205 up to 1,000 kW (BGS-3) were not adjusted in the rate redesign proceeding. Likewise,
206 power prices for Lighting Service (BGS-5) were not adjusted.

207 The new levels of supply charges from the rate redesign case reflect adjustments
208 that place bill impacts above strict adherence to cost of service. The Ameren Illinois
209 Utilities' use of base Retail Supply Charges from the rate redesign case recognizes the
210 need to continue a much more gradual movement to cost-based rates.

211 **Q. What modifications did you make to the “mitigation” adjustment**
212 **methodology within Rider MV for use in proposed Rider PER?**

213 A. As previously stated, the mitigation adjustment calculation has been substantially
214 modified to address rate impacts for residential and small general service classes, by
215 season, and by usage block. The “mitigation” constraints have also been tightened to
216 lessen price volatility. A price for a usage block will not change more than the largest of
217 125% of the overall increase or 10%.

218 The mitigation adjustment in Rider MV today applies only at a class average level
219 for all customer groups (BGS-1, BGS-2, BGS-3, and BGS-5) under 1,000 kW of demand.
220 The methodology constrained the increases allowed to any single class to the greatest of
221 a) 150% of the overall average for customers in the BGS-FP supply group, or b) 20%.
222 The results of the mitigation adjustment did not produce desired results for the Ameren
223 Illinois Utilities. For example, no adjustments were made to any of the Retail Supply
224 Charges for AmerenIP and AmerenCILCO. For AmerenCIPS, costs were shifted away
225 from General Service (BGS-3) to Residential (BGS-1).

226 While broad application of the mitigation approach may not have worked as
227 hoped, a more focused application of the same concept is proposed within Rider PER.

228 **Q. Please continue.**

229 A. As discussed above, the Commission has undergone a thorough review of bill
230 impacts and ordered changes to residential and small commercial BGS Retail Supply
231 Charges to alleviate rate shock for those customers. In the rate redesign case, the
232 Commission chose to adjust neither BGS-3 (a group that has experienced significant
233 switching to ARES supply since January 2007) nor BGS-5 rates. Similarly, the Ameren
234 Illinois Utilities propose to only apply price mitigation to BGS-1 and BGS-2 prices
235 within Rider PER. Since Residential (BGS-1) and Small General Service (BGS-2)
236 supply charges vary by season and by usage block, Rider PER applies constraints by
237 Residential and Small General Service price category.

238 AmerenCILCO has three residential price categories (summer, non-summer first
239 800 kWh, and non-summer over 800 kWh) and three small general service price
240 categories (summer, non-summer first 2,000 kWh, and non-summer over 2,000 kWh).
241 AmerenIP has six residential price categories – three for customers who took service
242 under space-heat provisions prior to 2007 (again summer, non-summer first 800 kWh,
243 and non-summer over 800 kWh), and three for all other residential customers. AmerenIP
244 also has three small general service price categories. AmerenCIPS has nine residential
245 price categories: three for customers who took service under space-heat provisions prior
246 to 2007, three for non-space heat customers, and three for customers who were served
247 under tariffs applicable to the Illinois service areas previously served by Union Electric
248 Company – Illinois. AmerenCIPS has four price categories for small general service

249 customers since both summer and non-summer rates contain price differences for
250 monthly use above and below 2,000 kWh.

251 **Q. Does the mitigation methodology proposed in Rider PER attempt to compare**
252 **present and proposed fully bundled rates paid (or estimated to be paid) by**
253 **customers in each category, as is done under the Rider MV mitigation**
254 **methodology?**

255 A. No, only the variable price components of these customers' prices were evaluated.
256 Customers taking power under either BGS-1 or BGS-2 must also take delivery service
257 under DS-1 or DS-2, respectively. Both DS-1 and DS-2 contain \$/kWh delivery charges
258 (seasonally differentiated within the rate redesign case). Transmission service under
259 Rider TS is also a \$/kWh charge for these customers. Sales within each price category,
260 multiplied by the sum of the unit prices for BGS, DS, and TS, results in the variable
261 revenue under "present" rates. The "proposed" variable rate uses the same DS and TS
262 prices, but an updated power price reflecting the results of the new procurement event.
263 Revenue at the "proposed" variable rate is compared to revenue under the "present"
264 variable rate. If the change is larger than the greatest of 125% of the DS/BGS-1 and
265 DS/BGS-2 average variable increase, or 10%, then rates for that price segment will be
266 limited. The revenue from a rate limited price segment will be recovered from all other
267 non-limited segments on a percent of variable revenue (i.e., revenue excluding customer
268 and meter charges) basis. If another segment reaches its price limit as a result of the
269 reallocation, the amount of that revenue limit will be allocated to all other price segments
270 that have not yet reached the limit. This limit/reallocation approach is identical to the
271 methodology used today in the mitigation section of Rider MV.

272 **Q. How will the previous auction results directly impact proposed prices?**

273 A. There are two key areas not yet discussed where the auction results will impact
274 new Purchased Electricity Charges. The first area concerns the overall level of cost to be
275 recovered. As described in the testimonies of Mr. Nelson and Mr. James Blessing,
276 approximately 1/3 of the auction-based power contracts expire at the end of May 2008
277 and will be replaced with contracts entered into as a result of the new competitive
278 procurement process. One half of the remaining contracts will each expire May 31, 2009
279 and May 31, 2010. Proposed prices will reflect a weighted average of those auction
280 products and the annual expected cost of products acquired via the new competitive
281 procurement process.

282 Second, the existing Supplier Forward Contracts contain provisions for paying
283 suppliers a seasonally differentiated price. Existing base retail supply charges (prior to
284 the rate redesign case) ostensibly match revenue from customers and costs paid to
285 suppliers. Put differently, 2/3 of the existing base retail supply charges will not change
286 after the next procurement event. The prices for 2/3 of supply need to generate sufficient
287 cash for the Ameren Illinois Utilities to provide payment to suppliers under the Supplier
288 Forward Contracts. Any seasonal price shifting resulting from updated rate translation
289 prism inputs will impact only approximately 1/3 of the base retail supply charges. For
290 example, without consideration of prior contracts, assume the rate prism suggests a 3
291 cents/kWh increase to residential summer prices. Only 1/3 of power contracts would be
292 subject to the 3 cents/kWh summer increase or an overall increase of 1 cent/kWh to the
293 summer base retail supply charge. (Of course, any rate changes are also subject to the
294 rate “mitigation” limitations previously discussed).

295 Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?

296 A. Yes.

Appendix A

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF LEONARD M. JONES

My name is Leonard M. Jones. My business address is One Ameren Plaza, 1901 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63103. I am employed by Ameren Services Company as Managing Supervisor – Restructured Services – Regulatory Policy and Planning.

I graduated from Western Illinois University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics in 1987. In 1988, I received a Master of Arts Degree in Economics, also from Western Illinois University. From 1988 through 2004 I was employed by Illinois Power Company (“Illinois Power”) as a Rate Analyst, Senior Rate Analyst, Rate Specialist, Team Leader - Costing and Economic Services, and Director – Business Planning and Forecasting. Shortly after completion of Ameren Corporation’s (“Ameren”) acquisition of Illinois Power, I was assigned to my current position.

I previously testified before the Illinois Commerce Commission in Docket No. 91-0335, regarding Illinois Power’s electric marginal cost of service study; Docket No. 93-0183, regarding Illinois Power’s gas marginal cost of service study; Docket No. 98-0348, regarding Illinois Power’s proposed Rider DA-RTP II; Docket No. 98-0680, regarding the investigation concerning certain tariff provisions under Section 16-108 of the Public Utilities Act and related issues; Docket No. 98-0769, regarding requirements governing the form and content of contract summaries for the 1999 Neutral Fact Finder; Docket Nos. 99-0120 & 99-0134 (Cons.) regarding approval of Illinois Power’s Delivery Service Implementation Plan and Tariffs; Docket Nos. 00-0259/00-0395/00-0461 (Cons.) regarding proposed Rider MVI and revisions to Rider TC; Docket 01-0432 regarding electric Delivery Service Tariff rate design and related matters; Docket 04-0476 regarding gas rate design; Docket Nos. 06-0070/06-0071/06-0072 (Cons.) regarding electric Delivery Service Tariff rate design and related matters; Docket Nos. 06-0691/06-0692/06-0693 (Cons.) regarding residential real-time pricing tariffs; Docket 06-0800 regarding an investigation into changes to auction process and the Ameren Illinois Utilities’ market value tariffs (Rider MV); and Docket 07-0165 regarding an investigation into the Ameren Illinois Utilities’ rate design.