STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 3rd day of October, 2013.

In the Matter of the Verified Petition of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri to Change its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge

File No. GO-2014-0015 Tariff No. YG-2014-0022

ORDER APPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT SURCHARGE, BUT REJECTING TARIFF

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Issue Date: October 3, 2013

Effective Date: October 13, 2013

On July 16, 2013, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri") filed an application and petition with the Missouri Public Service Commission pursuant to Sections 393.1009, 393.1012, and 393.1015, RSMo Supp. 2012, and Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-2.060, 2.080 and 3.265, requesting that the Commission authorize it to change its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge ("ISRS"). Ameren Missouri filed a tariff (Tariff Tracking No. YG-2014-0022) to implement its ISRS rate adjustment along with its application, and the Commission has suspended that tariff until November 13, 2013. The proposed increase in ISRS rates would allow Ameren Missouri to recover annual revenue in the amount of \$1,337,273 for qualifying plant placed in service from January 1, 2011 through May 31, 2013. The Commission directed notice and established August 8, 2013 as the date by which interested parties should apply to intervene. No person or entity applied to intervene by that date.

The Commission's Staff filed its recommendation regarding Ameren Missouri's ISRS application on September 13, 2013. Staff reports it has reviewed that application and has

examined the supporting documentation that the company submitted along with its application. Staff recalculated the amount Ameren Missouri should be allowed to recover through its ISRS and concluded that Ameren Missouri should be allowed to recover annual ISRS surcharge revenues of \$1,266,546.

Ameren Missouri responded to Staff's recommendation on September 23, 2013, indicating that it agrees with Staff's recalculation and does not object to the rates recommended by Staff. No other party responded to Staff's recommendation regarding the tariff, and no party requested a hearing. No hearing is required before approving the application,¹ so this action is not a contested case. Since this is a non-contested case, the Commission acts on evidence that is not formally adduced and preserved.² There is no evidentiary record.³ Consequently, the Commission bases its decision on the parties' verified filings.

Based on the Commission's impartial and independent review of Ameren Missouri's application and Staff's recommendations, the Commission finds that Ameren Missouri's application complies with Sections 393.1009 to 393.1015, RSMo. The Commission concludes that Ameren Missouri shall be permitted to establish an ISRS to recover ISRS surcharge revenues of \$1,266,546. Since the revenues and rates authorized in this order differ from those contained in the tariff the company first submitted, the Commission will reject that tariff. The Commission will allow Ameren Missouri an opportunity to submit a new tariff consistent with this order.

¹ Section 393.1015.2(3), RSMo Supp. 2012. See, *State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Ent., Inc. v. Public Service Commission,* 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App., W.D. 1989).

² State ex rel. Public Counsel v. Public Service Comm'n, 210 S.W.3d 344, 353-355 (Mo. App. 2006).

³ *Id.* The competent and substantial evidence standard of Article V, Section 18, does not apply to administrative cases in which a hearing is not required by law."*Id.*

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri is authorized to establish an Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge sufficient to recover ISRS revenues of \$1,266,546.

2. The tariff sheet filed by Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri on July 16, 2013, and assigned Tariff Tracking No. YG-2014-0022, is rejected:

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3. Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri is authorized to file a new tariff to recover the revenue authorized in this order.

4. This order shall become effective on October 13, 2013.



BY THE COMMISSION

Jorris L Woodruff

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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

Bushmann, Regulatory Law Judge