

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a)
Ameren Missouri’s Tariffs to Adjust its) **File No. ER-2021-0240**
Revenues for Electric Service) Tracking No. JE-2023-0165

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On February 24, 2023, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (“Ameren Missouri”) filed tariff sheets (Tracking No. JE-2023-0165) for the Critical Medical Needs Program, which Ameren Missouri agreed, pursuant to a stipulation and agreement in this case, to develop with the parties.

2. In addition, Ameren Missouri requested the Commission allow the tariff sheets to become effective on an expedited basis, specifically, on March 9, 2023.

3. On February 27, 2023, the Commission issued its *Order Directing an Expedited Tariff Recommendation and Setting Time for Responses* (“Order”) in which it ordered Staff to file a recommendation regarding Ameren Missouri’s Critical Medical Needs Program tariff sheets no later than February 28, 2023, and further ordered Staff to explain why these tariff sheets should be approved on less than ten days’ notice.

4. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets and recommends that the Commission approve the following tariff sheets, filed on February 24, 2023, to go into effect on an expedited basis on March 9, 2023, as requested by Ameren Missouri:

Union Electric Company’s MO.P.S.C. Schedule No. 6, Schedule of Rates for Electricity:

2nd Revised Sheet No. 156 cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. 156
1st Revised Sheet No. 166 cancelling Original Sheet No. 166

5. As for why these tariff sheets should be approved on less than ten days' notice, Staff submits that the Critical Medical Needs Program collaborative stakeholder group is supportive of expedited review and action on the proposed tariff sheets for Ameren Missouri, Liberty-Empire, and Spire Missouri in order to align timing of and approaches for consistency across the utilities for this program. To successfully administer and reduce confusion for eligible Missourians who will benefit from this program, participants should have a reasonable and consistent expectation of how the program works; in addition, it will assist in how the services are delivered by partners supporting the program effort. The United Way of Greater St. Louis and Southwest Missouri will administer this program and is in the process of launching the program on April 1st. Approval of these tariff sheets on less than ten days' notice helps to support a seamless rollout and implementation of this program by April 1st.

6. This pleading is verified by the affidavit of Mr. Brad Fortson, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

WHEREFORE Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving the following tariff sheets, filed on February 24, 2023, to go into effect on an expedited basis on March 9, 2023, as requested by Ameren Missouri, and granting such other and further relief as the Commission deems appropriate:

Union Electric Company's MO.P.S.C. Schedule No. 6, Schedule of Rates for Electricity:

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1st Revised Sheet No. 166 cancelling Original Sheet No. 166

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 counsel of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System this 28th day of February, 2023.

/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil

