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

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In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Electric Service Tariffs Adjustment Relating to MEEIA Rider EEIC.

File No. ER-2020-0147 Tracking No.: YE-2020-0090

## MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT OF TARIFF SHEET

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri" or "Company"), and pursuant 20 CSR 4240-2.080(14) and the Commission's *Order Granting Variance from 20 CSR 4240-20.093(4)(B), Suspending Tariff Sheets, and Directing Compliance Tariff Sheet 91.23 Be Filed* ("*Order*") in the above-captioned case issued January 15, 2020, and hereby files its Motion for Expedited Treatment of Tariff Sheet ("Motion"). In support of its *Motion*, Ameren Missouri states as follows:

1. On November 22, 2019, Ameren Missouri submitted tariff sheets with supporting testimony to adjust the charges contained in its Rider EEIC, which recovers costs associated with its Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act ("MEEIA") from customers. Ameren Missouri submitted substitute Tariff Sheet No. 91.23 on December 3, and Tariff Sheet Nos. 91.10, 91.21, and 91.23 on December 10, 2019. On January 7, 2020, Ameren Missouri and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed an *Initial Stipulation and Agreement* ("*Initial Stipulation*") regarding Ameren Missouri's proposed Rider EEIC, which included a new, agreed version of Tariff Sheet No. 91.23. Also on January 7, 2020, Ameren Missouri submitted a request for waiver of 20 CSR 4240-20.093(4)(B) to allow more than 60 days from the initial submission for action to be taken on the tariffs, allowing additional time for review. The charges included in Rider EEIC would not, pursuant to the language contained in the tariff, actually be assessed until February 1, 2020, regardless of their effective date. The Commission granted the variance from the 60-day period in its *Order*.

2. The *Initial Stipulation*, among other things, results in the following versions of the tariffs submitted in Tracking No. YE-2020-0090 being subject to Commission approval:

- As filed November 22, 2019:
  - o 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 90, Canceling 4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 90
  - o 3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 90.1, Canceling 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 90.1
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 90.2, Canceling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 90.2
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 90.3, Canceling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 90.3
  - o 3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 90.4, Canceling 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 90.4
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 91.1, Canceling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 91.1
  - o 6<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 91.11, Canceling 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 91.11
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 91.13, Canceling Original Sheet No. 91.13
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 91.22, Canceling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 91.22
- As substituted December 10, 2019:
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 91.10, Canceling Original Sheet No. 91.10
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 91.21, Canceling Original Sheet No. 91.21
- As submitted today, January 17, 2020:
  - o Original Sheet No. 91.23

The Commission received no objections to the Initial Stipulation.

3. The Commission's *Order* also required Ameren Missouri to file substitute compliance tariff sheets no later than 10:00 am on January 20, 2020. With the exception of Original Tariff Sheet No. 91.23, the tariff sheets currently on file in Tracking No. YE-2020-0090 are in their final substantive form. Those revised tariff sheets bear an issue date of November 22, 2019, and show an effective date of sixty days later; as previously noted, the effective date has

been suspended beyond that 60-day period. Tariff Sheet No. 91.23, however, was revised pursuant to the terms of the *Initial Stipulation*. Ameren Missouri is therefore submitting an updated version of this tariff sheet in compliance with the Commission's *Order* and is requesting expedited treatment of Tariff Sheet No. 91.23 so that it can become effective concurrently with the tariff sheets currently on file. Along with this filing, Ameren Missouri is submitting a substitute Tariff Sheet No. 91.23 in Tracking No. YE-2020-0090, in compliance with the Commission's *Order*. The revised Tariff Sheet No. 91.23 sheet bears an issue date of January 15, 2020, and shows an effective date of thirty days later.

4. Section 393.140(11), RSMo, specifies that, unless the Commission orders otherwise, a change shall not be made to any rate filed by an electrical corporation except after thirty days' notice to the Commission and publication for thirty days as required by order of the Commission. However, Section 393.140(11) expressly provides that, for good cause shown, the Commission may allow tariff changes without requiring thirty days' notice. Good cause exists to make the Company's compliance tariffs effective by February 1, 2020, as the *Initial Stipulation* results in charges that are minimally different from, yet still lower than, what would otherwise have been recovered from customers. Moreover, the Commission has already instructed the Company to file the tariff that is being filed concurrently with this *Motion*.

5. As provided for in 20 CSR 4240-2.080(14), the Company requests that the Commission approve the compliance tariffs so that the tariffs will take effect by February 1, 2020. As noted earlier, the Commission has good cause to do so. There will be no negative effect on anyone – the customers or the Company – if the compliance tariffs are approved to be effective by February 1, 2020, because the difference in charges that would have been assessed under the originally filed Rider EEIC and the charges assessed pursuant to the *Initial Stipulation* are minimal,

albeit slightly lower for customers. Approving Tariff Sheet No. 91.23 concurrently with the other tariffs already on file in Tracking No. YE-2020-0090 will allow the Rider EEIC charges to take effect pursuant to the terms of the *Initial Stipulation*.

6. This *Motion* was filed as soon as it could have been under the circumstances.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons and for good cause shown, Ameren Missouri respectfully requests that the Commission grant this *Motion*, and approve all Rider EEIC tariffs, including the version of Tariff Sheet No. 91.23 submitted today in compliance with the approved terms of the *Initial Settlement*, by February 1, 2020, and for such other and further relief as the Commission deems appropriate under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020, a copy of the foregoing filing was served, via e-mail, on counsel for the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, all parties of record, as well as entities who have sought to intervene in File No. ER-2020-0147.

<u>/s/ Paula Johnson</u> Paula Johnson