

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

In the Matter of Union Electric	)	
Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's	)	File No. ER-2022-0337
Tariffs to Adjust Its Revenues for	)	
Electric Service	)	

**METROPOLITAN CONGREGATIONS UNITED'S  
STATEMENT OF POSITION**

Metropolitan Congregations United (“MCU”) provides this Statement of Position, with its issue numbered according to the Joint List of Issues filed by Staff on March 22, 2023. MCU takes a position on Issue 4.E. MCU reserves the right to modify its position or to take additional positions as the case proceeds.

*4.E. What should the customer charges associated with the Residential Class rate plans be?*

The Commission should not increase the monthly customer charge for residential customers.

Low-income households depend on reliable and affordable energy. Disruptions to household budgets threaten their jobs, education, and health. The proposed increase will have a disproportionate burden on especially black and brown families.<sup>1</sup> Many of MCU’s member congregations provide direct

---

<sup>1</sup> Direct Testimony of Jacqueline A. Hutchinson on behalf of Consumers Council of Missouri at pp. 5-6; Rebuttal Testimony of Jacqueline A. Hutchinson at pp. 3-6; Direct Testimony of James Owen on behalf of Renew Missouri Advocates at p. 15; Rebuttal Testimony of James Owen at pp. 15-16; Direct Testimony of Geoff Marke on behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel at pp. 5-7.

assistance in the form of food and help with bill and rent payments. On a daily and weekly basis, they see the risks facing community members to sustain themselves, even with this assistance. Across the traditions of MCU's congregations, MCU affirms the values of considering the well-being of our neighbors as a measure of the health of our communities. MCU believes in increasing, not decreasing, equity in our region and state. Since MCU's congregations, members and neighbors continue struggling with the impacts of the COVID pandemic, MCU does not support the current proposal for a rate increase by Ameren.

The Commission should reject Ameren Missouri's request to increase its residential charges and rates.

Dated: March 26, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

*/s/ Bruce A. Morrison*

---

Bruce A. Morrison (Mo. Bar No. 38359)

Ethan Thompson (Mo. Bar No. 74226)

Great Rivers Environmental Law Center

319 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 800

St. Louis, Missouri 63102

(314) 231-4181

[bamorrison@greatriverslaw.org](mailto:bamorrison@greatriverslaw.org)

[ethompson@greatriverslaw.org](mailto:ethompson@greatriverslaw.org)

*Counsel for Metropolitan Congregations  
United*

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that on March 26, 2023, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was sent by email to all counsel of record.

*/s/ Bruce A. Morrison*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bruce A. Morrison