

**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 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 response to the above-referenced *Order Directing Filing* (the “Order”), the Joint Respondents state as follows:

1.       The Order directed that the Company, Staff, and OPC either jointly or separately file proposed times and general locations for local public hearings in this case. The Joint Respondents recommend the following locations and times:

- Jefferson City – Dec. 19 (afternoon or evening)
- Arnold – Jan. 6 (afternoon)
- Florissant Valley – Jan. 6 (evening)
- Cape Girardeau – Jan. 9 (evening)
- Kirksville – Jan. 13 (afternoon or evening)
- O’Fallon – Jan. 14 (evening)
- St. Louis Watson Rd – Jan. 16 (afternoon)
- St. Louis Harris Stowe – Jan. 16 (evening)

2.       The Order further directed that the Company, Staff, and OPC either jointly or separately file proposed language for the local public hearing notices. The Joint Respondents recommend the following language:

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.

3. For the Commission’s information, the Staff and Ameren Missouri provide the following information on participation at local public hearings in Ameren Missouri’s last electric general rate proceeding:

Location	Witnesses Testifying
Boonville	9
Mexico	2
Jefferson City	3
Cape Girardeau	4
Charleston	7
Arnold	9
Harris Stowe State University	11
Union	4
O’Fallon	12
St. Louis Community College	5
St. Louis (Watson Road)	17
Kearney	0
Kirksville	13

4. For the Commission's further information, the Staff has compiled information for Fiscal Year 2019 indicating that that average Commission expense and equipment cost per local public hearing was \$573.39, the average cost per attendee was \$26.50, and the average cost per witness was \$206.80. These figures do not include personal service expenditures, or the cost incurred by the companies or other parties that attended.

WHEREFORE, the Joint Respondents provide the foregoing response to the Order.

Respectfully submitted:

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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 23rd day of October, 2019.

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