

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in St. Louis on the 30th day of October, 2013.

In The Matter Of Union Electric Company, d/b/a) **File No. GR-2014-0061**
Ameren Missouri's 2012-2013 ACA Audit) Tariff No. YG-2014-0183

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES AND GRANTING VARIANCE

Issue Date: October 30, 2013

Effective Date: November 1, 2013

On October 17, 2013, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed a tariff proposed to become effective November 1. The tariff reflects a change in Ameren Missouri's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factor because of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter season, and because of estimated changes in the actual cost adjustment factor.

For Ameren Missouri's service areas excluding the Rolla area, the tariff will decrease the PGA rate from \$0.1978 per hundred cubic feet (Ccf), to \$0.1778 per Ccf for the first 30 Ccf. For all Ccfs in excess of the first 30 Ccf, the PGA rate will decrease from \$0.9930 per Ccf to \$0.9730 per Ccf. This represents a decrease of \$0.0200 per Ccf.

For Ameren Missouri's Rolla service area, the tariff will increase the PGA factor from \$0.3578 per Ccf to \$0.3845 per Ccf. For all Ccfs in excess of the first 30 Ccf, the PGA rate will increase from \$1.1530 per Ccf to \$1.1797 per Ccf. This represents an increase of \$0.0267 per Ccf. However, Ameren Missouri proposes to implement a special Incremental ACA factor for the Rolla service area to reflect a refund of money obtained by Ameren Missouri from MoGas Pipeline, LLC, as a refund of overcharges on the pipeline serving that

area. Ameren Missouri proposes to use that special Incremental ACA factor to refund \$2,145,795 to its 3,700 customers in the Rolla service area over a three year period. Ameren Missouri asks the Commission to waive two provisions of its tariff to allow it to make the refund in that manner.

The Commission's Staff filed its recommendation on October 24. Staff recommends the rates be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in this and Ameren Missouri's previous ACA cases. Staff also advises the Commission to grant the waivers that Ameren Missouri requests.

Staff explains that Ameren Missouri has obtained a total refund of \$3,506,103 from MoGas Pipeline. Staff agrees with Ameren Missouri's proposal to distribute \$1,360,308 of that refund to all Ameren Missouri gas customers. Ameren Missouri intends to distribute the remaining \$2,145,795 of the refund to the approximately 3,700 customers on the Rolla system as those customers bore a greater amount of the overcharges related to the MoGas pipeline. Because the refund is so large relative to the number of customer on the Rolla system, Ameren Missouri proposes to refund the money over three years to avoid large fluctuations in the rates charged to those customers.

Staff agrees with Ameren Missouri's refund plan. However, provisions of Ameren Missouri's PGA tariff would require Ameren Missouri to refund the money to its customers in a single year. To avoid that result, Staff advises the Commission to grant Ameren Missouri's request to waive those provisions of its tariff.

Staff also asks that it be allowed until December 19, 2014, to submit its results and recommendation regarding the information included in Ameren Missouri's ACA filing.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff and Staff's recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff conforms to Ameren Missouri's Commission-approved PGA Clause, except for the tariff provisions that the Commission will waive. In addition, because Ameren Missouri's PGA clause allows for PGA change filings to take effect on 10-days' notice, good cause has been shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, to permit the tariff to become effective on less than 30-days notice. The Commission concludes the proposed tariff should be approved to become effective on November 1, 2013, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in this and Ameren Missouri's previous ACA cases, GR-2013-0100, GR-2012-0077, GR-2010-0180, GR-2009-0337, GR-2008-0366, and GR-2008-0107.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed tariff filed on October 17, 2013, by Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri, assigned Tracking Number YG-2014-0183, and bearing an effective date of November 1, 2013, is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in file numbers GR-2014-0061, GR-2013-0100, GR-2012-0077, GR-2010-0180, GR-2009-0337, GR-2008-0366, and GR-2008-0107.

2. The tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. MO No. 2

103rd Revised Sheet No. 30, Cancelling 102nd Revised Sheet No. 30
17th Revised Sheet No. 30.1, Cancelling 16th Revised Sheet No. 30.1

3. Ameren Missouri is granted its requested waiver of the definition of the ACA factor in Section 1(B) of Tariff Sheet No. 23 and of the twelve-month billing period used in calculating the ACA factor in Section III(7) of Tariff Sheet No. 28.

4. Staff's Procurement Analysis Unit shall submit its results and recommendations regarding the information contained in Ameren Missouri's ACA filing on or before December 19, 2014.

5. This order shall become effective on November 1, 2013.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

R. Kenney, Chm., Stoll, W. Kenney,
and Hall, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge