

In the Matter of:

UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a AMEREN MISSOURI's TARIFFS TO ADJUST, etc.

ER-2021-0240; GR-2021-0241, VOL. IV

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In the Matter of:
Union Electric Company d/b/a)
Ameren Missouri's Tariffs to)File No. ER-2021-0240
Adjust its Revenues for)
Electric Service

AND

In the Matter of Union
Electric Company d/b/a Ameren)File No. GR-2021-0241
Missouri's Tariffs to Adjust)
its Revenues for Natural Gas)
Service)

NANCY DIPPELL, Presiding
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

Commissioner Glen Kolkmeier
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PROCEEDINGS

JUDGE DIPPELL: We can go ahead and go on the record. First I'd like to ask everybody who's not speaking at the moment, go ahead and mute yourself; that'll cut down on any noise, feedback, so forth.

Today is October 4, 2021. The Missouri Public Service Commission has set this time for a virtual local public hearing to give members of the public a chance to comment about Ameren Missouri's application in commission File No. GR-2021-0241 which is captioned as In the Matter of Union Electric Company doing business as Ameren Missouri's Tariff to Adjust its Revenues for Natural Gas Service.

The Missouri Public Service Commission regulates the rates and services of investor-owned utility companies in Missouri to ensure those rates and services are just and reasonable. The Commission also regulates the quality of service and safety operations of public utilities. The Commission is made up of five commissioners. The commissioners are appointed by the governor to fixed terms and confirmed by the Missouri Senate. The Commission employs staff of engineers, accountants, attorneys, financial analysts, and other specialists in the

1 field of utility regulations.

2 My name is Nancy Dippell, and I'm the
3 regulatory law judge assigned to this matter or this
4 hearing. And with me online today are Commissioner
5 Coleman and Commissioner Kolkmeier. This is an
6 official hearing of the Missouri Public Service
7 Commission and the statement and testimony of
8 witnesses will be recorded by the court reporter and
9 must be given under oath or affirmation. The
10 Commission has not made any decisions in this case
11 and neither the commissioners nor myself can answer
12 any questions today because the Commission must
13 remain neutral until all the evidence is presented.

14 Commissioner Coleman or Commissioner
15 Kolkmeier, did you have any opening statements you'd
16 like to make?

17 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: I would just like
18 to thank those that are in attendance for their
19 participation tonight. As commissioners we take
20 seriously what the public brings to us in these
21 hearings, and we look forward to being able to gather
22 the information. It will also of course be provided
23 to the three commissioners not joining us tonight and
24 used at the time that a decision must be made. Thank
25 you again for your participation. Thank you, Judge.

1 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Commissioner
2 Kolkmeier, did you have anything?

3 COMMISSIONER KOLKMEYER: No.
4 Commissioner Coleman did a great job. Just want to
5 welcome everyone. Want to thank everyone before we
6 get started for their testimony that we're going to
7 have tonight in this hearing. So thank you for
8 joining us.

9 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you, Commissioner.
10 Let's go ahead and start with entries of appearance.
11 Can I start with the company please, Ameren.

12 MS. GRUBBS: Good evening. Thank you.
13 Jermaine Grubbs on behalf of Ameren Missouri. My
14 last name is spelled G-r-u-b-b-s. My address is 1901
15 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63103. Thank
16 you.

17 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Is there an
18 attorney for Staff?

19 MS. MYERS: Good evening, Judge, and good
20 evening everyone. My name is Jamie Myers on behalf
21 of the staff of the Missouri Public Service
22 Commission. My address is 200 Madison Street,
23 Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

24 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. And do we
25 have anyone from Office of Public Counsel?

1 MR. POSTON: Yes. Marc Poston appearing
2 for the Office of the Public Counsel.

3 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Are there any
4 attorneys for any of the intervenors that would like
5 to make an entry? Call-in user, is there any
6 attorney that wants to make an entry that didn't get
7 an opportunity to?

8 All right. The process is basically
9 going to be, since I didn't have anyone preregistered
10 to testify tonight, the process is going to be that
11 I'm just going to open it up to the floor and take
12 you one at a time as best I can. If you would like
13 to testify, I would just ask you to unmute yourself
14 in just a minute when I ask and speak up and I'll --
15 like I say, I'll try to get you one at a time as I
16 can.

17 When you are going to testify, I'll ask
18 you to swear or affirm to tell the truth and I will
19 ask you to state your name and to spell it and then
20 you can give the commission your comments. After
21 you've given your remarks, if you would stay on the
22 line briefly so that in case I or the commissioners
23 or some of the attorneys for the parties have some
24 clarifying questions, we can ask those of you.

25 If you are just called in and not on your

1 computer or through the Webex link, you'll need to
2 both make sure you unmute your phone and also you may
3 have to press Star 6 to unmute yourself so that you
4 can be heard.

5 So at this time I'll go ahead then and
6 ask if there's anyone that would like to give us
7 testimony tonight. If you need to press Star 6 if
8 you're a call-in user and that should unmute you.
9 Not hearing anyone, but I don't -- we had some
10 problems earlier on a different case with a user who
11 had difficulty unmuting themselves, so I want to make
12 sure that we have plenty of opportunity. If you are
13 on a -- just calling in, you will have to press Star
14 and 6 to unmute.

15 Still not hearing anyone, Ms. Quick, did
16 you have anyone asking questions during the question
17 and answer session? She may not be able to get
18 unmuted either.

19 MS. KLIETHERMES: This is
20 Ms. Kliethermes. We did not have anyone.

21 JUDGE DIPPELL: We have several callers.
22 I know there are some staff members and Office of
23 Public Counsel and some company service people on the
24 line, so I'm going to do the last call then for
25 people who would like to testify. If you are on the

1 line and you didn't testify but you change your mind
2 later and want to, there is another hearing in the
3 gas case. I'm going to apologize; I don't have the
4 date in front of me, but you can go to the commission
5 webpage at psc.mo.gov. That's psc.mo.gov. And you
6 can also give written comments by going to that
7 webpage. And we ask that you reference the case
8 number for this case which is GR-2021-0241.

9 If there is no one else, no one that
10 wants to speak up, I'm not seeing any phones
11 unmuting. I'm not seeing anyone asking to speak. So
12 going to assume that no one wants to give testimony
13 at this time. And I was just informed that Friday at
14 noon is the other hearing in the gas case, so if
15 someone changes their mind and decides they want to
16 speak, they can log in at that time. There is a
17 different log-in number, but again, you go to the PSC
18 website and get that information.


19 Okay. Well, thank you all for your
20 participation this evening. And we can go ahead and
21 go off the record.

22 (Off the record.)
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