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

In the Matter of Ameren Missouri's Request for a	)	
Waiver from Tariff Sheets 146 through 150.	)	File No. EE-2022-0329

## AMEREN MISSOURI'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF WAIVER AND MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

**COMES NOW**, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (Ameren Missouri or Company), and for its request for an extension of the waiver granted by the Commission on June 1, 2022, states as follows:

- 1. On May 27, 2022, Ameren Missouri sought a waiver of its existing Emergency Energy Conservation Plan, which is reflected in tariff sheets originally adopted in the 1970s, the focus of which was primarily on coal inventory levels but that did not account for significant changes in the electric industry, including Regional Transmission Organization operations. The Commission approved the waiver through July 23, 2022
- 2. On June 9, 2022, Ameren Missouri filed a new Emergency Energy Conservation Plan, reflected in the tariff sheets pending in this docket, which bore an effective date of July 9, 2022. The new Plan was updated to reflect current Company and market operations. The Commission ordered the Staff to file a recommendation regarding the tariff sheets by June 21, 2022. At Staff's request, Ameren Missouri extended the effective date of the tariff sheets to August 9, 2022 to give Staff additional time for its review. The Commission then extended the deadline for Staff's recommendation to July 21, 2022.
- 3. At Staff's request, only July 8, 2022 the Company made one change to the tariff sheets it submitted on June 9 by filing a substitute tariff sheet reflecting the requested change.

- 4. On July 11, 2022, the Staff filed its recommendation to approve the pending tariff sheets, including the substituted sheet. The Commission ordered Ameren Missouri and the Office of the Public Counsel to respond by 3:00 p.m. July 14, 2022 regarding whether they agreed that the Commission should order the tariff sheets to take effect without further responses from the parties.
- 5. On July 12, 2022, Public Counsel filed its Response to Order Directing Filing, indicating that it needed more time for review and objecting to the tariff sheets "becoming effective on July 24, 2022, without an opportunity to file a response by July 21, 2022.
- 6. The Commission's next Agenda meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2022. It is unclear at this point whether Public Counsel will have filed a response by the time the Agenda occurs, or what that Response will say. Consequently, it is unclear whether the subject tariff sheets will become effective on July 24, 2022. If they don't, a replacement for the original tariff sheets for which a waiver has been granted through July 23, 2022 will not be in place and literally applied, the original tariff sheets would impose public appeal requirements as if an immediate emergency existed when in fact there is no such emergency. This would cause undue alarm and confusion among the public.
- 7. Consequently, the Company requests that the Commission extend the waiver it has previously granted with respect to the original tariff sheets at least until August 9, 2022, when the new tariff sheets will take effect by their terms.
- 8. The Company requests expedited treatment of this request pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.080(14) so that the waiver extension can be granted by July 21, 2022, at the Commission's next Agenda. There will be no negative impact on customers or the general public if the Commission acts on an expedited basis as it will simply preserve the status quo that

has existed since the original waiver was approved. This request was filed as soon as it could have been, less than two days after Public Counsel filed its Response.

WHEREFORE, Ameren Missouri requests that the Commission make and enter its order extending the waiver of the Emergency Energy Conservation Procedure found at Schedule 6, Tariff Sheets 146 through 150, to at least August 9, 2022, and that it do so on an expedited basis, and for such other and further relief as the Commission's deems appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered, transmitted by e-mail or mailed, First Class, postage prepaid, this 14th day of July, 2022, to Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel.

/s/James B. Lowery