

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 20th day of
October, 2021.

In the Matter of Union Electric Company)	<u>File No. GR-2021-0291</u>
d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Purchased Gas)	Tariff No. YG-2022-0062
Adjustment Tariff Filing)	

ORDER APPROVING ACA EXTENSION AND TARIFF

Issue Date: October 20, 2021

Effective Date: November 1, 2021

On March 24, 2021, the Commission issued an order approving Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's tariff sheet (Tariff No. YG-2021-0169) to reflect changes in its Regular Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factor because of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas. That tariff sheet became effective on April 1, 2021.

This file was established to track Ameren Missouri's PGA factors to be reviewed in its October 2021 Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factor filing, its ACA factor was to be updated to reflect the reconciliation of actual gas costs with revenue recoveries for the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021, which included the impact of the February 2021 Cold Weather Event.

On September 28, 2021, Ameren Missouri filed its *Application to Extend the ACA Recovery Period Under the Company's Rider PGA for Good Cause Shown and to Approve Updated Rates Reflecting Such Extension, and Motion for Expedited Treatment*. The motion asks the Commission to allow Ameren Missouri to defer recovery of the ACA factor from 12 months, to 36 months for good cause shown, which is permitted with recent changes to the Company's Rider PGA. Ameren Missouri's Tariff Sheet No. 26 provides

that for good cause shown that an extraordinary event has occurred, the Commission may approve deferral of the ACA recovery from 12 to up to 36 months, with the amount deferred to be added to the subsequent ACA period's cumulative ACA account balance. Ameren Missouri asserts that there is good cause to allow deferred recovery of ACA costs because the February 2021 Cold Weather Event is the type of extraordinary event Tariff Sheet No. 26 contemplates.

The Commission's Staff (Staff) reviewed the application and tariff sheet and determined that it was calculated in accordance with Ameren Missouri's PGA clause. Staff is of the opinion that the February 2021 Cold Weather Event is an extraordinary event that had a significant effect on certain gas prices. Staff recommends the Commission approve Ameren Missouri's request to extend its ACA recovery period and the accompanying tariff sheet on an interim basis, subject to refund. Staff asks that the Commission order it to file a recommendation on Ameren Missouri's ACA filing no later than December 15, 2022.

The Commission has reviewed the application, the proposed tariff sheet, and Staff's recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheet conforms to Ameren Missouri's Commission-approved Rider PGA. In addition, because Ameren Missouri's PGA clause allows for PGA change filings to take effect after ten business days, good cause has been shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), to permit the tariff sheet to become effective on less than 30-days' notice. The Commission concludes the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on November 1, 2021, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in this file.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Ameren Missouri's request for expedited treatment is granted.
2. The Commission determines that good cause has been shown that the February 2021 Cold Weather Event is the type of extraordinary event Ameren Missouri's Tariff Sheet No. 26 contemplates.
3. Ameren Missouri's application to extend its ACA recovery period from 12 to 36 months is approved.
4. The tariff sheet assigned Tracking No. YG-2022-0062 is approved on an interim basis and subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in this file. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. MO No. 2

119th Revised Sheet No. 30, Cancelling 118th Revised Sheet No. 30

5. Staff is ordered to file its recommendation on Ameren Missouri's ACA filing no later than December 15, 2022.
6. This order shall become effective on November 1, 2021.



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.

Clark, 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 20th day of October, 2021.





Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

October 20, 2021

File/Case No. GR-2021-0291

**Missouri Public Service
Commission**
Staff Counsel Department
200 Madison Street, Suite 800
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102
staffcounsel@psc.mo.gov

Office of the Public Counsel
Marc Poston
200 Madison Street, Suite 650
P.O. Box 2230
Jefferson City, MO 65102
opcservice@opc.mo.gov

**Missouri Public Service
Commission**
Jamie Myers
200 Madison Street, Suite 800
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102
jamie.myers@psc.mo.gov

Union Electric Company
Jermaine Grubbs
1901 Chouteau Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63103
AmerenMOService@ameren.com

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

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.