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

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In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri for Permission and Approval and a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to Offer a Pilot Subscriber Solar Program and File Associated Tariff.

File No. EA-2016-0207

### APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A SUBSCRIBER SOLAR PILOT TARIFF

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri" or "Applicant" or "the Company"), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060 and Section 393.140(11) RSMo., and hereby submits to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") its Application for Approval of a Subscriber Solar Pilot Rider. In support of its request, Applicant states as follows:

### I. APPLICANT

1. Union Electric Company is a Missouri corporation doing business under the fictitious name of Ameren Missouri, in good standing in all respects, with its principal office and place of business located at One Ameren Plaza, 1901 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63103. Applicant is engaged in providing electric and gas utility services in portions of Missouri as a public utility under the jurisdiction of the Commission. There is already on file with the Commission a certified copy of Applicant's Articles of Incorporation (See Case No. EA-87-105), and Applicant's Fictitious Name Registrations as filed with the Missouri Secretary of State's Office (See Case Nos. EN-2011-0069 and GN-2011-0070). A Certificate of Corporate Good Standing for Ameren Missouri is attached as Schedule A.

2. Pleadings, notices, orders and other correspondence and communications concerning this Application should be addressed to the undersigned counsel and to:

Tom Byrne Senior Director Regulatory Affairs Ameren Missouri, MC 1450 1901 Chouteau Avenue St. Louis, MO 63103 314-554-2514 (phone) tbyrne@ameren.com

3. Ameren Missouri has no pending action or final unsatisfied judgment or decision against it from any state or federal agency or court which involves customer service or rates, which action, judgment, or decision has occurred within three years of the date of this Application.

4. Applicant has no overdue annual report or assessment fees.

## II. REQUEST FOR TARIFF APPROVAL

5. At this time, Ameren Missouri is requesting approval of its Subscriber Solar Pilot Program tariff. The pilot will allow customers to voluntarily subscribe to a tariff supporting the development of additional solar facilities constructed by Ameren Missouri.

6. As part of this pilot, Applicant will construct new solar generation facility(ies) in addition to the one it operates in O'Fallon, Missouri, and in addition to the one it expects to construct in Montgomery County, Missouri. This pilot is in furtherance of the Company's commitment to renewable energy generation and is another step in Ameren Missouri's investment in solar generation in the state of Missouri. Applicant currently supports Missouri solar development through solar rebate payments, paying approximately \$100 million in rebates to its customers since 2010. In addition, Ameren Missouri has established a solar learning center

in its offices where it has tested various types of solar power generation and operates a methaneto-megawatts generating facility in Maryland Heights, Missouri.

7. Ameren Missouri requests the Missouri Public Service Commission approve the Subscriber Solar Pilot Rider, a copy of which is filed along with this Application. The Company believes there is a base of customers who either cannot or do not wish to place solar panels on their homes or businesses but still desire to support the development of renewable energy in the Company's service territory. This pilot is designed to meet that customer need.

8. Along with this Application, Ameren Missouri is filing the direct testimony of William Barbieri and Michael Harding to further explain the reasons for the pilot as well as how the pilot will be conducted.

9. Although it is not part of this initial filing, Ameren Missouri will file an application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") at a later date. The Company believes implementing this pilot program will be a two part process, whereby the tariff is approved first and the CCN subsequently approved. The Company has not yet identified the location(s) for the solar facility(ies) and therefore does not have the details necessary to make a CCN request at this time. It does, however, need the tariff to be approved in order to begin obtaining subscribers so that it can determine the size of the facility which will be the subject of the later CCN request. Consequently, this Application requests the Commission to approve the Subscriber Solar Pilot Program Rider.

**WHEREFORE**, Ameren Missouri respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order approving the Subscriber Solar Pilot program tariff.

Respectfully submitted,

## <u>/s/ Wendy Tatro</u>

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the public version of the foregoing Application has been e-mailed, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016, to the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff and to the Office of the Public Counsel.

/s/ Wendy K. Tatro Wendy K. Tatro

### VERIFICATION

**STATE OF MISSOURI** ) SS **CITY OF ST. LOUIS** 

WILLIAM J. BARBIERI, being duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that he is the Director, Renewable Strategy, Policy and Generation of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri, that he has read the foregoing Application, knows the contents thereof, and that the information contained in that application is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that he has proper authority to verify the Application.

UNION ELECTRIC CO. d/b/a AMEREN MISSOURI

BY: William J. Barbai

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for the county and state aforesaid, on the <u>26</u> day of <u>April</u>, 2016.

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My Commission expires: 2.21-18

**BECKIE J. EAVES** Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for St. Louis City My Commission Expires: February 21, 2018 Commission Number: 14938572



Jason Kander Secretary of State

## CORPORATION DIVISION CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

I, JASON KANDER, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, do hereby certify that the records in my office and in my care and custody reveal that

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was created under the laws of this State on the 21st day of November, 1922, and is in good standing, having fully complied with all requirements of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri. Done at the City of Jefferson, this 8th day of April, 2016.

Secretary of State

Certification Number: CERT-04082016-0092

