

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 17th day of October, 2019.

In the Matter of the Application of Union)	
Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri)	<u>File No. ET-2018-0132</u>
for Approval of Efficient Electrification)	Tracking No. YE-2020-0025
Program)	

ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

Issue Date: October 17, 2019

Effective Date: October 27, 2019

On February 22, 2018, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (Ameren Missouri) filed an application and accompanying tariff sheets seeking approval of two new tariffed programs that were collectively referred to as the "Charge Ahead" program. The Charge Ahead program included, among other things, proposed tariffs to implement four subprograms of an electric vehicle charging station incentives program. The four subprograms were: corridor charging; multi-family charging; public charging (also known as "around town charging"); and workplace charging. Of the four sub-programs, only corridor charging was approved by the Commission in its Report and Order issued in this case on February 6, 2019. The Commission also opened a working group file to continue to examine potential mechanisms for the facilitation of electric vehicle charging station installations. That working group, File No. EW-2019-0229, is ongoing.

On August 8, 2019, Ameren Missouri, the Commission's Staff (Staff), and the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a stipulation and agreement with attached tariffs designed to allow Ameren Missouri to pursue multifamily, public, and workplace electric vehicle charging station incentive options, but as modified by the terms

of the stipulation and agreement. In order to review the Staff Report that was filed on September 30, 2019, in the working group file and receive more information about the proposed tariffs, the Commission issued an order suspending the tariffs until November 6, 2019, and setting an on-the-record presentation. The on-the-record presentation was held on October 9, 2019.

The major terms of the stipulation and agreement, include a \$6.6 million budget for the three sub-programs, with allocations, incentive caps, power limits, and other program-related rules as detailed in the tariffs (Attachment A) and program process document (Attachment B). Ameren Missouri will manage the budget so that a maximum of \$6 million is allocated for incentives and \$600,000 is allocated for administrative and marketing expenses. The stipulation and agreement also limits incentives for ancillary costs by providing that any line extension costs required to facilitate electric vehicle charging station installations that are subject to Ameren Missouri's Distribution System Extension tariffs fall outside of the budget allotted to electric vehicle charging station incentives. The parties also agreed that any investments related to electric vehicle charging station installations are associated with new revenue, and do not meet the definition of "qualifying electric plant" found in the plant-in-service account provisions of Section 393.1400, RSMo. The parties agreed that it is also appropriate to monitor and limit these costs, even if they occur outside of the \$6.6 million budget.

According to the agreement, the program will begin on January 1, 2020, and will continue for three calendar years with renewal of the sub-programs for an additional two years if Ameren Missouri demonstrates positive results from the sub-programs' implementations. Ameren Missouri will also record and report to the Commission certain statistics to support a conclusion that the program is or is not viable, such as: program

participation level, number of completed charging station projects, estimated peak demand impacts of electric vehicle charging, and any significant customer complaints, or lack thereof, related to the program.

Additionally, the parties' agreement provides for Ameren Missouri to use a deferral accounting mechanism to track the sub-program costs and administrative expenses as a regulatory asset. Rate treatment of that regulatory asset will be determined in future rate cases. This deferral accounting mechanism will be similar to the one the Commission approved in the Report and Order¹ for the Charge Ahead EV Charging Corridor.

Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-2.115(2)(B) allows nonsignatory parties seven days to object to a nonunanimous stipulation and agreement. More than seven days have passed and no party objected. Renew Missouri Advocates, d/b/a Renew Missouri, ChargePoint, Inc., and the Sierra Club and National Resources Defense Council filed statements in support of the stipulation and agreement. At the on-the-record presentation, all parties in attendance stated they either supported the agreement, or did not object to it.

Based on the verified filings, the Commission finds and concludes that the stipulation and agreement and the attached tariffs (Tariff Tracking No. YE-2020-0025) support safe and adequate service at just and reasonable rates and is in the public interest. The Commission incorporates the provisions of the Stipulation and Agreement into this order as if fully set forth herein.

¹File No. ET-2018-0132, *Report and Order*, (issued on February 6, 2019), pp. 30-31.

In addition, because no party objects to the tariffs becoming effective and the Commission has determined that they are in the public interest, the Commission will make this order effective in less than 30 days.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Stipulation and Agreement filed on August 8, 2019, and attached hereto is approved. The attached stipulation and agreement is incorporated into this order as if set forth herein.
2. The signatories to the agreement are ordered to comply with the provisions of the stipulation and agreement.
3. The tariff submitted under Tariff Tracking No. YE-2020-0025 is approved to become effective on October 27, 2019.
4. This order shall be effective on October 27, 2019.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Hall, and
Coleman, CC., concur.
Rupp, C., dissents.

Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge