

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 19th day of June, 2014.

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a)	
Ameren Missouri's Filing to Implement Regulatory)	<u>File No. EO-2012-0142</u>
Changes in Furtherance of Energy Efficiency)	Tariff No. YE-2014-0473
as Allowed by MEEIA)	

**ORDER APPROVING TERMINATION OF ENERGY STAR
NEW HOMES PROGRAM, AND APPROVING TARIFF**

Issue Date: June 19, 2014

Effective Date: June 21, 2014

On May 22, 2014, Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri, filed a Notification indicating its intent to terminate its Energy Star New Homes Program. At the same time, it issued a revised tariff sheet to implement that change. The revised tariff carries an effective date of June 21. Staff filed a recommendation on June 6, advising the Commission to approve the company's termination of the program and to approve the implementing tariff.

Staff's recommendation explains that the Energy Star New Homes Program was intended to encourage home builders to build energy efficient homes. However, an independent evaluation of the program for Program Year 2013 showed that the program was not cost efficient. Essentially, the program has paid builders to incorporate energy-efficient elements that they would have incorporated even without the incentive program.

That creates what is known as a “free-rider” inefficiency. Staff agrees that the program is inefficient and should be terminated.¹

Commission rule 4 CSR 240-20.094(5) allows an electric utility to apply to the Commission to discontinue a demand-side program. The rule requires the Commission to approve or reject such an application within 30 days, after providing an opportunity for a hearing. No party has requested a hearing, so no hearing is necessary.

After considering the verified application, along with Staff’s recommendation, the Commission finds that Ameren Missouri’s application to discontinue its Energy Star New Homes Program should be granted. The Commission will also approve the tariff that implements that discontinuation. Because the tariff will take effect on June 21, the Commission will make this order effective on that date.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Ameren Missouri’s discontinuation of its Energy Star New Homes Program is approved.
2. Ameren Missouri’s Tariff No. YE-2014-0473, is approved to become effective on June 21, 2014. The specific tariff sheet approved is:

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

1st Revised Sheet No. 197, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 197

¹ Staff also noted that Ameren Missouri’s Notification was an application that is required to be verified by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060. Staff conditioned its approval on Ameren Missouri supplying the required verification. Ameren Missouri filed the verifying affidavit of Warren Wood on June 13.

3. This order shall become effective on June 21, 2014.

BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff

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Secretary

R. Kenney, Chm., Stoll, W. Kenney
Hall, and Rupp, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge