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DIRECT TESTIMONY

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1	I.	QUALIFICATIONS AND SUMMARY
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- 2 Q. Please state your name and business address.
- 3 A. Greg R. Meyer. My business address is 16690 Swingley Ridge Road, Suite 140,
 4 Chesterfield, Missouri 63017.

5 Q. What is your occupation and by whom are you employed?

- 6 A. I am a consultant in the field of public utility regulation and a Principal with the firm of
- 7 Brubaker & Associates, Inc. ("BAI"), energy, economic, and regulatory consultants.

8 Q. Please describe your educational and professional experience.

- 9 A. I graduated from the University of Missouri in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science Degree
- 10 in Business Administration, with a major in Accounting. Subsequent to graduation I
- 11 was employed by the Missouri Public Service Commission. I was employed with the
- 12 Commission from July 1, 1979 until May 31, 2008.
- I began my employment at the Missouri Public Service Commission as a Junior
 Auditor. During my employment at the Commission, I was promoted to higher auditing

classifications. My final position at the Commission was an Auditor V, which I held
 for approximately ten years.

As an Auditor V, I conducted audits and examinations of the accounts, books, records, and reports of jurisdictional utilities. I also aided in the planning of audits and investigations, including staffing decisions, and in the development of staff positions in which the Auditing Department was assigned. I served as Lead Auditor and/or Case Supervisor as assigned. I assisted in the technical training of other auditors, which included the preparation of auditors' workpapers, oral and written testimony.

9 During my career at the Missouri Public Service Commission, I presented 10 testimony in numerous electric, gas, telephone, and water and sewer rate cases. In 11 addition, I was involved in cases regarding service territory transfers. In the context of 12 those cases listed above, I presented testimony on all conventional ratemaking 13 principles related to a utility's revenue requirement. During the last three years of my 14 employment with the Commission, I was involved in developing transmission policy 15 for the Southwest Power Pool as a member of the Cost Allocation Working Group.

In June of 2008, I joined the firm of Brubaker & Associates, Inc. as a Consultant. 16 17 Since joining the firm, I have presented testimony and/or testified in the state jurisdictions of Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Missouri, 18 Montana, New Mexico, Ohio, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. I have 19 20 also appeared and presented testimony in Alberta and Nova Scotia, Canada. In addition, 21 I have filed testimony at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"). These 22 cases involved addressing conventional ratemaking principles focusing on the utility's 23 revenue requirement. The firm Brubaker & Associates, Inc. provides consulting More specifically, we provide analysis of energy procurement options based on consideration of prices and reliability as related to the needs of the client; prepare rate, feasibility, economic, and cost of service studies relating to energy and utility services; prepare depreciation and feasibility studies relating to utility service; assist in contract negotiations for utility services, and provide technical support to legislative activities.

9 In addition to our main office in St. Louis, the firm also has branch offices in
10 Corpus Christi, Texas; Detroit, Michigan; Louisville, Kentucky, and Phoenix, Arizona.

11 Q. On whose behalf are you appearing in this proceeding?

12 A. I am appearing on the behalf of the Office of the Attorney General of the13 Commonwealth of Kentucky ("OAG").

14 II. CASE OVERVIEW
15 Q. Please describe the rate increase that Fleming-Mason Energy Cooperative, Inc.
16 ("Fleming-Mason" or "Cooperative") originally filed.

A. On August 4, 2023, Fleming-Mason filed to increase its revenues by \$2,755,741.
Fleming-Mason filed the direct testimony of three witnesses. Subsequent to discussions
with the OAG, the revenue increase was reduced to \$1,868,707. This reduced revenue
increase was captured in "Responses to Attorney General's First Request for
Information."

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1 Q. Please indicate the major drivers of the requested increase.

- 2 A. I have prepared Table GRM-1 that shows the breakdown of the increased revenue
- 3 requirement sought by Fleming-Mason.

	Table GRM-1		
	Fleming-Mason Detailed Revenue Defi	cien	<u>cy</u>
Line	Description		Amount
1	Actual Test Year Rev. Req. for Target OTIER Before Adjustments ¹	\$	815,185
2	Net Fuel Adjustment Clause/ Environmental Surcharge Adjustments ²	\$	54,817
3	Net Expense Adjustments ³	\$	54,028
4	OTIER Interest Coverage Needed for Increased Interest Expense ⁴	\$	944,677
5	Total Revenue Deficiency	\$	1,868,707
1. Cell 2. Cell 3. Σ of	RevReq-2022-REVISED2023-10-24 Tab "RevReq"		

1Q.Do you believe an increase in Fleming-Mason's revenues of approximately \$1.82million will result in just and reasonable rates for Fleming-Mason's members?3A.No. I believe that the amount requested by Fleming-Mason is overstated. I have4prepared Table GRM-2 that shows the adjustments I am proposing that reduce the5revenue increase sought by Fleming-Mason.

Flei	Table GRM-2 Fleming-Mason's Revenue Requirement Adjustments and Deficiency					
Line Description Amount						
1	Fleming-Mason's Claimed Revenue Deficiency	\$	1,868,707			
2	Rate Case	\$	(19,333)			
3	Rate Schedule Revenues	\$	(16,548)			
4	Regular Time Wages and Salaries	\$	(96,461)			
5	Overtime Wages and Salaries	\$	(25,774)			
6	Healthcare	\$	(181,116)			
7	OTIER	\$	(545,304)			
8	Total OAG Adjustment (Σ of Lines 2 through 7)	\$	(884,536)			
9	OAG Adjusted Revenue Deficiency (Line 1 + Line 8)	\$	984,171			

6 If my adjustments are accepted by the Commission, Fleming-Mason's revenue
7 deficiency would decrease to \$984,171.

8 III. RATE CASE EXPENSE
9 Q. Have you read the direct testimony of John Wolfram as it relates to
10 Fleming-Mason's rate case expense adjustment?
11 A. Yes, I have.

1	Q.	What level of rate case expense is Fleming-Mason requesting in this rate case?
2	A.	Fleming-Mason is requesting recovery of \$145,000 in rate case expense.
3		Fleming-Mason is proposing to amortize rate case expenses over three years, or \$48,333
4		annually be included in its revenue requirement.
5	Q.	Are you in agreement with the level of rate case expense and the amortization
6		period?
7	A.	I have no issues with the total rate case expense being sought for recovery. I take issue
8		with the three-year amortization. The three-year amortization period is too short. It has
9		been more than 16 years since Fleming-Mason has last filed a rate case to change
10		customer rates.

11 Q. Do you have any history of the frequency of Fleming-Mason's rate case filing 12 intervals?

A. Yes. I have prepared Table GRM-3 that shows the intervals between Fleming-Mason's
rate case filings.

Table GRM-3 <u>Fleming-Mason Rate Case Filing History</u>					
Rate Case Filing Date	Case Number	Interval Between Rate Cases			
Aug. 28, 2023	2023-00223	16 Years, 2 Months			
Jun. 25, 2007	2007-00022	5 Years, 7 Months			
Nov. 29, 2001	2001-00244	7 Years, 1 Month			
Dec. 02, 1994	1994-00396				

1	Table GRM-3 shows that a three-year amortization period for recovery of rate case
2	expense is unreasonably short.

Q. What amortization period do you recommend for recovery of rate case expense in this case?

- 5 A. I recommend recovery of rate case expense over five years. Fleming-Mason has not 6 filed a rate case within the length of their proposed amortization period dating back to 7 1994. I contend a five-year amortization period is more reasonable than the three years
- 8 proposed by Fleming-Mason.

9 **Q**. Did Fleming-Mason discuss the 16+ year interval between rate cases in its direct 10 testimony? 11 Yes. In the direct testimony of Fleming-Mason witness Brandon Hunt, Mr. Hunt makes A. 12 the following statement: Considering that Fleming-Mason's last rate case was fifteen years ago, 13 the Cooperative takes satisfaction in being able to have held the line on 14 rates for its Owner-Members to the degree seen.¹ 15 In this instance, Fleming-Mason is quite proud of the fact that it has waited over 16 16 years to file its next rate case. The Commission should not ignore the historical rate 17 18 case activity of Fleming-Mason when deciding the amortization period for rate case expenses. The OAG recommends that rate case expense be amortized over five years. 19

¹Direct Testimony of Brandon Hunt, page 8, lines 9-11.

1	Q.	What is the impact on revenue requirement from amortizing rate case expenses
2		over five years?
3	A.	Fleming-Mason's revenue requirement would be reduced by \$19,333.
4		IV. RATE SCHEDULE REVENUES
5	Q.	Did Fleming-Mason propose an increase in revenues for this rate case?
6	A.	Yes. Fleming-Mason proposed to increase margin revenues by approximately
7		\$126,000. The revenue adjustment is detailed on Reference Schedule 1.06 which I have
8		included as part of Exhibit GRM-1.
9	Q.	Do you have any areas of concern with Reference Schedule 1.06?
10	A.	Yes. The "Current Base Rate Revenue" totals listed on line 22 of Reference Schedule
11		1.06 do not match the base rate revenue totals listed on Exhibit JW-9 that is also included
12		in Exhibit GRM-1. Exhibit JW-9 shows a breakdown of both present and proposed
13		revenues, including all relevant billing determinants. The present revenues on the
14		reference schedule should match those shown on Exhibit JW-9.
15	Q.	What is the impact from incorporating the base rate revenues listed on
16		Exhibit JW-9 into Reference Schedule 1.06 for annualizing Fleming-Mason's
17		revenues?
18	A.	Replacing the Base Rate Revenues in Exhibit JW-9 into Reference Schedule 1.06
19		increases the revenue adjustment by approximately \$16,548. This adjustment can be
20		seen in the modified Reference Schedule 1.06 of Exhibit GRM-1.

1	Q.	Do you believe this adjustment reflects a more reasonable level of revenues?
2	A.	Yes. Using the same base rate revenues assures that the level of revenues proposed by
3		Fleming-Mason are correct and that the revenue requirement is just and reasonable.
4		V. REGULAR TIME WAGES AND SALARIES
5	Q.	Have you read the direct testimony of John Wolfram as it relates to
6		Fleming-Mason's wages and salaries adjustment?
7	A.	Yes, I have.
8	Q.	Do you have any concerns with the pro forma adjustment that is included in
9		Fleming-Mason's wages and salaries calculation?
10	A.	Yes. I believe that the adjustment is overstated due to an unjustified increase in regular
11		time hours and overtime hours. I do not take issue with the pro forma test year wage
12		rate that the Cooperative uses to calculate its adjustment.
13	Q.	How does Fleming-Mason calculate its adjustment to regular time hours?
14	A.	The Cooperative takes regular time hours based on 51 employees at 2,080 hours and
15		multiplies the hours by the pro forma test year wage rate. The Cooperative has failed
16		to provide any justification for the increase from 49 to 51 employees. Fleming-Mason
17		witness Lauren C. Fritz testifies that as of August 4, 2023, Fleming-Mason employed

18 49 employees.²

²Direct Testimony of Lauren C. Fritz, page 8, line 9

1 Q. What level of adjustment do you recommend for regular time?

A. I propose that the regular time hours be calculated based on 49 employees at 2,080
hours. After capitalization, this adjustment would decrease Fleming-Mason's revenue
deficiency by \$96,461.

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VI. OVERTIME WAGES AND SALARIES

Q. How does Fleming-Mason calculate its adjustment to overtime wages and salaries?
A. The Cooperative takes its projected overtime hours and multiples them by the pro forma
year average wage rate for overtime hours. The difference between the historic test year
and the pro forma is the basis for Fleming-Mason's adjustment for overtime wage
expense. This adjustment is then reduced for the effect of capitalization.

Fleming-Mason is proposing a substantial increase to overtime hours of 790 hours.³ The Cooperative has also failed to justify this increase in hours. In its response to Staff Data Request 3-6, Fleming-Mason states that "[t]he overtime hours for the pro forma test years are based on a five-year average." However, the Cooperative fails to provide any support for this assertion.

16 One would expect a more thorough analysis to show that a need for this 17 significant increase in overtime hours exists, including a discussion of employee levels 18 and additional workload required.

³Fleming-Mason's Exhibit JW-2 Reference Schedule 1.10

1	Q.	What level of adjustment do you recommend for overtime?
2	A.	I propose that the overtime hours be equal to the test year amount of 7,063. Using the
3		pro forma overtime wage rate of \$51.31 and the approximately 31% capitalization rate
4		results in an overtime wage expense of \$230,429. This represents an adjustment that
5		would decrease Fleming-Mason's proposed revenue deficiency by \$25,774.
6		VII. HEALTH CARE COSTS
7	Q.	Have you read the direct testimony of John Wolfram as it relates to
8		Fleming-Mason's health care cost adjustment?
9	A.	Yes, I have.
10	Q.	Do you have any concerns with the pro forma adjustment that is included in
11		Fleming-Mason's health care cost calculation?
12	A.	Yes. My first concern is with how this adjustment is calculated on Reference Schedule
13		1.12 of Exhibit JW-2. Mr. Wolfram describes that this adjustment "accounts for
14		employee contributions to medical, dental, and vision insurance" and the "increase in
15		medical by 9% over test year amounts." ⁴ However, the calculations that appear on that
16		schedule do not conform to the description offered.

⁴Direct Testimony of John Wolfram, page 14.

Q. How is the pro forma adjustment for health care costs calculated on Reference Schedule 1.12 of Exhibit JW-2?

A. Mr. Wolfram's adjustment is based off of an illogical calculation. He multiplies the test year employer portion of the premiums of \$427,350 by a 9% increase factor resulting in an additional \$38,462. He then inexplicably subtracts the employee portion of the premiums of \$106,838, resulting in a negative \$68,376.

He then reverses the sign, and adds it to the sum of the employee and employer
premiums of \$534,188 to arrive at his Pro Forma Test Year Expense of \$602,564, of
which, at a bare minimum, \$106,838 is already paid for by employees and doesn't need
to be recouped from members.

11 This is clearly a mistake. If the Commission finds that a 9% increase is 12 appropriate, the test year level of expense should only be increased for the employer's 13 portion, not the amounts paid by employees. Mr. Wolfram's calculation exceeds even 14 including a 9% increase for employee premiums. If Mr. Wolfram had intended to 15 include an increase for both employee and employer premiums, the increase would be 16 \$48,077.⁵

The calculation should be a straight-forward 9% times the \$427,350 for the employer's premiums, resulting in an increase to expense of \$38,462, not \$68,376. Correcting only for this mistake by itself reduces Fleming-Mason's proposed revenue requirement by \$29,915.⁶

 $^{^{5}}$ \$534,188.11 x 9% = \$48,076.93.

⁶Numbers presented here are rounded, so there is a \$1 rounding difference. 68,376.08 - 38,461.54 =\$29,914.54.

1 Q. Do you agree with the requested 9% increase?

A. No, I do not. In calculating this rate, Mr. Wolfram relies on the average of 2023 increase
over 2022 cost in the various premiums procured by the Cooperative. Given that
Fleming-Mason's history suggests that they are looking to set rates for a longer term
than just one year, a longer look at premiums would be helpful. I have prepared
Table GRM-4 to provide that longer view of premiums.

	Medical Insurance Premiums Under KREC Plan			
Year	Employee	Employee W/ Children	Employee W/ Spouse	Employee / Family
2019	\$416	\$888	\$1,034	\$1,398
2020	\$433	\$929	\$1,079	\$1,462
2021	\$464	\$970	\$1,122	\$1,512
2022	\$498	\$1,038	\$1,195	\$1,618
2023	\$548	\$1,131	\$1,296	\$1,753
Compound Annual Growth Rate (2019 - 2023)	7.17%	6.24%	5.82%	5.82%

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As can be seen from this table, premiums under KREC's Plan have grown 5.82%

to 7.17% on average over the 2019 - 2023 time frame.

1	Q.	Do you have any other information that suggests a different growth rate would be
2		appropriate?

- A. Yes. PricewaterhouseCoopers' ("PwC") Health Research Institute recently released a
 report⁷ showing that health care costs for 2023 and 2024 were expected to increase by
 6% and 7%, respectively, for both group and individual markets.
- Both my longer term look and the research performed by PwC suggest that the
 9% factor used by Mr. Wolfram is too high.

8 Q. What level of increase for health care costs do you propose?

9 A. Relying on the growth expected for both 2023 and 2024 from PwC's experts, I believe
10 that an appropriate adjustment would be an increase to the test year employer's share of
11 premiums by 6.5%. Relative to the historical review shown in Table GRM-4, this
12 proposed increase is generous.

13 Q. Are there any other factors that should be considered related to health care costs?

A. Yes. In reviewing Fleming-Mason's adjustment for health care, I noticed that the
Cooperative has failed to capitalize any of these payroll-related costs. Given that these
health care costs are related to the employees of Fleming-Mason, and these employees
are performing work that relates to investments in plant, health care costs should be
capitalized at the same rate as payroll. I found no discussion in Mr. Wolfram's

⁷See PricewaterhouseCoopers' "Medical cost trend: Behind the numbers 2024" available at <u>https://www.pwc.com/us/en/industries/health-industries/library/behind-the-numbers.html</u>. Reviewed November 20, 2023.

- 1 testimony that explains or justifies why these costs should not be capitalized similarly
- 2 to payroll.

3 Q. Please summarize your position on health care costs.

4 A. I have prepared Table GRM-5 showing my proposed adjustments to health care costs.

OAG's Health Care Cost Adjustment										
Line	Description	Amount								
1	Company Proposed Health Care Costs ¹	\$495,72								
2	Adjustment 1 - Moving to Employer Portion Only	(\$29,91								
3	Corrected Company Proposed Health Care Costs (Line 1 + Line 2)	\$465,81								
4	Adjustment 2 - Changing Escalation from 9% to 6.5% ²	(\$10,68								
5	Adjusted Employer Portion Health Care Costs (Line 3 + Line 4)	\$455,12								
6	Adjustment 3 - Capitalizing Similar to Payroll Costs at 31% ³ (-1 x Line 5 x 31%)	(\$140,51								
7	OAG Proposed Health Care Cost Expense (Line 5 + Line 6)	\$314,61								
8	Total Health Care Cost Adjustments Proposed by OAG (Line 2 + Line 4 + Line 6)	(\$181,11								
rces:										
	, Reference Schedule 1.12 - adds the Expense Adjustment found on Line 8 to the Test Year Expense Level on Line 3, column (B). 127,350*1.065-\$427,350*1.09 \$427,350 is the test year employer portion of health care premiums. This is found on Exhibit JW-2,	Reference Schedu								

5 Based on my calculations, I believe that Fleming-Mason has overstated its health care

6 expense by \$181,116.

1		VIII. OTIER
2	Q.	Please describe the purpose of the Operating Times Interest Earned Ratio
3		("OTIER") calculation.
4	A.	The OTIER calculation is a measure of the Cooperative's ability to generate sufficient
5		revenues from electric operations to repay the interest on its long-term debt. ⁸
6	Q.	Is there another commonly used financial metric besides OTIER?
7	А.	Yes. Times Interest Earned Ratio ("TIER") is a measurement of the system's annual
8		ability to earn margins sufficient to cover the interest expense on long-term debt. TIER
9		is a primary indicator of a utility's financial health to lending institutions. ⁹
10	Q.	In this case, what metric is Fleming-Mason relying on to set new rates and what is
11		the ratio being sought by Fleming-Mason?
12	A.	Fleming-Mason is utilizing the OTIER financial ratio and is seeking a 1.85 OTIER ratio.
13		This ratio essentially requires Fleming-Mason to collect revenues to pay its operating
14		expenses and provide operating margins equal to \$1.85 for every dollar of interest
15		expense.
16	Q.	What are the required OTIER ratios for setting rates?
17	А.	Fleming-Mason has three loan contracts that specify coverage ratios for the loans. I
18		have listed the loan commitments below:

⁸Data Response to AG Data Request 1-9 CFC Key Ratio Trend Analysis. ⁹Data Response to AG Data Request 1-9 CFC Key Ratio Trend Analysis.

1 2 3		Rural Utilities Service ("RUS") Loan Contract, Section 5.4(b) The average Coverage Ratios achieved by the borrower in the best two years out of the three most recent calendar years must be not less than the following:
4		\circ OTIER = 1.1;
5 6		The Cooperative Finance Corporation ("CFC") loan contract requires Modified Debt Service Coverage of 1.35 for the best two of the last three years; and
7 8		The CoBank loan contract requires a Debt Service Coverage Ratio for such year of not less than 1.35 to 1.00. ¹⁰
9		Clearly these three loan contracts require an OTIER coverage ratio less than the
10		1.85 OTIER ratio requested by Fleming-Mason in this rate case.
11	Q.	What is the impact from requesting a higher OTIER ratio than what the loan
12		contracts require?
13	A.	Requesting a higher OTIER coverage ratio than what is required from the lenders results
14		in higher rates for Fleming-Mason's ratepayers.
15	Q.	How do you respond to the argument that if Fleming-Mason's rates are higher
16		than what the loan contracts require and those excess revenues provide for profits
17		to be returned to members, what is the harm?
18	A.	First, let me state that I am not aware that all ratepayers of Fleming Mason are members
19		and, therefore, would not share in any capital returns. For example, in the direct
20		testimony of Fleming-Mason witness Lauren C. Fritz states the following:
21 22 23 24		As of the end of the test year, the residential load was comprised of approximately 30% of Fleming-Mason's total kWh sold and represented approximately 39% of the Cooperative's total revenue from energy sales. The Cooperative serves six industrial customer loads over 1,000 KVA

¹⁰Data Response to AG Data Request 1-9

1 representing approximately 57% of Fleming-Mason's total kWh sold and approximately 45% of the Cooperative's total revenue from energy 2 sales.11 3 It is not clear if the six industrial customers are considered members of 4 5 Fleming-Mason and are eligible for capital credits from any profits generated by 6 Fleming-Mason. Furthermore, the return of capital credits is usually returned over a 7 very long lag period. If indeed the capital credits are returned over an extended period 8 of time, members should be concerned with paying rates that will almost certainly 9 generate profits from return several years into the future. Most members that I am aware 10 of today are not willing to pay for a return several years in the future.

11 Q. Are you aware that the Commission has historically allowed an OTIER ratio of

12 **1.85 or a TIER ratio of 2.0?**

13 A. Yes, I am. However, I would also note that in Southern Kentucky Rural Electric

- 14 Cooperative Corporation, Case No. 2021-00407, the Commission stated the following:
- 15The Commission notes that the authorized TIER for an electric16distribution cooperative will be addressed on a case by case basis, and17the current interest rates for the cooperative and market conditions must18be part of the consideration.

19 Q. Do you believe that Fleming-Mason is currently subject to market interest rate

- 20 risks?
- 21 A. No. On page 7 of Laruen Fritz's direct testimony, Ms. Fritz states the following:
- Fleming-Mason Energy's long-term debt portfolio is at 100% fixed
 interest rates. Fleming-Mason is a current borrower from CFC, Co Bank
 and FFB. Due to recent spikes in interest rates, Fleming-Mason moved

¹¹Direct Testimony of Lauren C. Fritz, page 5, lines 12-17.

¹² Final Order of Case No. 2021-00407, page 18.

- 8 Given that Fleming-Mason correctly hedged its interest debt rate exposure, the necessity
- 9 to granting an OTIER ratio of 1.85 is unnecessary.

10 Q. What OTIER ratio would you recommend?

11 A. I would recommend an OTIER ratio of 1.5. This ratio is still higher than any ratio 12 prescribed by the three lending institutions who have loans outstanding with 13 Fleming-Mason. I have previously described the actions, and I commend 14 Fleming-Mason for reducing its interest rate exposure by securing fixed interest rates. 15 However, that action should also be translated into benefits for ratepayers by reducing 16 the OTIER ratio to 1.5.

17 Q. What is the impact on revenue requirement related to your recommended change

18 **to the OTIER ratio?**

A. Changing Fleming-Mason's OTIER ratio from 1.85 down to 1.5 reduces the
Cooperative's revenue deficiency by \$545,304.

21 Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?

22 A. Yes, it does.

¹³Direct Testimony of Lauren C. Fritz, page 7, lines 7-14.

Reference Schedule: 1.06

FLEMING-MASON ENERGY COOPERATIVE For the 12 Months Ended December 31, 2022

Year-End Customers

Line #	Year (1)	Month (2)	Resi	idential & Small Power (1) (3)		Residential & nall Power ETS (11) (4)	Ρ	repay (80) (5)	Ne	et Metering (100) (6)	Inclining Block Rate (8) (7)	nall General Service (2) (8)	Total (11)
4	2022	lan		22.000		F 4		524		54	304	237	
1 2	2022	Jan Feb		23,869 23,869		51 50		524 523		54 54	304 310	237	
3	2022	Mar		23,979		52		536		56	316	238	
4	2022	Apr		23,914		51		524		58	316	242	
5	2022	May		24,028		51		537		60	314	240	
6	2022	Jun		23,920		51		511		60	311	242	
7	2022	Jul		24,068		53		517		63	313	242	
8	2022	Aug		24,150		51		519		64	312	243	
9	2022	Sep		24,089		52		514		65	311	244	
10	2022	Oct		24,122		51		513		66	312	246	
11	2022	Nov		24,213		50		528		67	314	249	
12	2022	Dec		24,278		50		530		66	313	247	
13 14	Average			24,042		51		523		61	312	242	
15 16	End of Period Ir	ncrease over Avg		236		(1)		7		5	1	5	
17	Total kWh			308,135,777		909,510		7,907,545		796,690	920,624	18,017,225	
18	Average kWh			12,817		17,834		15,120		13,060	2,951	74,451	
19 20	Year-End kWh	Adjustment		3,024,709		(17,834)		105,837		65,302	2,951	372,257	3,553,222
21	(continued) Revenue Adjus												
22	Current Base R		\$	29,830,320	\$	74,474		777,392			\$ 123,479	\$ 1,283,475	
23	Average Reven		\$	0.09681	\$	0.08188		0.09831	\$	0.07208	\$ 0.13413	\$ 0.07124	
24 25	Year End Reve	,	\$	292,819	\$	(1,460)	\$	10,405	\$	4,707	\$ 396	\$ 26,518	333,385
26	Expense Adjus												
27		ise Exp per kWh	•	0.05833		0.05833		0.05833		0.05833	0.05833	0.05833	
28	Year End Exper	nse Adj	\$	176,445	\$	(1,040)	\$	6,174	\$	3,809	\$ 172	\$ 21,715	207,275
29													
30 31				Revenue		Expense							
32	Test Year Amou	unt	\$	-	\$	-							
33 34	Pro Forma Yea	r Amount	\$	333,385	\$	207,275							
35			•	,	Ŧ	,							
36	Adjustment		\$	333,385	\$	207,275							
37													
38													
39	For Expense A					st Period Total							
40		d Power Expense			\$	80,627,507							
41	Less Fuel Adjus				\$	(11,162,273)							
42	Less Environme				\$	(9,613,093)							
44		ased Power Expen	se		\$	59,852,141							
45	Total Purchased	a Power KWh				1,026,016,445							

This adjustment adjusts the test year expenses and revenues to reflect the number of customers at the end of the test year.

Fleming-Mason RECC Billing Analysis of Present and Proposed Rates

Classification	Code	Billing Component	Billing Units	Present Rate	Present Revenue	Proposed Rate	Proposed Revenue	Increase	\$%
Residential & Small Po	wer (1) RSP								
		Customer Charge Energy Charge per kWh	288,499 308,135,777	15.57 \$ 0.08330 \$	4,491,929 25,667,710	19.50 \$ 0.08831 \$		\$ 1,133,801 \$ 1,543,760	25.24 6.01
		Total Base Rates		\$	30,159,640	ŝ		\$ 2,677,561	8.88
		FAC ES Solar Credits		\$ \$ \$	4,192,666 2,756,532 (3,279)	5	4,192,666 2,756,532 (3,279)	\$- \$-	-
		Green Power		\$	(3,279) 462		\$ (3,279) \$ 462	φ -	
		Total Riders		\$	6,946,381	5	\$ 6,946,381	\$-	-
		TOTAL REVENUE		\$	37,106,021			\$ 2,677,561	7.2
		Average	1,068	\$	128.62	5	\$ 137.90	\$ 9.28	7.2
Residential & Small Po	wer ETS (11) RSP-ETS	S Customer Charge	613	15.57 \$	9.544	19.50	\$ 11.954	\$ 2.409	25.2
		Energy Charge per kWh Energy Charge - Off Peak per kWh	601,479 308,031	0.08330 \$	50,103 15,645	0.08831 9	53,117	\$ 3,013	
		Total Base Rates	308,031	0.05079 \$	75,293		\$ 15,645 \$ 80,715		7.2
		FAC		\$	12,489	5	\$ 12,489	\$ -	
		ES Misc Adj		\$ \$	6,633		6,633 -	\$- \$-	
		Other		\$ \$	-		• - 6 -	ş -	
		Total Riders		\$	19,122	ç	\$ 19,122	\$-	
		TOTAL REVENUE		\$	94,414	\$	\$ 99,837	\$ 5,423	5.7
		Average	502	\$	154.02	ç	\$ 162.87	\$ 8.85	5.7
Prepay (80)	RSP-PPI								
		Customer Charge Prepay Service Fee	6,276 6,276	15.57 \$ 5.00 \$	97,717 31,380	19.50 S		\$ 24,665 \$ -	25.2 0.0
		Energy Charge per kWh	7,907,545	0.08330 \$	658,698	0.08831			
		Total Base Rates		\$	787,796	5	\$ 852,077	\$ 64,281	8.1
		FAC		\$	108,345	ç		\$ -	
		ES Misc Adj		\$ \$	71,603		5 71,603 5 -	\$ - \$ -	
		Other		\$	-		5 -		
		Total Riders		\$	179,949	ç	\$ 179,949	\$ -	
		TOTAL REVENUE		\$	967,745			\$ 64,281	6.6
		Average	1,260	\$	154.20		\$ 164.44	\$ 10.24	6.6
Net Metering (100)	NM	Customer Charge	733	15.57 \$	11,413	19.50	5 14,294	\$ 2,881	25.2
		Energy Charge per kWh	796,690	0.08330 \$	66,364	0.08831		\$ 3,991	6.0
		Total Base Rates		\$	77,777		\$ 84,649		8.8
		FAC ES		\$	7,842		5 7,842	\$- \$-	
		ES Misc Adj		\$ \$	5,258		5,258 5 -	» - \$ -	
		Other		\$	-			Ŷ	
		Total Riders		\$	13,100		\$ 13,100	\$-	
		TOTAL REVENUE		\$	90,877		\$ 97,749		
		Average	1,087	\$	123.98	(\$ 133.35	\$ 9.38	7.5

Fleming-Mason RECC Billing Analysis of Present and Proposed Rates

#	Classification	Code	Billing Component	Billing Units	Present Rate	Present Revenue	Proposed Rate	Proposed Revenue	Increase	\$%
35 36 35 36	Time of Day (110)	RSP-TOD	Customer Charge Energy Charge On Peak per kWh Energy Charge Off Peak per kWh	281 349,323 833,793	18.97 \$ 0.12514 \$ 0.05779 \$	5,331 43,714 48,185	22.90 \$ 0.12198 \$ 0.05779 \$	6,435 42,610 48,185	\$ (1,104	
37			Total Base Rates	,	\$	97,230	\$	97,230		0.00%
38 39 40			FAC ES Misc Adj		\$ \$ \$	15,758 9,139 -	\$ \$ \$	15,758 9,139 -	\$- \$- \$-	-
41			Other		\$	-	\$	-		
42			Total Riders		\$	24,898	\$	24,898		-
43			TOTAL REVENUE		\$	122,127	\$	122,127	\$-	0.00%
44			Average	1,243	\$	434.62	\$	434.62	\$-	0.00%
45 46 47 48 49 50	Inclining Block Rate (8)	RSP-IB	Customer Charge Energy Charge 0-300 per kWh Energy Charge 301-500 per kWh Energy Charge Over 500 per kWh	3,746 327,463 275,508 302,167	15.57 \$ 0.06513 \$ 0.07551 \$ 0.10665 \$	58,325 21,328 20,804 32,226	19.50 \$ 0.04559 \$ 0.05700 \$ 0.09599 \$	73,047 14,929 15,703 29,003	\$ (6,398 \$ (5,101	25.24%) -30.00%) -24.52%) -10.00%
51			Total Base Rates	302,107	<u>0.10003 \$</u>	132,683	<u>0.03535 </u>	132,683		0.00%
52 53 54			FAC ES Misc Adj		\$ \$ \$	12,502 11,244	\$ \$ \$	12,502 11,244 -	\$ -	
55 56			Other Total Riders		\$	- 23.746	\$	- 23,746	\$ -	
57			TOTAL REVENUE		\$	156,429	\$	156,429		0.00%
58 59			Average	242	\$	41.76	\$	41.76	\$ -	0.00%
60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71	Small General Service (2)	SGS	Customer Charge Energy Charge per kWh Demand Charge per kW Total Base Rates FAC ES Misc Adj Other Total Riders TOTAL REVENUE	2,905 18,017,225 71,351	51.10 \$ 0.06342 \$ 7.69 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	148,446 1,142,652 548,689 1,839,787 243,094 172,818 - - 415,911 2,255,699 776,49	51.10 \$ 0.06342 \$ 7.69 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	148,446 1,142,652 548,689 1,839,787 243,094 172,818 - - 415,911 2,255,699 776,49	\$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ -	0.00% 0.00% 0.00% - - - - 0.00%
71 72			Average	6,202	\$	776.49	\$	776.49	\$ -	C

Fleming-Mason RECC Billing Analysis of Present and Proposed Rates

#	Classification	Code	Billing Component	Billing Units	Present Rate	Present Revenue	Proposed Rate	Proposed Revenue	rease \$	%
73	Large General Service (3)	LGS								
74			Customer Charge	1,878	68.00 \$	127,704	68.00 \$	127,704	\$ -	0.00%
75			Energy Charge per kWh	100,849,878	0.05164 \$	5,207,888	0.05164 \$	5,207,888	\$ -	0.00%
76			Demand Charge per kW	298,990	7.19 \$	2,149,738	7.19 \$	2,149,738	\$ -	0.00%
77			Total Base Rates		\$	7,485,330	\$	7,485,330	\$ -	0.00%
78			FAC		\$	1,347,295	\$	1,347,295	\$ -	-
79			ES		\$	725,831	\$	725,831	\$ -	-
80			Misc Adj		\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	-
81			Other		\$	-	\$	-		
82			Total Riders		\$	2,073,126	\$	2,073,126	\$ -	-
83			TOTAL REVENUE		\$	9,558,455	\$	9,558,455	\$ -	0.00%
84			Average	53,701	\$	5,089.70	\$	5,089.70	\$ -	0.00%
85			-							
86	All Electric School (4)	AES								
87			Customer Charge	36	67.34 \$	2,424	67.34 \$	2,424	-	0.00%
88			Energy Charge per kWh	619,360	0.08179 \$	50,657	0.08179 \$	50,657	\$ -	0.00%
89			Total Base Rates		\$	53,082	\$	53,082	\$ -	0.00%
90			FAC		\$	8,648	\$	8,648	\$ -	-
91			ES		\$	4,860	\$	4,860	\$ -	-
92			Misc Adj		\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	-
93			Other		\$	-	\$	-		
94			Total Riders		\$	13,509	\$	13,509	\$ -	-
95			TOTAL REVENUE		\$	66,590	\$	66,590	\$ -	0.00%
96			Average	17,204	\$	1,849.73	\$	1,849.73	\$ -	0.00%
97										

Fleming-Mason RECC Billing Analysis of Present and Proposed Rates

#	Classification	Code	Billing Component	Billing Units	Present Rate	Present Revenue	Proposed Rate	Proposed Revenue		Increase \$	%
98	Security Lights (20)	OLS									
99			ns Standard Service	19,440	8.98	\$ 174,571		\$ 174,571	\$	-	0.00%
100		MV 7000 Lumer	ns Ornatmental Service	-	20.48	\$-	20.48	\$ -	\$	-	0.00%
101		MV 20,000 Lum	ens Standard Service	24	17.26	\$ 414	17.26	\$ 414	\$	-	0.00%
102		MV 20,000 Lum	ens Ornamental Service	-	27.24	\$-	27.24	\$ -	\$	-	0.00%
103		HPS 9500 Lumer	ns Standard	65,856	8.78	\$ 578,216	8.78	\$ 578,216	\$	-	0.00%
104		HPS 9500 Lumer	ns Ornamental	168	18.73	\$ 3,147	18.73	\$ 3,147	\$	-	0.00%
105		HPS 9500 Lumer	ns Directional	2,856	8.87	\$ 25,333	8.87	\$ 25,333	\$	-	0.00%
106		HPS 22,000 Lum	ens Standard	1,248	12.46	\$ 15,550	12.46	\$ 15,550	\$	-	0.00%
107		HPS 22,000 Lum	ens Ornamental	144	22.41	\$ 3,227	22.41	\$ 3,227	\$	-	0.00%
108		HPS 22,000 Lum	ens Directional	1,236	12.22	\$ 15,104	12.22	\$ 15,104	\$	-	0.00%
109			ens Standard	-		\$-		\$ -	\$	-	0.00%
110			ens Ornamental	-		\$-		\$ -	\$	-	0.00%
111			ens Directional	3,096		\$ 56,719		\$ 56,719		-	0.00%
112		LED 6100 Lumen		9,588	9.13			\$ 87,538		-	0.00%
113		LED 9500 Lumen		-		\$-		\$ -	\$		0.00%
114		LED 23,000 Lum	ens Directional Floodlight	60		\$ 1,494	24.90	\$ 1,494		-	0.00%
115			Total Base Rates			\$ 961,313		\$ 961,313		-	0.00%
116			FAC			\$-		s -	\$	-	-
117			ES Miss Adi			\$-		\$ -	\$	-	-
118 119			Misc Adj Other			\$- \$-		\$ -	\$	-	-
120			Total Riders			\$ <u>-</u>		\$-	\$	-	
121			TOTAL REVENUE		:	\$ 961,313		\$ 961,313	\$	-	0.00%
122											
123	AppHarvest (70)	Contract									
124			Customer Charge	12	1,268.17			\$ 15,218		-	0.00%
125			Demand Charge Contract per kW	70,496	7.44			\$ 524,490		-	0.00%
126 127			Demand Charge Interrup per kW EDR	18,006		\$ (100,834) \$ 160,720	(5.60)	\$ (100,834 \$ 160,720		-	0.00% 0.00%
127			EDR Energy Charge per kWh	41,463,518	0.04261		0.04261	\$ 1,766,761		-	0.00%
120			Total Base Rates	41,403,310		\$ 2,366,355	0.04201	\$ 2,366,355			0.00%
130			FAC			\$ 2,500,555 \$ 609,175		\$ 609,175			0.0070
130			ES			\$ 353,471		\$ 353,471		-	-
132			Buy Through Net			\$ 3,511		\$ 3,511		-	
133			Other			\$		\$ -	Ψ		
134			Total Riders			\$ 966,157		\$ 966,157	\$	-	-
135			TOTAL REVENUE		:	\$ 3,332,512		\$ 3,332,512	\$	-	0.00%
136			Average	3,455,293	:	\$ 277,709.32		\$ 277,709.32	\$	-	0.00%
137 138	Dravo (14 now 18)	Contract									
139			Customer Charge	12		\$-	-	\$ -	\$	-	0.00%
140			Demand Charge per kW	96,000		\$ 714,240		\$ 714,240		-	0.00%
141			Energy Charge per kWh	59,373,527	0.04261	\$ 2,529,906	0.04261	\$ 2,529,906	\$	-	0.00%
142			Total Base Rates		:	\$ 3,244,146		\$ 3,244,146	\$	-	0.00%
143			FAC			\$ 791,345		\$ 791,345	\$	-	-
144			ES			\$ 577,948		\$ 577,948		-	-
145			Misc Adj			\$ -		\$ -	\$	-	-
146			Other			\$-		\$ -			
147			Total Riders			\$ 1,369,293		\$ 1,369,293	\$	-	-
148			TOTAL REVENUE		:	\$ 4,613,439		\$ 4,613,439	\$	-	0.00%
149			Average	4,947,794		\$ 384,453.21		\$ 384,453.21	\$	-	0.00%
150			-						•		

Fleming-Mason RECC Billing Analysis of Present and Proposed Rates

#	Classification		Billing Component	Billing Units	Present Rate	Present Revenue	Proposed Rate	Proposed Revenue		Increase \$	%
138	Guardian Industries (16)	Contract									
139			Customer Charge	12	1,268.17 \$	15,218	1,268.17			-	0.00%
140			Demand Charge per kW	92,021	7.44 \$ 0.04261 \$	684,636	7.44			-	0.00%
141			Energy Charge per kWh	56,173,030		2,393,533	0.04261	1		-	0.00%
142			Total Base Rates		\$	3,093,387	9			-	0.00%
143			FAC		\$	754,775	9			-	-
144			ES		\$	534,246	9	, .	\$	-	-
145 146			Misc Adj Other		\$ \$	-	9		\$	-	-
146			Total Riders		<u></u> \$	1,289,021	3		\$	-	-
148			TOTAL REVENUE								
					\$	4,382,408	9		· ·	-	0.00%
149 150			Average	4,681,086	\$	365,200.64	9	365,200.64	\$	-	0.00%
150	Int'l Paper	Contract									
152	inter apor	oonaadt	Customer Charge	12	5.726.70 \$	68.720	5.726.70	68.720	\$	-	0.00%
153			Demand Charge per kW	412,081	7.30 \$	3,008,191	7.30	3,008,191	\$	-	0.00%
154			Energy Charge per kWh	256,019,383	0.03978 \$	10,184,451	0.03978			-	0.00%
155			Total Base Rates		\$	13,261,363	9	3 13,261,363	\$	-	0.00%
156			FAC		\$	3,382,471	9	3,382,471	\$	-	-
157			ES		\$	2,411,760	9	2,411,760	\$	-	-
158			Misc Adj		\$	-	9	- 3	\$	-	-
159			Other		\$	-	9				
160			Total Riders		\$	5,794,231	9	5,794,231	\$	-	-
161			TOTAL REVENUE		\$	19,055,594	\$	19,055,594	\$	-	0.00%
162 163			Average	21,334,949	\$	1,587,966.15	ş	5 1,587,966.15	\$	-	0.00%
98	Tennessee Gas	Contract									
99			Customer Charge	163,515,005	0.002 \$	327,030	0.002 \$			-	0.00%
100			Energy Charge per kWh	140,567,003	0.06074 \$	8,538,040	0.06074 \$			-	0.00%
101			Demand Charge per kW	327,872	1.75 \$	573,776	1.75 \$	573,776	\$	-	0.00%
102			Total Base Rates		\$	9,438,846	\$	9,438,846	\$	-	0.00%
103			FAC		\$	-	97		\$	-	-
104			ES		\$	574,417	9		\$	-	-
105			Misc Adj		\$	-	9		\$	-	-
106			Other		\$	-	9		-		
107			Total Riders		\$		9	••••		-	-
108			TOTAL REVENUE		\$	10,013,263	9	5 10,013,263	\$	-	0.00%
109			Average	11,713,917	\$	834,438.56	:	\$ 834,438.56	\$	-	0.00%
110											

Fleming-Mason RECC Billing Analysis of Present and Proposed Rates

#	Classification	Code	Billing Component	Billing Units	Present Rate	Present Revenue	Proposed Rate	Proposed Revenue		Increase \$	%
# 111	Steam	Steam	Billing component	Dining Units	Nale	Revenue	Nale	Revenue	;	Increase \$	/0
112 113	Steam	oteam	Demand Charge per MMBTU Energy Charge per MMBTU	3,462 1,859,751	604.75 \$ 4.2660 \$	2,093,645 7,933,697	604.75 4.2660	\$ 2,093,645 \$ 7,933,697		-	0.00% 0.00%
114			Total Base Rates		\$	10,027,342		\$ 10,027,342	\$	-	0.00%
115			FAC		\$	2,616,174		\$ 2,616,174		-	-
116 117			ES Misc Adj		\$ \$	1,879,756		\$ 1,879,756 \$ -	\$ \$	-	-
118			Other		\$	-		\$-	•		
119			Total Riders		\$	4,495,930		\$ 4,495,930	\$	-	-
120			TOTAL REVENUE		\$	14,523,272		\$ 14,523,272	\$	-	0.00%
121 122 123 124			Average		\$	4,195.05		\$ 4,195.05	\$	-	0.00%
125	TOTALS		Total Base Rates		\$	83,101,367		\$ 85,855,505	\$	2,754,137	3.31%
126			FAC		\$	14,102,577		\$ 14,102,577		-	
127			ES		\$	10,095,518		\$ 10,095,518		-	
128			Misc Adj		\$	232		\$ 232		-	
129 130			Other Total Riders		\$	462		\$ 462 \$ 24 198 788		-	
					Ψ	24,198,788		¢ 21,100,100		-	-
131			TOTAL REVENUE		\$	107,300,156		\$ 110,054,293	\$	2,754,137	2.57%
132											
133								Target:	\$	2,755,741	
134							`	/ariance:	\$	(1,604)	

FLEMING-MASON ENERGY COOPERATIVE For the 12 Months Ended December 31, 2022

Year-End Customers

Line #	Year (1)	Month (2)	Res	idential & Small Power (1) (3)		Residential & nall Power ETS (11) (4)	Ρ	repay (80) (5)	Ne	et Metering (100) (6)	Ra	ng Block te (8) (7)	nall General Service (2) (8)	Total (11)
1	2022	Jan		23,869		51		524		54		304	237	
2	2022	Feb		23,869		50		523		54		310	235	
3	2022	Mar		23,979		52		536		56		316	238	
4	2022	Apr		23,914		51		524		58		316	242	
5	2022	May		24,028		51		537		60		314	240	
6	2022	Jun		23,920		51		511		60		311	242	
7	2022	Jul		24,068		53		517		63		313	242	
8	2022	Aug		24,150		51		519		64		312	243	
9	2022	Sep		24,089		52		514		65		311	244	
10	2022	Oct		24,122		51		513		66		312	246	
11	2022	Nov		24,213		50		528		67		314	249	
12	2022	Dec		24,278		50		530		66		313	247	
13 14	Average			24,042		51		523		61		312	242	
15 16		ncrease over Avg		236		(1)		7		5		1	5	
17	Total kWh			308,135,777		909,510		7,907,545		796,690	9	920,624	18,017,225	
18	Average kWh			12,817		17,834		15,120		13,060		2,951	74,451	0 550 000
19 20	Year-End kWh	Adjustment		3,024,709		(17,834)		105,837		65,302		2,951	372,257	3,553,222
21	(continued) Revenue Adjus													
22	Current Base R		\$	30,159,640	\$	75,293			\$	77,777		132,683	\$ 1,839,787	
23	Average Reven		\$	0.09788	\$	0.08278		0.09963	\$	0.09763		0.14412	\$ 0.10211	
24 25	Year End Reve		\$	296,052	\$	(1,476)	\$	10,544	\$	6,375	\$	425	\$ 38,012	349,932
26	Expense Adjus													
27		se Exp per kWh		0.05833		0.05833		0.05833		0.05833		0.05833	0.05833	
28	Year End Exper	nse Adj	\$	176,445	\$	(1,040)	\$	6,174	\$	3,809	\$	172	\$ 21,715	207,275
29														
30 31				Revenue		Expense								
32	Test Year Amou	unt	\$	-	\$	-								
33			¢	0.40.000	<u>^</u>	007 077								
34	Pro Forma Yea	r Amount	\$	349,932	\$	207,275								
35	A		^	0.40,000	•	007.075								
36	Adjustment		\$	349,932	\$	207,275								
37														
38	F F				τ.									
39 40	For Expense A	d Power Expense			<u>le:</u> \$	st Period Total 80,627,507								
40 41	Less Fuel Adjus				э \$	(11,162,273)								
41	Less Fuel Adjus				э \$	(9,613,093)								
42		ased Power Expen	se		φ \$	59,852,141								
45	Total Purchase				Ψ	1,026,016,445								
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This adjustment adjusts the test year expenses and revenues to reflect the number of customers at the end of the test year.

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STATE OF MISSOURI)

COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS)

GREG R. MEYER, being duly sworn, deposes and states: that the attached is his sworn testimony and that the statements contained are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Greg R. Meyer

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 27th day of November, 2023.

TAMMY S. KLOSSNER Notary Public - Notary Seal STATE OF MISSOURI St. Charles County commission Expires: Mar. 18, 2027 Commission # 15024862

Klossner Notary Public