

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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 DENYING MOTION TO AMEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: February 6, 2020

Effective Date: February 6, 2020

On January 31, 2020, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (Ameren Missouri), the Staff of the Commission (Staff), Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers (MIEC), Missouri Division of Energy, Renew Missouri Advocates, Sierra Club, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Midwest Energy Consumers Group (MECG) filed a joint motion requesting that certain procedural dates, including the informal settlement conference, be changed. The motion stated that the other two parties, Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and Missouri Energy Consumers Group (MECG), were not opposed. The Commission granted the unopposed joint motion.

Also on January 31, 2020, Public Counsel filed a separate motion to amend the procedural schedule. Public Counsel's motion requests the dates for filing surrebuttal, filing the list of issues, and providing positions to Staff for the final reconciliation be extended by two days. In support of its motion, Public Counsel states that moving the surrebuttal deadline would provide it with additional time after the settlement conference to continue settlement discussions, as has historically happened in general rate cases. Otherwise, Public Counsel implies that it will have no time to continue settlement discussions, because it will need to focus on the preparation of surrebuttal testimony. MIEC and Sierra Club made filings supporting Public Counsel's request. Ameren

Missouri is opposed to the changes, arguing that Public Counsel’s extensions will affect the time that it and the other parties can devote to final discovery, the issues list, and the position statements.

The Commission has considered the replies and responses and determines that the motion should be denied. The Commission set the procedural schedule in this case on August 15, 2019, intending to allow sufficient time for the parties and the Commission to prepare for the evidentiary hearing. The Commission will not alter those filing deadlines when doing so would affect the time available for the parties to prepare issues lists and position statements and the time available for the Commission to review all the testimony and other filings in preparation for the hearing.¹

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Public Counsel’s Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule is denied.
2. This order is effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 6th day of February, 2020.

¹ The Commission does not imply that it would not extend deadlines that are the result of or would aid in productive settlement discussions where there is consensus as to those alterations.