## 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 Annual Revenues for Electric Service. )

File No. ER-2014-0258

# <u>NONUNANIMOUS STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT</u> <u>REGARDING MEEIA LOW INCOME EXEMPTION AND</u> <u>LED STREETLIGHTING ISSUES</u>

As a result of discussions among Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri"), the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff ("Staff"), and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"), (collectively "the Signatories"), an agreement has been reached on certain revenue requirement issues as set forth below.

1. The Signatories agree Ameren Missouri should continue updating its annual evaluation of the cost effectiveness of company-owned LED street and outdoor area lighting pursuant to the terms of the Commission's *Order Approving Tariff* in File No. EO-2013-0367. The Company further agrees to include an estimation of the potential carbon dioxide reductions associated with LED street and outdoor area lights.

2. The Signatories recommend the Commission approve an exemption from Ameren Missouri's Rider EEIC (Energy Efficiency Investment Charge) for qualifying low-income customers. A qualifying low-income customer will be defined as any residential customer who, in any of the prior 12 billing months, has received assistance from any of the following qualifying low-income programs: Missouri Energy Assistance (a.k.a. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program or "LIHEAP"), Winter Energy Crisis Intervention Program ("ECIP"), Summer ECIP, Keeping Current, and Keeping Cool. This low-income exemption will begin with the June 2015 billing month, and Ameren Missouri will file a Rider EEIC rate change request at least sixty (60) days in advance of that date. The Rider EEIC filing to initially

implement the rate change will be based on the same data provided in the November 2014 Rider EEIC filing adjusted only to reflect the low-income exemption for the remainder of the tariff effective period. The reduction in revenues associated with the low-income exemption will be recovered from the remaining residential rate class customers.

3. The Signatories request the Commission issue an order approving this agreement no later than March 20, 2015, so that Ameren Missouri may make the tariff filing referenced in paragraph 2 above on or around March 27, 2015.

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

4. This Stipulation is being entered into for the purpose of disposing of the issues that are specifically addressed herein. In presenting this Stipulation, none of the signatories shall be deemed to have approved, accepted, agreed, consented or acquiesced to any ratemaking principle or procedural principle, including, without limitation, any method of cost or revenue determination or cost allocation or revenue-related methodology, and none of the signatories shall be prejudiced or bound in any manner by the terms of this Stipulation (whether it is approved or not) in this or any other proceeding, other than a proceeding limited to enforce the terms of this Stipulation, except as otherwise expressly specified herein.

5. This Stipulation has resulted from extensive negotiations and the terms hereof are interdependent. If the Commission does not approve this Stipulation, or approves it with modifications or conditions to which a party objects, then this Stipulation shall be void and no signatory shall be bound by any of its provisions. Moreover, if the Commission does not implement the terms and conditions agreed upon in this Stipulation, then this Stipulation shall also become void and no signatory shall be bound by any of its provisions.

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6. If the Commission does not unconditionally approve this Stipulation without modification, and notwithstanding its provision that it shall become void, neither this Stipulation, nor any matters associated with its consideration by the Commission, shall be considered or argued to be a waiver of the rights that any signatory has for a decision in accordance with Section 536.080 RSMo 2000 or Article V, Section 18 of the Missouri Constitution, and the signatories shall retain all procedural and due process rights as fully as though this Stipulation had not been presented for approval, and any suggestions or memoranda, testimony or exhibits that have been offered or received in support of this Stipulation shall become privileged as reflecting the substantive content of settlement discussions and shall be stricken from and not be considered as part of the administrative or evidentiary record before the Commission for any further purpose whatsoever.

7. If the Commission unconditionally accepts the specific terms of this Stipulation without modification, the signatories waive, with respect to the issues resolved herein: their respective rights (1) to call, examine and cross-examine witnesses pursuant to Section 536.070(2), RSMo 2000; (2) their respective rights to present oral argument and/or written briefs pursuant to Section 536.080.1, RSMo 2000; (3) their respective rights to seek rehearing pursuant to Section 386.500, RSMo 2000 and (4) their respective rights to judicial review pursuant to Section 386.510, RSMo Supp. 2011. These waivers apply only to a Commission order respecting this Stipulation issued in this above-captioned proceeding and do not apply to any matters raised in any prior or subsequent Commission proceeding, or any matters not explicitly addressed by this Stipulation. Pre-filed on the issues resolved herein will be admitted to the record.

8. This Stipulation contains the entire agreement of the signatories concerning the issues addressed herein.

9. This Stipulation does not constitute a contract with the Commission. Acceptance of this Stipulation by the Commission shall not be deemed as constituting an agreement on the part of the Commission to forego the use of any discovery, investigative or other power which the Commission presently has. Thus, nothing in this Stipulation is intended to impinge or restrict in any manner the exercise by the Commission of any statutory right, including the right to access information, or any statutory obligation.

### **NON-SIGNATORY PARTIES**

10. Consumers Council of Missouri, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1439 AFL-CIO, United for Missouri, Inc., the Midwest Energy Consumers Group, Earth Island Institute d/b/a Renew Missouri, the Sierra Club, the City of O'Fallon, and the City of Ballwin have each indicated that while they will not sign this Stipulation, they will not oppose it.

**WHEREFORE**, the Signatories respectfully request the Commission issue an Order in this case approving this Nonunanimous Stipulation and Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served on all parties of record via electronic mail (e-mail) on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

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