

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held by telephone/internet  
audio conference on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
May, 2020.

In the Matter of Union Electric Company )  
d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tariffs to Decrease ) **File No. ER-2019-0335**  
Its Revenues for Electric Service )

**ORDER APPROVING MODIFICATION OF SECOND  
NON-UNANIMOUS STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT**

Issue Date: May 21, 2020

Effective Date: May 31, 2020

On May 4, 2020, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (Ameren Missouri) and the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a joint motion to modify the Second Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement, which was approved by the Commission in its March 18, 2020 Order Approving Stipulation and Agreements. The stipulation and agreement, which was not opposed, provided for certain payments by Ameren Missouri to consumer action agencies to be used for “low-income weatherization or for assistance to low-income customers for such customers’ participation in Ameren Missouri’s energy efficiency programs.”<sup>1</sup> Due to the COVID-19 state and national emergency, Ameren Missouri and Public Counsel have agreed that \$3.5 million of the funds donated by Ameren Missouri and originally intended to be applied toward low-income weatherization projects, would be better used to provide low-income energy assistance to Ameren Missouri’s electric customers needing assistance with paying their electric bills.

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<sup>1</sup> Second Stipulation and Agreement, (filed March 9, 2020), para. 3.b.

Based on their agreement, Ameren Missouri and Public Counsel ask that the Commission approve a modification of paragraph 3.b of the Second Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement as set out in the ordered paragraph below. With respect to the \$3.5 million to be donated in calendar year 2020 for residential customer energy assistance, Ameren Missouri anticipates that the funding will be phased in over the remainder of the year to help those in need with their current past due balances, summer past due balances, and past-due balances this fall and winter. Ameren Missouri will work with community action agencies and other energy assistance agencies throughout the state to administer the funds. Ameren Missouri will provide a quarterly report to Public Counsel on how the funds were distributed.

The Commission directed any responses to the proposed amendment be filed no later than May 14, 2020. No responses were received. After reviewing the unopposed amendment, the Commission finds the amendment is reasonable and it should be approved. The Commission also finds that because this amendment will aid Ameren Missouri's customers during the current state and national emergency, this order should become effective in less than 30 days.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Joint Motion to Modify Requirements of Second Stipulation and Agreement filed by Ameren Missouri and Public Counsel on May 4, 2020 is approved.

2. The Second Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement is amended so that paragraph 3.b of that agreement reads as set out below. The signatory parties are directed to comply with its terms.

b. Ameren Missouri shall donate \$3.5 million to the fourteen consumer action agencies that administer low-income weatherization assistance programs ("LIWAP") in its service territory and \$500,000 (provided concurrently with the effective date of new base rates set in this proceeding) to the consumer

action agency headquarters for a total of \$4.0 million, to be spent on low-income weatherization or for assistance to low-income customers for such customers' participation in Ameren Missouri's energy efficiency programs.<sup>2</sup> With respect to the foregoing \$4.0 million donation, it is agreed that Ameren Missouri and OPC will collaborate together to decide on the appropriate allocation of the \$4.0 million in funds among the 14 agencies and on the appropriate timing for the use of the funds (which Ameren Missouri and OPC agree are to be exhausted by December 31, 2022). In this regard, Ameren Missouri and OPC agree that the goal of the collaboration and the decisions arising from it is to maximize the effectiveness of the funds for assisting low-income customers; provided, that if Ameren Missouri and OPC cannot agree on these matters, they agree to take the matters to the Commission for resolution by December 31, 2021. In addition, Ameren Missouri shall donate \$3.5 million for low-income energy assistance in calendar year 2020; and

3. Ameren Missouri shall work with community action agencies and other energy assistance agencies throughout the state to administer the \$3.5 million to be used for residential customer energy assistance to help those in need with their current past due balances, summer past due balances, and past-due balances this fall/winter. Ameren Missouri shall provide a quarterly report to Public Counsel on how these funds are distributed.

4. This order shall be effective on May 31, 2020.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, Coleman, and  
Holsman CC., concur.

Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

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<sup>2</sup> The \$500,000 paid to the Missouri Community Action Network agency headquarters is not for weatherization but is instead for headquarters administration and/or training for the other consumer action agencies.