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July 1, 2016

Mr. Morris Woodruff, Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Re: Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (Ameren Missouri), File No. ER-2016-0179

Dear Mr. Woodruff:

Filed concurrently with this letter is a cover letter from Ameren Missouri's Director and Assistant General Counsel, Wendy K. Tatro, with which is included certain tariff sheets consisting of electric rate schedules designed to increase Ameren Missouri's base gross annual electric revenues by approximately \$206.4 million, exclusive of applicable gross receipts, sales, franchise or occupational fees or taxes. The proposed tariff sheets bear a date of issue of July 1, 2016, and an effective date of July 31, 2016.

The test year employed by the Company is the 12 months ending March 31, 2016, with certain pro-forma adjustments to include known and measurable items through December 31, 2016, the true-up cutoff date the Company will request in this case, as discussed in the direct testimony of Ameren Missouri witness Laura M. Moore.

The rate increase sought by this filing is driven by several factors. These include continued investment in the Company's generation and energy delivery systems, including investments in projects necessitated by North American Electric Reliability Corporation and Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements. Other drivers include the impact of the loss of load from what was formerly Ameren Missouri's largest customer, Noranda Aluminum, Inc. as well as the impact of lower loads for the test year for this case as compared to the loads used to set rates in File No. ER-2014-0258, significantly higher Midcontinent System Operator, Inc. transmission charges, higher property taxes and other cost increases.

Also included herein or in Schedules to this letter is the information required by 4 CSR 240-3.030(3)(B), as follows:

3(B)1. See Schedule 1

3(B)2. See Schedule 2

3(B)3. See Schedule 3

3(B)4. See Schedule 4

3(B)5. See Schedule 5

<u>**3(B)6.**</u> There is no press release.

3(B)7. The rate increase sought by this filing is needed for the following reasons:

- To reflect in rate base significant investments in the Company's electric distribution, transmission and generation infrastructure;
- To reset billing units and otherwise account for the revenue requirement impacts of the loss of load from Noranda Aluminum, Inc.'s New Madrid smelting facility;
- To reset billing units and otherwise account for the revenue requirement impacts
 of other load reductions occurring since the test year applicable to File No. ER2014-0258;
- To reflect significantly higher Midcontinent System Operator, Inc. transmission charges;
- To reflect higher property taxes; and
- To reflect other increases in the Company's costs.

As required by 4 CSR 240-2.065(1), this filing includes Ameren Missouri's direct testimony relating to this general rate increase request. Direct testimony is provided by the following witnesses:

| Michael Moehn | Policy; Case Overview |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Robert B. Hevert | Return on Equity |

Lynn M. Barnes Fuel Adjustment Clause; Transmission Charges/Revenues

Tracker

Andrew Meyer Off-System Sales; Volatility of FAC components William R. Davis Class Cost of Service Study; Rate Design; Tariff Issues

Laura M. Moore Revenue Requirement
Mark J. Peters Production Cost Modeling

Ryan J. Martin Capital Structure

Brenda I. Weber Cash Working Capital; Lead-Lag Study Kelly S. Hasenfratz Ameren Services Wages and Benefits

Jeffrey L. Dodd Ameren Services Costs; Cost Allocation Manual

Tara K. Oglesby Tariff Issues; Customer Experience

Julie Catron Communications

Also included with this letter is the certification required by 4 CSR 240-22.080(18).

I request that you please bring this filing to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel and see that a copy of all correspondence, notices, orders or other communications in connection with this matter and proceeding are furnished to the undersigned counsel for Ameren Missouri at the addresses listed in the letterhead above, and also to the following persons:

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Thank you for your assistance with this filing. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ James B. Lowery

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cc/enc: Missouri Public Service Commission Staff Counsel; Office of the Public Counsel

d/b/a Ameren Missouri Missouri Electric Operations Aggregate Annual Increase

The aggregate annual increase over current revenues produced by current base rates which the tariffs propose is \$206,363,720* for Ameren Missouri, an overall increase of approximately 7.8% on a pro forma basis.

The tariffs also rebase net fuel costs to reflect anticipated changes in the net fuel costs currently included in base rates, which absent the filing of this rate increase request, would have been included in periodic adjustments under Ameren Missouri's existing fuel adjustment clause (Rider FAC). Ninety-five percent of future deferrals of any increases or decreases in net fuel costs will continue to be recovered, in addition to base rates, through Rider FAC.

^{*} The targeted increase in base revenues from Ameren Missouri witness Laura M. Moore's direct testimony is \$206,403,000; however, rate rounding resulted in a shortfall of approximately \$39,000.

d/b/a Ameren Missouri

Missouri Electric Operations

| ADAIR | GENTRY | PEMISCOT |
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| AUDRAIN | HOWARD | PETTIS |
| BOLLINGER | IRON | PIKE |
| BOONE | JEFFERSON | RALLS |
| CALDWELL | KNOX | RANDOLPH |
| CALLAWAY | LEWIS | RAY |
| CAMDEN | LINCOLN | REYNOLDS |
| CAPE GIRARDEAU | LINN | ST. CHARLES |
| CARROLL | LIVINGSTON | ST. FRANCOIS |
| CHARITON | MADISON | STE. GENEVIEVE |
| CLARK | MARIES | ST. LOUIS CITY |
| CLAY | MARION | ST. LOUIS COUNTY |
| CLINTON | MILLER | SALINE |
| COLE | MISSISSIPPI | SCHUYLER |
| COOPER | MONITEAU | SCOTLAND |
| CRAWFORD | MONROE | SCOTT |
| DAVIESS | MONTGOMERY | STODDARD |
| DEKALB | MORGAN | SULLIVAN |
| DUNKLIN | NEW MADRID | WARREN |
| FRANKLIN | OSAGE | WASHINGTON |
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| Affton | Bel-Nor | Bucoda |
| Alexandria | Bel-Ridge | Buell |
| Allenton | Benton | Bunceton |
| Altamont | Benton City | Byrnes Mill |
| Amity | Berger | Cadet |
| Annada | Berkeley | Cairo |
| Anniston | Bernie | Caledonia |
| Antonia | Bertrand | Calverton Park |
| Arbyrd | Beverly Hills | Canaan |
| Arcadia | Big Spring | Canady |
| Argyle | Bismarck | Canalou |
| Arnold | Black Jack | Canton |
| Ashburn | Blackwater | Cape Girardeau |
| Ashland | Blackwell | Cardwell |
| Ashley | Bland | Carsonville |
| Athens | Blodgett | Caruth |
| Augusta | Bonne Terre | Caruthersville |
| Auxvasse | Bonnots Mill | Catawissa |
| Bagnell | Boonville | Catron |
| Ballwin | Bowling Green | Cave |
| Baring | Bragg City | Cave Springs |
| Barnett | Braggadocio | Cedar Hill |
| Barnhart | Brashear | Center |
| Belgrade | Brasher | Centertown |
| Bella Villa | Braymer | Chaffee |
| Bellair | Breckenridge | Chain of Rocks |
| Belle | Breckenridge Hills | Chamois |
| Bellefontaine Neighbors | Brentwood | Champ |
| Bellerive | Bridgeton | Charlack |
| Belleview | Bridgeton Terrace | Charleston |
| Bellflower | Brookfield | Chesterfield |
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| Clark | Deering | Fairport | |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|--|
| Clarksburg | Defiance | Fairview Acres | |
| Clarkson Valley | Dellwood | Farber | |
| Clarksville | Delta | Fenton | |
| Clarkton | Des Peres | Ferguson | |
| Clayton | Desloge | Festus | |
| Clifton Hill | De Soto | Flamm City | |
| Commerce | Dexter | Fletcher | |
| Concord | Dittmer | Flint Hill | |
| Concord Hill | Doe Run | Flordell Hills | |
| Cool Valley | Downing | Florence | |
| Cooter | Dutchtown | Florissant | |
| Corso | Dutzow | Foley | |
| Cottleville | East Prairie | Foristell | |
| Country Club Hills | Edgewood | Fortuna | |
| Country Life Acres | Edina | Four Seasons | |
| Cowgill | Edmundson | Frankclay | |
| Crestwood | Eldon | Frankford | |
| Creve Coeur | Ellisville | Franklin | |
| Crowder | Elmira | Freeburg | |
| Crystal City | Elsberry | Frontenac | |
| Crystal Lake Park | Elston | Gasconade | |
| Crystal Lakes | Eolia | Gerald | |
| Curryville | Essex | Gibbs | |
| Cyrene | Esther | Gibson | |
| Danville | Estill | Gideon | |
| Dardenne Prairie | Ethlyn | Gilmore | |
| Davis | Eugene | Glen Echo Park | |
| Dawn | Eureka | Glencoe | |
| De Lassus | Ewing | Glendale | |
| Deer Run | Excelsior Springs | Gordonville | |

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| Gorin | Holland | Klondike |
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| Graniteville | Holliday | Knob Lick |
| Grantwood Village | Hollywood | Knox City |
| Gray Summit | Holstein | Koeltztown |
| Green Castle | Holt | Labadie |
| Green City | Holts Summit | La Belle |
| Green Park | Hornersville | Laddonia |
| Greendale | Huntleigh | Ladue |
| Greentop | Huntsville | LaGrange |
| Grubville | Hurdland | Lake MyKee |
| Hallsville | Ilasco | Lake Ozark |
| Hamilton | Illmo | Lakeland |
| Hanley Hills | Iron Mountain Lake | Lakeshire |
| Hartsburg | Irondale | Lakeside |
| Harvester | Ironton | Lakeview |
| Hawk Point | Jamestown | Lambert |
| Hayti | Jefferson City | Lathrop |
| Hayti Heights | Jennings | Latty |
| Haywood City | Jonesburg | Lawson |
| Hazelwood | Josephville | Leadington |
| Hematite | Kaiser | Leadwood |
| Henke | Kampville | Leslie |
| Henley | Kearney | Lewistown |
| Herculaneum | Kelso | Liberty |
| Higbee | Kidder | Libertyville |
| High Hill | Kimmswick | Liguori |
| High Ridge | Kingdom City | Lilbourn |
| Highley Heights | Kingston | Linn |
| Hillsboro | Kinloch | Linn Creek |
| Hillsdale | Kirksville | Lohman |
| Holcomb | Kirkwood | Lonedell |

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| Loose Creek | Miner | North Lilbourn | |
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| Louisiana | Mineral Point | North Wardell | |
| Ludlow | Mirabile | Northwoods | |
| Luebbering | Moberly | Norwood Court | |
| Luray | Mokane | Noser Mill | |
| MacKenzie | Moline Acres | Novinger | |
| Madison | Montgomery City | Oakland | |
| Manchester | Mooresville | Oakville | |
| Mapaville | Morehouse | Oermann | |
| Maplewood | Morley | O'Fallon | |
| Marlborough | Morrison | Old Mines | |
| Marston | Morse Mill | Old Monroe | |
| Marthasville | Mosby | Olean | |
| Martinsburg | Moscow Mills | Olivette | |
| Marys Home | Moselle | Olney | |
| Maryknoll | Mt Sterling | Olympian Village | |
| Maryland Heights | Murphy | Oran | |
| Matson | Nelson | Orchard Farm | |
| Matthews | Nettleton | Osage Beach | |
| Maxville | New Bloomfield | Osage City | |
| Maysville | New Court | Osborn | |
| McFall | New Florence | Otterville | |
| McGirk | New Franklin | Otto | |
| McKittrick | New Hartford | Overland | |
| Mehlville | New Haven | Owensville | |
| Meta | New Hope | Pacific | |
| Mexico | New London | Pagedale | |
| Middle Brook | New Melle | Park Hills | |
| Middletown | New Truxton | Parkdale | |
| Millard | Newark | Parkway | |
| Mineola | Normandy | Parma | |

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| Pasadena Hills | Rosebud | St. Thomas | |
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| Pasadena Park | Rush Hill | Stark | |
| Paynesville | Russellville | State Line | |
| Peerless Park | Rutledge | Steele | |
| Peers | Santa Rosa | Stephens | |
| Pendleton | Saverton | Stover | |
| Peruque | Schubert | Sturgeon | |
| Pevely | Scott City | Sublette | |
| Pilot Grove | Scottsdale | Sulphur Springs | |
| Pilot Knob | Selma | Sunset Hills | |
| Pine Lawn | Senath | Sycamore Hills | |
| Piney Park | Shrewsbury | Syracuse | |
| Plattsburg | Silex | Taos | |
| Polo | Smithton | Tenbrook | |
| Portage Des Sioux | Speed | Thompson | |
| Portageville | Spring Town | Tiff | |
| Potosi | South Gorin | Tipton | |
| Prairie Home | St. Albans | Town & Country | |
| Prathersville | St. Ann | Townley | |
| Queen City | St. Catherine | Treloar | |
| Rayville | St. Charles | Troy | |
| Renick | St. Clair | Truesdale | |
| Revere | St. Clement | Truxton | |
| Rhineland | St. Elizabeth | Turney | |
| Rich Fountain | St. Francisville | Turpin | |
| Richmond Heights | St. George | Tuscumbia | |
| Richwoods | St. John | Twin Oaks | |
| Risco | St. Louis | Union | |
| Riverview | St. Martins | University City | |
| Rock Hill | St. Paul | Uplands Park | |
| Rockview | St. Peters | Utica | |

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| Valles Mines | Wardsville | Westphalia |
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| Valley Park | Ware | Westwood |
| Vandiver | Warrenton | Whiteside |
| Vanduser | Warson Woods | Whiting |
| Velda City | Washington | Wilbur Park |
| Velda Village Hills | Wayland | Wildwood |
| Versailles | Weatherby | Williamsburg |
| Vibbard | Weber Hill | Winchester |
| Viburnum | Webster Groves | Winfield |
| Victoria | Weldon Spring | Winston |
| Vienna | Weldon Spring Heights | Wood Heights |
| Villa Ridge | Wellston | Woodson Terrace |
| Vinita Park | Wellsville | Wright City |
| Vinita Terrace | Wentzville | Wyaconda |
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Missouri Electric Operations

Number of Customers Affected by General Category of Service and Rate Classification

As of March 31, 2016

| Service and Rate Classification* | Number of Customers |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Residential Service | 1,048,075 |
| Small General Service | 147,370 |
| Large General Service | 10,408 |
| Small Primary Service | 665 |
| Large Primary Service | 66 |
| Large Transmission Service | 0 |
| Industrial Aluminum Smelter | 0 |
| Lighting Service – Company Owned | 52,456 |
| Lighting Service – Customer Owned | 1,569 |
| TOTAL CUSTOMERS | 1,260,609 |

^{*} Ameren Missouri's general categories of service and rate classifications for electric service are substantially the same.

d/b/a Ameren Missouri

Missouri Electric Operations

Proposed Average Annual Change Per Customer Requested in Dollars and Percentage Change from Current Base Rates

| Service and Rate Classification* | Average Annual Change | Percentage Change |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Residential Service | \$99 | 8.29% |
| Small General Service | \$164 | 7.82% |
| Large General Service | \$4,062 | 7.01% |
| Small Primary Service | \$25,174 | 6.98% |
| Large Primary Service | \$248,381 | 7.82% |
| Large Transmission Service | Not Applicable | 7.76% |
| Industrial Aluminum Smelter | Not Applicable | 3.88% |
| Lighting – Company Owned | \$44 | 6.36% |
| Lighting – Customer Owned | \$240 | 9.94% |

^{*} Ameren Missouri's general categories of service and rate classifications for electric service are substantially the same.

d/b/a Ameren Missouri

Missouri Electric Operations Proposed Annual Aggregate Change and Percentage Change in Revenues from Current Base Rates

| Service and Rate Classification* | Annual Aggregate Change (in \$000's) | Percentage Change |
|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Residential Service | \$104,020 | 8.29% |
| Small General Service | \$24,232 | 7.82% |
| Large General Service | \$42,277 | 7.01% |
| Small Primary Service | \$16,741 | 6.98% |
| Large Primary Service | \$16,393 | 7.82% |
| Large Transmission Service | Not Applicable | 7.76% |
| Industrial Aluminum Smelter | Not Applicable | 3.88% |
| Lighting - Company Owned | \$2,324 | 6.36% |
| Lighting – Customer Owned | \$376 | 9.94% |
| TOTAL** | \$206,364 | 7.76% |

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^{**}The targeted increase in base revenues from Ameren Missouri witness Laura M. Moore's direct testimony is \$206,403,000; however, rate rounding resulted in a shortfall of approximately \$39,000.

CERTIFICATION

I, Warren Wood, Vice-President of External Affairs and Communications for Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri do hereby provide the certification required by 4 CSR 240-22.080(18), as follows:

This general rate case filing in which this Certification is filed is consistent with the Company's Preferred Plan as identified in the Company' Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP"), last submitted in October 2014.

Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri

Warren Wood, Vice-President

External Affairs and Communications