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 Increase its Revenues for Natural Gas Service

Case No. GR-2019-0077

JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND MOTION TO ADOPT ADDITIONAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

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COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and on behalf of the Parties¹ to this proceeding respectfully states as follows:

1. On December 18, 2018, the Commission issued its *Order Changing the Date for Filing of a Proposed Procedural Schedule* (Order) directing Staff to file a proposed procedural schedule on behalf of the parties no later than January 14, 2019.

2. On January 7, 2019, the Commission held an early pre-hearing conference attended by the Parties for the purpose of discussing procedural schedule dates and locations/dates for local public hearings.

3. As a result of the January 7th early prehearing conference and additional discussion among the Parties, the Parties agreed to propose the following procedural schedule, including the required local public hearings and motion to adopt certain additional procedural requirements:

EVENT	DATE
Case filed by Ameren Missouri	December 3, 2018
Early Pre-hearing Conference	January 7, 2019

¹ Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (Ameren Missouri or Company), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), the Office of Public Counsel (OPC), the Missouri Department of Economic Development-Division of Energy (DE), Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri (Renew Missouri), Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers (MIEC), National Housing Trust (NHT), Spire Missouri Inc. (Spire), Missouri School Boards' Association (MSBA), (collectively referred to as the Parties).

Proposed Procedural Schedule Due	January 14, 2019
Discovery Conference	February 5, 2019
Discovery Conference	March 6, 2019
Discovery Conference	April 2, 2019
Direct Testimony (Non-Ameren Missouri Parties, revenue requirement)	April 19, 2019
Response time for DRs changes to 15 calendar Days; 8 calendar days to object or seek additional Time	April 19, 2019
Direct Testimony (Non-Ameren Missouri parties, class cost of service and rate design)	May 3, 2019
True-up Cutoff Date (Known and measurable items to be trued-up through this date)	May 31, 2019
Discovery Conference	May 21, 2019
Preliminary Reconciliation to all parties (not filed)	May 23, 2019
Rebuttal Testimony (all parties)	June 7, 2019
Response time for DRs changes to 7 business days; 4 business days to object or seek additional time	June 7, 2019
Local Public Hearings (subject to Commission Order)	June 10-14, 2019 ²
True-Up Data to be provided by Ameren Missouri To all parties (not filed)	June 20, 2019
Discovery Conference	June 25, 2019
Preliminary Issue List (not to be filed – to be provided to all parties)	June 26, 2019
Surrebuttal Testimony/True-Up (all parties)	July 10, 2019
Response time for DRs changes to 5 business days; 3 business days to object or seek additional time	July 10, 2019

² As a result of the early pre-hearing conference of January 7th, the Parties understand the Commission intends to hold four (4) local public hearings; Rolla, Wentzville, Cape Girardeau, and either Columbia or Jefferson City.

Technical/Settlement Conference	July 11-12, 2019
Last Day to Request Discovery, provide notice of a deposition, and after which 4 CSR 240-2.090(8)(B) conference is not required	July 16, 2019
List of Issues, Order of Witness, Order of Cross Examination; Order of opening	July 16, 2019
Parties will provide valuation of their positions To Staff for the Final Reconciliation	July 16, 2019
Last day to File Motion to Compel or Issue Subpoena	July 17, 2019
Statement of Position	July 17, 2019
Final Reconciliation (to be filed)	July 19, 2019
Evidentiary Hearings	July 25- August 2, 2019
Initial Post Hearing Brief (all parties)	August 16, 2019
Reply/True-Up Briefs	August 23, 2019
Commission Order	September 30, 2019
Operation of Law Date	November 2, 2019

4. Staff notes that the Parties agreed to schedule seven (7) hearing days which is two (2) more days than the five (5) days that were set for hearing in Ameren Missouri Gas' last rate case, Case No. GR-2010-0363. The seven (7) proposed hearing days also accommodate the NARUC Conference.

5. In addition, the Parties prefer that the fourth (4^{th)} local public hearing, which the regulatory law judge posed to the Parties as either Columbia or Jefferson City, be set for Columbia during the proposed week of June 10 to 14, 2019.

6. In addition, the Parties hereby agree to the following procedural requirements and request that these requirements be reflected in the Commission's order establishing the procedural schedule in this matter:

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(a) All Parties must comply with the requirements of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.130 for prepared testimony, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages.

(b) Although not all Parties may agree upon how each issue should be described or on whether a listed issue is in fact a proper issue in this case, the Parties shall agree upon and file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. The list of issues should be detailed enough to inform the Commission of each issue that must be resolved. The Commission will view any issue not contained in this list of issues as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission.

(c) Each Party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue.

(d) All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.

(e) If part of testimony or documents are pre-filed and served upon the Parties before a hearing, a Party need only provide a copy of the testimony or document to the court reporter for marking as an exhibit. If not pre-filed and served upon the Parties, then a party who has a document marked for use at the hearing shall have sufficient copies of the document to provide a copy not only to the court reporter, but also to each of the Commissioners, the presiding officer, and counsel for each other party.

(f) All Parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel by electronic means and in electronic form, essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits, or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format (.PDF, .DOC, .WPD, .XLS, etc.) Parties are not required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging.

(g) Public documents filed in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS") shall be considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail. The parties agree highly confidential documents may be obtained from EFIS and so agree not to serve those documents via email.

(h) Counsel for each party shall receive electronically from each other party serving a data request, an electronic copy of the text of the "description" of that data request contemporaneously with service of the

Regarding Staff-issued data requests, if the description data request. contains highly confidential or proprietary information, or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy. If a party desires the response to a data request that has been served on another party, the party desiring a copy of the response must request a copy of the response from the party answering the data Data requests, objections to data requests and notifications request. respecting the need for additional time to respond to data requests shall be sent by e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Counsel may designate other personnel to be added to the service list for data requests, but shall responsibility for compliance with assume any restrictions on confidentiality. Data request responses shall be served on counsel for the requesting party, unless waived by counsel, and on the requesting party's employee or representative who submitted the data request, and shall be served electronically, if feasible and not voluminous as defined by Commission rule. In the case of Ameren Missouri data request responses, Ameren Missouri shall post its data request responses on its Caseworks Extranet site; however, in the case of responses to data requests on Staff issues, Ameren Missouri shall also submit the responses to Staff data requests in EFIS, if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc or by other means agreed to by Staff counsel, if infeasible.

(i) The Parties shall make an effort to not include highly confidential or proprietary information in data requests. If highly confidential or proprietary information must be included in a data request, the highly confidential or proprietary information shall be appropriately designated as such pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.135.

(j) Until direct testimony is filed on April 19, 2019, the response time for all data requests shall be twenty (20) calendar days, with ten (10) calendar days to object or notify the requesting party that more than twenty (20) calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. After April 19, 2019, until rebuttal testimony is filed on June 7, 2019, the response time for data requests shall be fifteen (15) calendar days to provide the requested 9information and eight (8) calendar days to object or notify the requesting party that more than fifteen (15) calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. After rebuttal testimony is filed on June 7, 2019, the response time for data requests shall be five (5) business days to provide the requested information and three (3) business days to object or notify the requesting party that more than five (5) business days will be needed to provide the requested information. If a data request has been responded to, a party's request for a copy of the response shall be timely responded to, considering that the underlying data request has already been responded to (except that, with the exception of responses to Staff, responses will not be needed for Ameren Missouri's data request responses posted on Ameren Missouri's Caseworks Extranet site).

(k) Workpapers prepared in the course of developing a witness' testimony (including schedules) shall not be filed with the Commission, but shall be submitted to each party within two (2) business days following the filing of the particular testimony, unless a party has indicated that it does not want to receive some or all of the workpapers. Workpapers containing highly confidential or proprietary information shall be appropriately marked. If there are no workpapers associated with testimony, the party's attorney shall so notify the other parties within the time allowed for providing those workpapers. Workpapers prepared in Excel or other executable format, should be provided in that format.

(I) Where workpapers or data request responses include models or spreadsheets or similar information originally in a commonly available format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs, if available in that original format, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in that original format with formulas intact. With the exception of workpapers provided to Staff, Ameren Missouri may provide workpapers by posting the same on its Caseworks Extranet site, with e-mail notification to counsel for the parties to be provided essentially concurrently with the posting of workpapers on the Extranet site. Ameren Missouri shall provide its workpapers to Staff in electronic format by e-mailing or by delivery of a compact disc or other electronic storage.

(m) Discovery conferences will be held at the Commission's office at the Governor's Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, in a room to be designated by the Commission. Each discovery conference will begin at 10:00 a.m.

(n) Not less than two business days before each discovery conference, any party that has a discovery disagreement or concern involving another party shall file a brief statement describing that disagreement or concern and identifying any other parties involved. Such statement does not need to be a formal motion to compel. Any party may attend a discovery conference, but only those parties involved in an identified discovery disagreement must attend. If the parties do not identify any discovery disagreements or concerns as described herein, the presiding officer may cancel the conference.

(o) Discovery conferences shall be on the record and shall be transcribed by a court reporter.

(p) Any pending written discovery motion may be taken up at a discovery conference and may be ruled upon by the presiding regulatory law judge either on the record, or in a written order.

(q) Commission Rule 4 CSR 2.090's requirement that a party must seek a telephone conference with the presiding officer before filing a discovery motion is waived. (r) All data requests, subpoenas, or other discovery requests or notices shall be issued no later than July 16, 2019. With respect to deposing witnesses, depositions must be completed at least three (3) business days prior to the date that the witness will testify on the issue(s) in the evidentiary hearings, unless witness availability requires that a deposition be conducted within less than three days.

(s) All motions to compel a response to any discovery request shall be filed no later than July 17, 2019.

7. In order to facilitate the timely briefing of this matter the Parties request

that the Commission order expedited transcripts of all evidentiary hearings conducted in

this case.

WHEREFORE, in response to the Commission's Order Staff files this jointly

proposed procedural schedule and list of procedural requirements on behalf of itself and

the other parties to Case No. GR-2019-0077, and respectfully requests the Commission

issue an order adopting, without modification, the terms contained herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed; hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record his 14th day of January, 2019.

<u>/s/ Robert S. Berlin</u>