

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

In the Matter of the Union Electric)	<u>Case No. GR-2018-0346</u>
Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's)	Tariff No. JG-2018-0156
Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission in the above-captioned matter and files its Staff Recommendation as set forth in the accompanying Memorandum (which is incorporated herein by reference) concerning the May 17, 2018, tariff filing by Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri" or "Company"), and further states as follows:

1. On May 17, 2018, Ameren Missouri filed two tariff sheets with a requested effective date of June 1, 2018, to reflect changes in Ameren Missouri's Purchased Gas Adjustment ("PGA") factors as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas. This filing did not change the Company's Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") factor.

2. As explained in the accompanying Memorandum, the proposed PGA factor applicable to the Company's service areas, excluding the Rolla area, will decrease from 56.00¢/Ccf to 48.00¢/Ccf for firm sales customers. The interruptible sales customers' PGA factor will decrease from 32.69¢/Ccf to 27.30¢/Ccf. The proposed PGA is a decrease from the existing PGA of \$0.08 per Ccf for General Service customers and a decrease of \$0.0539 per Ccf for Interruptible.

3. As also explained in the accompanying Memorandum, the proposed PGA factor applicable to the Company's Rolla system will decrease the firm sales customers' PGA factor from 76.00¢/Ccf to 67.00¢/Ccf. The interruptible sales customers' PGA factor will decrease from 33.94¢/Ccf to 28.55¢/Ccf. The proposed

PGA is a decrease from the existing PGA by \$0.09 per Ccf for General Service customers and a decrease of \$0.0539 per Ccf for Interruptible.

4. Case No. GR-2018-0346, under which these changes were filed, was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2017-2018 ACA filing. Case No. GR-2017-0341 was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2016-2017 ACA filing. This rate change should be implemented on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in ACA Case Nos. GR-2018-0346 and GR-2017-0341.

5. Staff has verified that the Company has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing except as set forth above.

6. As explained in the accompanying Memorandum, Staff has reviewed this filing and has determined that 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.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving the following tariff sheets as filed on May 17, 2018, on an interim basis, subject to refund:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2

112th Revised Sheet No. 30, Cancelling 111th Revised Sheet No. 30
26th Revised Sheet No. 30.1, Cancelling 25th Revised Sheet No. 30.1

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record this 23rd day of May, 2018.

/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. GR-2018-0346, File No. JG-2018-0156
Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri

FROM: Michael J. Ensrud, Procurement Analysis

/s/ David M. Sommerer 5/23/2018 /s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil 5/23/2018
Commission Staff Division/Date Staff Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri
PGA Tariff Filing Effective June 1, 2018

DATE: May 23, 2018

On May 17, 2018, 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 June 1, 2018. 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 June 1, 2018.

Ameren states the following in its cover letter:

The change in the PGA factor applicable to the Company’s service areas, excluding the Rolla area, will decrease from 56.00¢/Ccf to 48.00¢/Ccf for firm sales customers. The interruptible sales customers’ PGA factor will decrease from 32.69¢/Ccf to 27.30¢/Ccf. The transportation PGA will remain unchanged at 0.00¢/Ccf.

The proposed PGA is a decrease over the existing PGA by \$0.08 per Ccf for General Services and a decrease of \$0.0539 per Ccf for Interruptible.

Ameren also states the following in its cover letter:

The changes in the PGA factors applicable to the Company’s Rolla system (Rolla, Salem, and Owensville) service area will decrease the firm sales customers’ PGA factor from 76.00¢/Ccf to 67.00¢/Ccf. The interruptible sales customers’ PGA factor will decrease from 33.94¢/Ccf to 28.55¢/Ccf. The transportation PGA factor will remain unchanged at 0.00¢/Ccf.

The proposed PGA is a decrease over existing PGA by \$0.09 per Ccf for General Services and a decrease of \$0.0539 per Ccf for Interruptible.

Case No. GR-2018-0346, under which these changes were filed, was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2017-2018 Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) filing. Case No. GR-2017-0341 was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2016-2017 ACA filing.

These rate changes should be implemented on an interim, subject to refund status pending final Commission decisions in ACA Case Nos. GR-2018-0346 and GR-2017-0341.

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 other than as set forth above.

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 notice of ten (10) business days for PGA change filings.

Therefore, Staff recommends the following tariff sheets, as filed on May 17, 2018, be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund:

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112th Revised SHEET No. 30 Cancelling 111th Revised SHEET No. 30
26th Revised SHEET No. 30.1 Cancelling 25th Revised SHEET No. 30.1

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d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Purchased Gas)	Case No. GR-2018-0346
Adjustment Tariff Filing)	

AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL J. ENSRUD

STATE OF MISSOURI)	
)	ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)	

COMES NOW MICHAEL J. ENSRUD and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing Staff Recommendation in Memorandum form; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

Michael J. Ensrud
MICHAEL J. ENSRUD

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 22nd day of May 2018.

D. SUZIE MANKIN Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: December 12, 2020 Commission Number: 12412070
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D. Suzie Mankin
Notary Public