BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing

<u>Case No. GR-2023-0392</u> Tracking No. JG-2023-0204

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its Recommendation, states as follows:

1. On May 17, 2023, Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri") filed a tariff sheet bearing an effective date of June 1, 2023, Tariff File No. JG-2023-0204, and an accompanying cover letter with supporting worksheets. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect changes in Ameren Missouri's Regular Purchased Gas Adjustment ("RPGA") factors as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas. The tariff sheet does not change the Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") factors.

2. The Commission issued an order on May 17, 2023, directing Staff to file a recommendation regarding Ameren Missouri's request and corresponding tariff sheet, Tariff File No. JG-2023-0204, no later than May 24, 2023.

3. Staff has reviewed Ameren Missouri's filing and determined it was calculated in conformance with Ameren Missouri's PGA Clause. Staff does not oppose the approval of this tariff sheet on less than thirty (30) days' notice. Such action is supported by Ameren Missouri's Commission-approved PGA Clause allowing for ten (10) business days' notice for PGA change filings.

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4. Staff recommends the Commission approve the tariff sheet in Tariff File No. JG-2023-0204, on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service on and after June 1, 2023.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons and those stated in Staff's Memorandum attached hereto, Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order approving Ameren Missouri's tariff sheet filed in Tariff File No. JG-2023-0204, on an interim basis, subject to refund status.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record on this 24th day of May, 2023.

/s/ Jamie S. Myers

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
	Case No. GR-2023-0392, Tariff No. JG-2023-0204
	Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri

FROM: Kimberly Tones, CPA, CIA, Lead Senior Utility Regulatory Auditor, Procurement Analysis Department

> <u>/s/ David M. Sommerer</u> 05/24/2023 Financial and Business Analysis Division /Date

> <u>/s/ Jamie Myers</u> 05/24/2023 Staff Counsel's Office/Date

- **SUBJECT:** Staff Recommendation for Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri Optional PGA Tariff Filing Effective June 1, 2023
- **DATE:** May 24, 2023

On May 17, 2023, Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri" or "Company"), of St. Louis, Missouri, filed one (1) tariff sheet bearing an effective date of June 1, 2023. In addition, Ameren Missouri filed a cover letter and supporting worksheets. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect changes in Ameren Missouri's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas. The Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factors did not change as a result of this filing.

On May 17, 2023, the Commission issued its "Order Directing Staff Recommendation" to Ameren Missouri's "**Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing**". The order directs Staff to file its recommendation no later than May 24, 2023.

Ameren Missouri states the following in its cover letter:

The change in the Total PGA rate applicable to the Company's service areas will decrease to 62.65 ¢/Ccf from 94.70 ¢/Ccf for firm sales customers. The interruptible sales customers' PGA will decrease to 36.51 ¢/Ccf from 67.76 ¢/Ccf. The transportation PGA will remain unchanged at 0.00 ¢/Ccf.

This PGA filing changes the Company's PGA rate based on estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the period June 2023 through October 2023 and is an interim rate subject to later refund. In the October 2023 PGA/ACA filing, the Company's ACA factors will be updated to reflect the reconciliation of actual gas costs with revenue recoveries for the period September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

Case No. GR-2023-0392, under which these changes were filed, was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2022-2023 ACA filing. Case No. GR-2022-0351 was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2021-2022 ACA filing.

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These rate changes should be implemented on an interim, subject to refund status pending final Commission decisions in ACA Case Nos. GR-2022-0351 and GR-2023-0392.

As of the issuance of this memo, the Company is not delinquent on its PSC assessment. Staff has verified that Ameren Missouri has filed its annual report. Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing other than as set forth above.

Staff has reviewed this filing and has determined it was calculated in conformance with Ameren Missouri's PGA Clause. Staff does not oppose the approval of this tariff sheet on less than thirty (30) days' notice. Such action is supported by Ameren Missouri's Commission-approved PGA clause allowing for notice of at least ten (10) business days prior to their effective date for PGA change (both increases and decreases) filings.

Therefore, Staff recommends the following tariff sheet, as filed on May 17, 2023, be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2 122nd Revised SHEET No. 30 Cancelling 121th Revised SHEET No. 30

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AFFIDAVIT OF KIMBERLY K. TONES, CIA, CPA

STATE OF MISSOURI)	
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COUNTY OF COLE)	

COMES NOW Kimberly K. Tones, CIA, CPA, and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing Staff Recommendation, in Memorandum form; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

KIMBERLY K. TONES, CIA, CPA

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 24th day of May, 2023.

D. SUZIE MANKIN Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: April 04, 2025 Commission Number: 12412070

<u>Notary Public</u>