

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 8th day of January, 2020.

In the Matter of the Adjustment of Union)	
Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's)	<u>File No. ER-2020-0143</u>
Fuel Adjustment Clause for the 32 nd)	Tracking No. JE-2020-0088
Accumulation Period)	

In the Matter of the True-Up of Union)	
Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's)	<u>File No. ER-2020-0144</u>
Fuel Adjustment Clause for the 29 th)	
Recovery Period)	

**ORDER RESOLVING ANNUAL FUEL ADJUSTMENT
CLAUSE TRUE-UP AND TARIFF**

Issue Date: January 8, 2020

Effective Date: January 27, 2020

On November 22, 2019, in File Number ER-2020-0143, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (Ameren Missouri) submitted an application seeking approval to adjust its Fuel Adjustment Rates (FARs) used to calculate its Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment Clause (FAC) charge billed to customers for Accumulation Period 32 (AP32). Ameren Missouri also seeks approval of its 29th true-up filing for its FAC in File Number ER-2020-0144. Ameren Missouri requests that the Commission authorize these adjustments and allow them to be implemented by its revised FAC tariff sheet, Tracking Number JE-2020-0088. The submitted tariff sheet bears an effective date of January 27, 2020.

Ameren Missouri's FAC and the Commission's rules require a true-up of the amounts collected from customers through the FAC, with any over- or under-recovered

amounts refunded or billed to customers through prospective adjustments to the FAR calculation.

The Commission's Staff filed a recommendation regarding Ameren Missouri's true-up in ER-2020-0144, on December 20, 2019. Staff explained that the true-up amount identified is the result of an under-recovery from customers of \$107,127, without interest, during Recovery Period 29 (RP29), which includes the billing months of February 2019 through September 2019. The FAC also provides for the recovery of applicable interest on the difference between the actual net energy costs and the net base energy costs at Ameren Missouri's short-term borrowing rate. Ameren Missouri's total accrued interest, including for RP29, was \$652,722. The combination of the true-up under-recovery and the interest results in a total over-recovery from customers for RP29 of \$545,595. These amounts are used in the calculation of the Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment amount included in Ameren Missouri's AP32 adjustment filing pending in ER-2020-0143. Staff recommends the Commission approve Ameren Missouri's RP29 true-up filing.

The Commission's Staff also filed a recommendation in ER-2020-0143 regarding Ameren Missouri's adjustment of its FAC for the 32nd Accumulation Period. Staff verified that Ameren Missouri's actual fuel and purchased power costs match the fuel and purchased power costs included in the company's calculated rates set in the submitted tariff sheet. Based on an average of 1,000kWh monthly household usage, the proposed change to the residential customer class would increase the Fuel Adjustment Charge of an average Ameren Missouri residential customer by \$.59, from a credit of \$1.36 to a credit of \$.77 per month.¹ Staff advises the Commission to approve the tariff sheet to

¹ Ameren Missouri witness Marci L. Althoff's testimony explains the increase is due to lower fuel costs, decreased off-system sales resulting from reduced generating resource availability due to flooding, and an increase in load due to warmer than expected temperatures in September 2019.

become effective on its January 27, 2020, effective date.

The Commission's rule regarding FACs requires the Commission to issue an order approving or rejecting the company's tariff within 60 days of its filing. If the FAC rate adjustment complies with the Commission's rule, the governing statute, Section 386.266, RSMo, and the established FAC mechanism, the Commission is required to approve the rate adjustment or allow the proposed tariff implementing the adjustment go into effect by operation of law.

Neither the governing statute nor any other law requires a hearing before approving the unopposed application.² Based on the Commission's review of the verified filings, the Commission finds that it is in the public interest to approve Ameren Missouri's true-up filing for inclusion in the next FAC accumulation period. The Commission further finds that the tariff sheet implementing the FAC rate adjustment is in compliance with the Commission's order establishing the FAC and with all applicable statutes and regulations. Therefore, the Commission will approve Ameren Missouri's proposed tariff.

Section 386.490, RSMo 2016, states all Commission orders become effective 30 days after issuance unless otherwise provided. The Commission will make this order effective on January 27, 2020, to match the effective date of Ameren Missouri's tariff.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The true-up amount for Recovery Period 29 is established for Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri as an under-collection of \$107,127, without interest, and accrued interest of \$652,722, for a total over-recovery from customers for Recovery Period 29 of \$545,595. This true-up amount has been reflected in the rate adjustment

² *State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Ent., Inc. v. Public Service Commission*, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App.1989).

proposed in Commission File No. ER-2020-0144, and implemented by the rate adjustment proposed for the 32nd Accumulation Period in ER-2020-0143.

2. Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's tariff sheet assigned Tracking No. JE-2020-0088 is approved to be effective January 27, 2020, as an interim rate adjustment, subject to true-up and prudence reviews. The tariff approved is:

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

8th Revised Sheet No. 74.13, Canceling 7th Revised Sheet No. 74.13

3. This order shall become effective on January 27, 2020.
4. These files shall close on January 28, 2020.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Hatcher, Regulatory Law Judge