

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

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a            )  
Ameren Missouri’s Tariffs to Decrease Its Revenues    )  
for Electric Service.    )            File No. ER-2019-0335

**JOINT SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE OF AMEREN MISSOURI, STAFF, AND  
THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL TO THE COMMISSION’S  
OCTOBER 11, 2019 ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

COME NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (“Company” or “Ameren Missouri”), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), and the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) (collectively, the “Joint Respondents”), and for their supplemental response to the above-referenced *Order Directing Filing* (the “Order”), the Joint Respondents state as follows:

1. On October 23, 2019, the Joint Respondents submitted recommendation for local public hearings and a recommended notice to be provided to the Company’s customers.
2. Since that time the Joint Respondents have discussed the addition of the language to account for the possibility that through rate design or for other reasons, some or all of the Company’s rates could be increased as a result of this case. Joint Respondents have agreed on the following notice (additional language shown in blue/*italics*):

Ameren Missouri has filed tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) that would decrease the company’s electric service revenues by approximately \$800,000. The overall request would lower a typical residential customer’s bill by approximately 0.03%, translating to an approximately \$0.03 monthly decrease.

Ameren Missouri’s rate filing also includes a request to continue its fuel adjustment clause (“FAC”) in substantially its current form which would continue to allow 95% of increases or decreases in net energy costs to be passed through to customers as a separate line item on customers’ bills. The overall reduction in base rates proposed by Ameren Missouri in this case is associated with the rebasing of these net energy costs. In this case the reduction in costs due to the rebase of net energy costs is largely offset by net increases in other costs. If the net energy costs had not

been rebased in this case, the base rates that would have been proposed by Ameren Missouri in this case would have increased the typical residential customer's bill by 3.7%.

The permanent rate decrease request, which is subject to regulatory approval, would take effect no later than May 30, 2020.

*Please note that while Ameren Missouri's filing suggests to the PSC what Ameren Missouri contends are the appropriate rates to be set as a result of this case, an overall rate increase or an increase for some rate classes could be proposed as the case proceeds which, if approved by the PSC, could result in the rates applicable to one or more rate classes that are higher than those initially requested by Ameren Missouri, or that are higher than those reflected in Ameren Missouri's current rates.*

3. In addition to recommending the above-additional language be included in the approved notice, Joint Respondents request that the local public hearing originally recommended for December 19, 2019 in Jefferson City instead be held the evening of January 7, 2020.

Because of the timing of billing cycles, the date by which Ameren Missouri must start including a notice on customer bills in order to give customers the 10-days of advance notice as has been historically given has already passed for a local public hearing held on December 19, 2019.

4. With respect to the recommended January 6, 2020 local public hearing date, the Company has advised Staff and OPC and hereby advises the Commission that in order to afford at least 10 days' notice (notice no later than December 27, 2019) by including the notice on customers' bills, the Company must have a Commission-approved notice no later than Noon on November 14, 2019. If the Commission were to require at least 5 days of notice (notice no later than January 1, 2020), the Company needs to have an approved notice no later than Noon on November 19, 2019 in order to include it on customers' bills.

WHEREFORE, the Joint Respondents provide the foregoing supplemental response to the Order and by this supplemental response request that the local public hearing notice be approved as set forth herein, and that the Commission issue its order, or authorize the Presiding

Officer to issue an order, approving the notice no later than Noon on November 14, 2019, if at least 10 days' notice to customers will be required, or by no later than Noon on November 19, 2019, if at least 5 days' notice to customers will be required.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served via e-mail on counsel for the parties of record in this case on the 8th day of November, 2019.

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