# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Union Electric	)	
Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's	)	File No. GR-2018-0346
Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing	)	

## ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO DATA REQUESTS

Issue Date: October 9, 2018 Effective Date: October 9, 2018

On September 27, 2018, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (Ameren Missouri) requested a variance from the data request response times established by 4 CSR 240-2.090(2)(C) with regard to providing documentation of its natural gas purchases for its Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) reconciliation filing. Ameren Missouri explained that it typically provides this documentation through responses to data requests issued by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and that those responses were required by 4 CSR 240-2.090(2)(C) to be submitted within 20 days of the issuance of the data requests.

According to Ameren Missouri, Staff began issuing those data requests on September 27, 2018. Ameren Missouri stated that because it currently has new staff being trained and because of the implementation of a new Risk Management System, a variance is needed to allow it until January 31, 2019, to respond to Staff's data requests. Ameren Missouri further stated that it will prioritize the responses to the data requests and will provide answers as they become available prior to the extension deadline.

The Commission directed that any response to Ameren Missouri's request be filed no later than October 8, 2018. Staff filed a response indicating that, based on Ameren

Missouri's representations, it does not object to the request for additional time to respond.

No other response was received.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090(2)(C) states that answers to data requests shall be made within 20 days of receipt unless "otherwise ordered by the commission." Although Ameren Missouri stated it requests a "variance" from the rule, it is essentially asking for additional time to file its responses to the data requests, which is allowed under the rule if ordered by the Commission. The Commission determines that Ameren Missouri has good cause for delaying its response to the data requests posed by Staff with regard to the documentation of all natural gas purchases in this 2017-2018 ACA filing and will grant the requested extension.

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri is granted an extension of time until January 31, 2019, to provide answers to data requests posed by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission with regard to the documentation of all natural gas purchases in its 2017-2018 Actual Cost Adjustment filing.
  - 2. This order is effective when issued.

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

BY THE COMMISSION

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Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

#### STATE OF MISSOURI

#### OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018.

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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