

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

In the Matter of Union Electric Company)	<u>File No. GR-2014-0238</u>
d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Purchased Gas)	Tariff No. JG-2014-0328
Adjustment Tariff Filing)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE INCREASE TO PGA RATE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its recommendation in this matter hereby states:

1. On February 21, 2014, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed revised tariff sheets to increase its Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) rate.
2. The tariff sheets (JG-2014-0328) bears a proposed effective date of March 7, 2014.
3. On February 25, 2014, the Commission ordered Staff to file its recommendation regarding the proposed tariff sheets on an expedited basis no later than February 27, 2014.
4. As explained in Staff's *Memorandum*, attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated by reference, the tariff sheets implements changes as the result of Ameren Missouri's adjustments to the Regular Purchased Gas Adjustment (RPGA).
5. For all Ameren Missouri's natural gas service areas—other than its Rolla System Service Area—the PGA rate will increase from \$0.1778 to \$0.2378 per Ccf¹ for the first 30 Ccf; for all Ccfs in excess of the first 30, the PGA rate will increase from \$0.9730 to \$1.0330 per Ccf. For Ameren Missouri's Rolla System Service Area, the PGA rate will increase from \$0.3845 to \$0.4445 per CCf for the first 30 Ccfs.

¹ One hundred cubic feet.

For all Ccfs in excess of the first 30, the PGA rate will increase from \$1.1797 to \$1.2397 per Ccf.

6. The Staff has reviewed this PGA filing and has determined that it was calculated in conformance with Ameren Missouri's PGA Clause. Staff is of the opinion that good cause for approval of these tariff sheets on less than thirty days' notice is demonstrated by Ameren Missouri's Commission-approved PGA clause allowing for ten (10) business days' notice for PGA change filings.

7. As explained in Staff's *Memorandum*, Case No. GR-2014-0238, under which these changes were filed, was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2013-2014 ACA filing. Case No. GR-2014-0061 was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2012-2013 ACA filing. This rate change should be on an interim, subject to refund status pending final Commission decisions in ACA Case Nos. GR-2014-0238 and GR-2014-0061.

8. Staff verified that Ameren Missouri has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any of its assessment. Other than the ACA cases mentioned above, Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully recommends that the following tariff sheets, filed on February 21, 2014, be approved, interim, subject to refund:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2

104 th Revised SHEET No. 30	Cancelling 103 rd Revised SHEET No. 30
18 th Revised SHEET No. 30.1	Cancelling 17 th Revised SHEET No. 30.1

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were served electronically to all counsel of record this 27th day of February, 2014.

/s/ John D. Borgmeyer

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,
Case No. GR-2014-0238, File No. JG-2014-0328
Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri

FROM: Michelle Bocklage, Energy Department – Tariffs/Rate Design

/s/ Thomas M. Imhoff 2/27/14 /s/ John D. Borgmeyer 2/27/14
Utility Operations Division/Date Staff Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for Union Electric d/b/a Ameren Missouri Optional
Winter Season PGA Tariff Filing - Effective March 7, 2014

DATE: February 27, 2014

On February 21, 2014, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (Ameren Missouri or Company), of St. Louis, Missouri, filed two (2) tariff sheets bearing an effective date of March 7, 2014. These tariff sheets were 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. Ameren Missouri requests the tariff sheets go into effect on March 7, 2014.

For all of its natural gas service areas, other than the Rolla Service Area, the PGA rate filed by Ameren Missouri will increase to \$0.2378 per hundred cubic foot ("Ccf") for the first 30 Ccf from the current PGA rate of \$0.1778 per Ccf. For all Ccfs in excess of the first 30 Ccf, the PGA rate filed by Ameren Missouri will increase to \$1.0330 per Ccf from the current PGA rate of \$0.9730 per Ccf. These changes represent an increase of \$0.1200 per Ccf.

For its Rolla Service Area, the PGA rate filed by Ameren Missouri will increase to \$0.4445 per Ccf for the first 30 Ccf from the current PGA rate of \$0.3845 per Ccf. For all Ccfs in excess of the first 30 Ccf, the PGA rate filed by Ameren Missouri will increase to \$1.2397 per Ccf from the current PGA rate of \$1.1797 per Ccf. These changes represent an increase of \$0.0600 per Ccf.

Case No. GR-2014-0238, under which these changes were filed, was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2013-2014 ACA filing. Case No. GR-2014-0061 was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2012-2013 ACA filing. This rate change should be on an interim, subject to refund status pending final Commission decisions in ACA Case Nos. GR-2014-0238 and GR-2014-0061.

Staff has verified that Ameren Missouri has filed its annual report, and is not delinquent on its PSC assessment. Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

Staff has reviewed this filing and has determined it was calculated in conformance with Ameren Missouri's PGA Clause. Staff is of the opinion that good cause for approval of these tariff sheets on less than thirty (30) days' notice is demonstrated by Ameren Missouri's Commission-

approved PGA clause allowing for ten (10) business days notice for PGA change filings. Therefore, Staff recommends the following tariff sheets as filed on February 21, 2014, be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund:

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AFFIDAVIT OF MICHELLE BOCKLAGE


STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

Michelle Bocklage of lawful age, on oath states: that she participated in the preparation of the foregoing Staff Recommendation in memorandum form, to be presented in the above case; that the information in the Staff Recommendation was provided to her; that she has knowledge of the matters set forth in such Staff Recommendation; and that such matters are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.


Michelle Bocklage

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of February, 2014.

LAURA BLOCH
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: June 21, 2015
Commission Number: 11203914


Notary Public