

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

In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric)
Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri for an Order)
Granting a Variance from 4 CSR 240-10.030(19) to)
Revise its Sample Meter Testing Plan)

File No. GE-2017-0164

ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR STAFF TO FILE A RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: December 15, 2016

Effective Date: December 15, 2016

On December 1, 2016, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed an application requesting a modification of its existing variance from the Commission’s rule that establishes gas meter testing procedures. Ameren Missouri asked the Commission to approve that modification in time to allow the revised procedures to go into effect on January 1, 2017.

The Commission directed its Staff to file a recommendation regarding the variance request by December 16, a date that would allow the Commission to approve the variance by January 1, if it were appropriate to do so. However, because the Commission, apart from the expert advice offered by its Staff, does not have the subject matter expertise to determine whether Ameren Missouri’s request for expedited approval was reasonable, it also directed that if Staff, or any other party, believed it needed more time to thoroughly examine Ameren Missouri’s request for variance they could request additional time to respond.

On December 15, Staff filed a pleading explaining the complexity of the variance that Ameren Missouri is seeking. Staff indicates it will need to conduct discovery and closely

examine Ameren Missouri's request. For those reasons, Staff asks that it be allowed until March 31, 2017 to file its recommendation.

The Commission finds Staff's request for more time to be reasonable and will grant that request.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Staff's Request for Additional Time to File Recommendation is granted.
2. Staff shall file a recommendation regarding Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's request for variance no later than March 31, 2017.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 15th day of December, 2016.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 15th day of December 2016.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
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