

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 5th day of January, 2022.

In the Matter of the Adjustment of Union)
Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's) **File No. ER-2022-0141**
Fuel Adjustment Clause for the 38th) Tariff No. YE-2022-0163
Accumulation Period)

In the Matter of the True-Up of Union Electric)
Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Fuel) **File No. EO-2022-0142**
Adjustment Clause for the 35th Recovery)
Period)

**ORDER APPROVING FUEL ADJUSTMENT TRUE-UP
AND APPROVING TARIFF TO CHANGE FUEL ADJUSTMENT RATES**

Issue Date: January 5, 2022

Effective Date: February 1, 2022

In File No. EO-2022-0142, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri submitted its true-up filing related to the company's fuel adjustment clause, as provided by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9). The true-up filing concerns billing months February 2021 through September 2021, which are designated Recovery Period 35 (RP35). Ameren Missouri's filing indicates during RP35 it under-recovered \$2,191,826 from customers. Ameren Missouri testified that the under-recovery was due to the difference between actual and estimated kilowatt hour (kWh) sales and recalculations.¹ On December 23, 2021, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) recommended the Commission approve Ameren Missouri's true-up filing. The true-up amount and interest

¹ Ameren Missouri, *Direct Testimony of J. Neil Graser*, p. 4 (File No. ER-2022-0141).

refund of \$813,522 for RP35 are included in the calculation of the fuel adjustment rates (FARs) proposed by Ameren Missouri's filing in File No. ER-2022-0141.

On November 24, 2021, Ameren Missouri filed a proposed tariff sheet in File Nos. ER-2022-0141 and EO-2022-0142, proposing to decrease the company's FARs, as provided by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8). Ameren Missouri proposes to decrease the FARs per kWh from \$0.00401 to \$0.00270 for primary service and from \$0.00414 to \$0.00279 for secondary service, effective February 1, 2022. Ameren Missouri's filing indicates the decreased rates reflect changes in actual net energy costs experienced by the company during June 2021 through September 2021, which are designated Accumulation Period 38 (AP38). Ameren Missouri explained the decrease in FARs as follows:

The primary factors driving this change in the FAR were accidental outage insurance proceeds received and higher off-system sales margins, partially offset by higher fuel and purchased power costs for load in [AP]38 as compared to [AP]36 and the net base energy costs applicable to each period. Increases in the off-system sales margins is primarily due to increased volumes being available for sale since the Callaway outage affected fewer days in AP38 compared to AP36. Increases in the fuel costs for load during [AP]38 as compared to [AP]36 and the net base energy costs applicable to each period is primarily due to increased energy costs.²

For a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month of secondary service, the tariff decreases the fuel adjustment charge by approximately \$1.35 per month, from \$4.14 to \$2.79 per month.

On December 23, 2021, Staff recommended the Commission issue an order to approving Ameren Missouri's proposed tariff sheet to be effective on February 1, 2022,

² Ameren Missouri, *Direct Testimony of J. Neil Graser*, pp. 4-5, (File No. ER-2022-0141).

subject to true-up and prudence reviews. The Commission has received no other responses to Ameren Missouri's filings in these cases.

On the basis of Staff's review and recommendation and Ameren Missouri's uncontested filings, the Commission concludes Ameren Missouri's true-up filing and amount in File No. EO-2022-0142 should be approved. In addition, based on Staff's review and recommendation, the Commission finds the proposed tariff sheet, filed on November 24, 2021, and Ameren Missouri's calculation of its FAR is in compliance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090, the requirements of Section 386.266, RSMo, and its Commission-approved FAC tariff.

To allow the tariff sheet to take effect on Ameren Missouri's desired effective date of February 1, 2022, the Commission will issue its order with an effective date fewer than 30 days from the date of issuance.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Ameren Missouri's true-up filing and true-up amount for RP35 is approved.
2. The following tariff sheet, assigned Tariff No. YE-2022-0163, is approved as a periodic rate adjustment, subject to adjustments or refunds resulting from true-up and prudence review, and shall be effective on February 1, 2022:

MO. P.S.C. Schedule No. 6

5th Revised Sheet No. 71.15, Canceling 4th Revised Sheet No. 71.15

3. This order shall be effective on February 1, 2022.
4. Each file shall close on February 2, 2022.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Seyer, Regulatory Law Judge

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 5th day of January, 2022.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

January 5, 2022

File/Case No. ER-2022-0141 and EO-2022-0142

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

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**Morris L. Woodruff
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