

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 9th day
of April, 2018.

In the Matter of the Adjustment of Union Electric)
Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri’s Fuel Adjustment)
Clause for the 27th Accumulation Period)
File No. ER-2018-0255
Tracking No. YE-2018-0120

In the Matter of the True-Up of Union Electric)
Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri’s Fuel Adjustment)
Annual Fuel Adjustment Clause True-Up)
File No. ER-2018-0256

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

Issue Date: May 9, 2018

Effective Date: May 24, 2018

On March 23, 2018, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri submitted an application containing its true-up filing for its Fuel Adjustment Clause (“FAC”). Ameren Missouri requests that the Commission authorize a true-up adjustment and implement it under its FAC tariff. Also on March 23, 2018, Ameren Missouri filed a proposed tariff sheet to adjust its fuel adjustment rates (Tracking No. YE-2018-0120) used to determine customer charges related to its FAC. The submitted tariff bears an effective date of May 24, 2018. The Commission received no applications to intervene.

FAC True-Up

In File No. ER-2018-0256, the true-up amount identified in this filing is the result of an over-recovery of \$122,059 from its customers during Recovery Period 24 (“RP24”). RP24 includes the billing months of June 2017 through January 2018 and is

the recovery period for and following Accumulation Period 24 (AP24). AP24 includes the period of October 1, 2016, through January 31, 2017. After applying the interest to be recovered from customer for AP24 of \$513,255, Ameren Missouri has a total under-recovery of \$391,197 for RP24. The true-up amount for RP24 is included in Ameren Missouri's proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates for Accumulation Period 27 ("AP27") in File No. ER-2018-0255.

Staff examined the direct testimony of Marci Althoff and the supporting schedules Ameren Missouri provided with its application in this case. Staff verified that Ameren Missouri has filed its 2017 annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Ameren Missouri is current on the filing of its Surveillance Monitoring reports as required in 4 CSR 240-20.090(10) and its monthly reports as required by 4 CSR 240-3.161(5). Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing, except as noted herein. Staff recommends the Commission approve Ameren Missouri's RP24 true-up filing, which indicates Ameren Missouri over-collected \$122,059 from its customers (the true-up amount of RP 24), and accrued interest of \$513,255.¹ These adjustments for RP24 would then be included in Ameren Missouri's AP27 adjustment filing in File No. ER-2018-0255.

Neither the governing statute² nor any other law requires a hearing before approving the unopposed application.³ Because this is a non-contested case, the

¹ The accrued interest of \$513,255 during RP24 includes AP24 interest of \$23,269 and interest for True-Up Period 21 of \$489,986.

² Section 386.266, RSMo 2016. This section provides for a hearing when the FAC is approved, modified or rejected. It does not require a hearing when annual true-ups are filed by the company. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.090(5) states the Commission may hold a hearing if needed, one is not required.

³ Section 536.010(4), RSMo 2016, defines a contested as "a proceeding before an agency in which legal rights, duties or privileges of specific parties are required by law to be determined after hearing." *State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Ent., Inc. v. Public Service Commission*, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App.1989).

Commission acts on evidence that is not formally adduced and preserved.⁴ There is no evidentiary record.⁵ Consequently, the Commission bases its decision on the parties' verified filings. Based on the Commission's independent and impartial review of the verified filings, the Commission finds that it is in the public interest to approve Ameren Missouri's application and authorize it to include the calculated amounts in its next FAC accumulation period as previously described.

FAC Tariff

With regard to Ameren Missouri's request to approve its FAC tariff for the 27th Accumulation Period in File No. ER-2018-0255, the proposed rate schedules are designed to recover from customers 95 percent of the company's net cost increases or decreases. Ameren Missouri's requested adjustment would result in an increase in the bill of a typical residential customer of approximately \$0.27 per month.

The Commission's Staff filed a recommendation regarding Ameren Missouri's tariff sheet on April 23, 2018. 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. Staff advises the Commission to approve the tariff submitted by Ameren Missouri to become effective on its May 24, 2018 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.⁶ If the FAC rate adjustment complies with the Commission's rule, Section 386.266, RSMo 2016,

⁴ *State ex rel. Public Counsel v. Public Service Commission*, 210 S.W.3d 344, 353-355 (Mo. App. 2006).

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ Commission Rule CSR 240-20.090(4).

and the FAC mechanism established in the most recent general rate proceeding, the Commission is required to approve the rate adjustment or allow the proposed tariff implementing the adjustment to go into effect by operation of law.⁷

The Commission has reviewed Ameren Missouri's tariff filings and Staff's verified recommendation and memorandum and 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 FAC tariff sheet.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The true-up amount for Recovery Period 24 is established for Ameren Missouri as an under-collection of \$391,197 from its customers and shall be reflected in the rate adjustment in Commission File No. ER-2018-0255.

2. Ameren Missouri's tariff filing, assigned Tariff Tracking No. YE-2018-0120, is approved to be effective May 24, 2018, as an interim rate adjustment, subject to true-up and prudence reviews. The tariff approved is:

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

3rd Revised Sheet No. 74.13, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 74.13.

3. This order shall become effective on May 24, 2018.

4. This file shall close on May 25, 2018.

⁷ *Id.*

BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L Woodruff

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Burton, Senior Regulatory Law Judge.

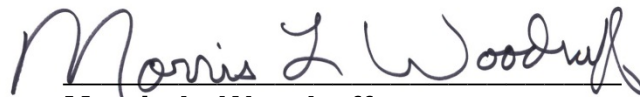
STATE OF MISSOURI

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 9th day of May 2018.**




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

May 9, 2018

File/Case No. ER-2018-0255 and ER-2018-0256

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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