

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

In the Matter of Union Electric Company	)	
d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Request for	)	
Expedited Approval of Its Proposed	)	File No. ET-2021-
Keeping Current Tariff Revisions	)	Tariff No. YE-2021-
Temporarily Raising the Federal Poverty	)	
Levels through 2021.	)	

**MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri" or "Company") and for its Motion for Expedited Treatment pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-20.065(2) and 20 CSR 4240-2.080(14), states as follows:

1. Concurrent with this filing, Ameren Missouri is filing tariff sheets to amend its electric tariff PSC. Mo. No. 6, Sheets Nos. 160, 160.1, 160.2 and 160.3 related to its Keeping Current Low Income Pilot Program ("Keeping Current"). The tariff revisions will temporarily increase the federal poverty level ("FPL") for eligible customers to participate in Keeping Current programs through December 31, 2021, unless the tariffs are revised before that time. Specifically, these revisions would increase the qualifying FPL for the Keeping Current heating programs to 200% rather than 150%, and the Keeping Current cooling program to 250% rather than 150%.

2. These revisions are intended to provide assistance to additional Ameren Missouri's customers during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Keeping Current program provides bill credits to customers who meet certain qualifying criteria, including income qualification based on FPL levels contained in the tariff. Since the incentives paid under Keeping Current

only continue if participants maintain regular bill payments, this program ultimately assists participants in managing arrearages.<sup>1</sup>

3. Because customers are still economically recovering from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ameren Missouri continues to look for ways to assist its customers in managing their utility bills. The Company has engaged in discussions with the Commission's Staff ("Staff"), the Office of the Public Counsel, and the Consumers Council of Missouri regarding potential customer options. While additional discussions regarding Keeping Current are ongoing, Ameren Missouri is submitting these tariff changes in order to temporarily increase the customer eligibility for this program, and hopes to begin implementation of these changes as soon as practical.

4. In compliance with the requirements of 20 CSR 4240-20.065(2) and 20 CSR 4240-20.080(14), Ameren Missouri requests Commission approval of this tariff with an effective date of April 1, 2021. This will allow Ameren Missouri to open eligibility for Keeping Current to more of the customers in its service territory before the end of the Cold Weather Rule period. No one will be harmed by granting expedited approval of this tariff revision. This Motion for Expedited Treatment and the associated tariff change were made as soon as practical after discussions with interested stakeholders.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated herein, Ameren Missouri respectfully requests that the Commission approve the tariff sheets filed herewith to take effect on April 1, 2021.

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<sup>1</sup> In particular, the tariff profess at Sheet No. 160.1 that:

Participants must remain current within two (2) billing cycles to continue on Program. Participants that default on payments for two (2) consecutive months will be removed from the Program and not be allowed back into the Program for twelve (12) months except that a Keeping Current Agency may request a one-time re-enrollment for a defaulted Participant experiencing a short-term, unanticipated financial hardship.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel via electronic mail (e-mail) on this 19th day of March, 2021.

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