BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Union Electric Company)	
d/b/a Ameren Missouri changes to Company's)	File No. GR-2015-0271
Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Clause)	Tracking No. JG-2015-0304

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFF SHEETS

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 April 16, 2015, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri" or "Company") filed two tariff sheets designed 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 requested the tariff sheets go into effect on May 1, 2015.
- 2. On April 22, the Commission ordered Staff to file this recommendation on the tariff sheets no later 10 a.m. on April 27, 2015.
- 3. As explained in Staff's recommendation, attached here as Appendix A and incorporated by reference, the PGA rates filed by Ameren Missouri will decrease the cost of gas for its customers in all its natural gas service areas.
- 4. Case No. GR-2015-0271, under which these changes were filed, was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2014-2015 ACA filing. Case No. GR-2014-0238 was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2013-2014 ACA filing. This rate change should be on an interim, subject to refund status pending final Commission decisions in ACA Case Nos. GR-2015-0271 and GR-2014-0238.

- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.

WHREFORE, Staff recommends the following tariff sheets as filed on April 16, 2015, be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2	
106 th Revised SHEET No. 30	Cancelling 105 th Revised SHEET No. 30
20 th Revised SHEET No. 30.1	Cancelling 19 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 April, 2015.

/s/ John D. Borgmeyer

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,

Case No. GR-2015-0271, File No. JG-2015-0304 Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri

FROM: Kim Cox, Energy Unit – Tariffs/Rate Design

/s/ Thomas M. Imhoff 4/27/2015 /s/ John D. Borgmeyer 4/27/2015

Utility Operations Division/Date

Staff Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for Union Electric d/b/a Ameren Missouri Optional PGA

Tariff Filing Effective May 1, 2015

DATE: April 27, 2015

On April 16, 2015, 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 May 1, 2015. 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 May 1, 2015.

For all of its natural gas service areas, other than the Rolla Service Area, the PGA rate filed by Ameren Missouri will decrease to \$0.0678 per hundred cubic foot (Ccf) for the first 30 Ccf from the current PGA rate of \$0.1878 per Ccf. For all Ccfs in excess of the first 30 Ccf, the PGA rate filed by Ameren Missouri will decrease to \$.8630 per Ccf from the current PGA rate of \$0.9830 per Ccf. These changes represent a decrease of \$0.12 per Ccf.

For its Rolla Service Area, the PGA rate filed by Ameren Missouri will decrease to \$0.2488 per Ccf for the first 30 Ccf from the current PGA rate of \$0.3688 per Ccf. For all Ccfs in excess of the first 30 Ccf, the PGA rate filed by Ameren Missouri will decrease to \$1.0440 per Ccf from the current PGA rate of \$1.1640 per Ccf. These changes represent a decrease of \$0.12 per Ccf. However, these Rolla Service Area PGA rates do not include the Incremental ACA factor, which Ameren Missouri includes as a line item credit on customers' bills for the MoGas Pipeline, LLC ("MoGas") refund from the MoGas settlement due to overcharges by that pipeline.

Case No. GR-2015-0271, under which these changes were filed, was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2014-2015 ACA filing. Case No. GR-2014-0238 was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2013-2014 ACA filing. This rate change should be on an interim, subject to refund status pending final Commission decisions in ACA Case Nos. GR-2015-0271 and GR-2014-0238.

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.

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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 April 16, 2015, be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund:

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AFFIDAVIT OF KIM COX							
STATE OF MISSOURI COUNTY OF COLE)) ss)						

Kim Cox 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.

Kim Cox

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of April, 2015.

LAURA DISTLER
Notary Public - Notary Seal
STATE OF MISSOURI
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: June 21, 2015
Commission Number: 11203914

Notary Public