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

Enrique and Sylvia Hermo	sillo,	)	
	Complainants,	)	
٧.		)	File No. EC-2014-0196
Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri,		)	
	Respondent.	)	

## ORDER GIVING NOTICE OF CONTESTED CASE AND DIRECTING ANSWER

Issue Date: December 24, 2013 Effective Date: December 24, 2013

On December 20, 2013, Complainants filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") against Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Respondent"). A copy of the complaint accompanies this notice. This is a contested case<sup>1</sup> pursuant to Section 386.390, RSMo 2000.

The Commission will set a deadline for Respondent to file an answer. In the alternative, the Respondent may file a written request that the complaint be referred to a neutral third-party mediator for voluntary mediation of the complaint. Upon receipt of a request for mediation, the 30-day time period shall be tolled while the Commission ascertains whether the Complainants are also willing to submit to voluntary mediation. If Complainants agree to mediation, the time period within which an answer is due shall be suspended pending the resolution of the mediation process. Additional information

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A "'[c]ontested case' means a proceeding before an agency in which legal rights, duties or privileges of specific parties are required by law to be determined after hearing." Section 536.010.4, RSMo Supp. 2012.

regarding the mediation process is enclosed. If Complainants decline the opportunity to seek mediation, Respondent will be notified in writing that the tolling has ceased and will also be notified of the date by which an answer or notice of satisfaction must be filed. That period will usually be the remainder of the original 30-day period.

As required by Section 536.067(2)(f), RSMo 2000, the Commission informs the parties that the Commission's provisions governing procedures before the Commission, including provisions relating to discovery, are found at Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send, by certified mail, a copy of this notice and order and a copy of the complaint to Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri, at:

Legal Department Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri 1901 Chouteau Avenue P.O. Box 66149 (MC 1310) St. Louis, Missouri 63166-6149

2. Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri shall file an answer to this complaint or request for mediation no later than January 23, 2014, and serve a copy upon the Complainants. All pleadings (the answer, the notice of satisfaction of complaint or request for mediation) shall be mailed to:

Secretary of the Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

or filed using the Commission's electronic filing and information service.

- 3. The Commission's Data Center shall send a copy of this notice and the Commission's procedural rules, 4 CSR 240-2, to the Complainants' counsel.
  - 4. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013.