

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its
office in Jefferson City on
the 12th day of July, 2016.

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a)
Ameren Missouri's Tariffs to Increase Its) **File No. ER-2016-0179**
Revenues for Electric Service) **Tariff No. YE-2017-0003**

**NOTICE OF CONTESTED CASE AND
ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY**

Issue Date: July 12, 2016

Effective Date: July 12, 2016

The Missouri Public Service Commission is suspending Ameren Missouri's rate increase tariff, giving notice of a contested case, and delegating authority. Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed its tariff on July 1, 2016, seeking a 7.8% revenue increase in the amount of \$206.4 million. The tariff bears an effective date of July 31, 2016.

A. Suspension

The tariff effective date allows insufficient time for the Commission to determine whether the tariff is just and reasonable, as the law requires,¹ so the Commission will suspend the tariff.² The Commission may suspend a tariff for

¹ Section 393.190.1, RSMo Supp. 2013.

² Section 393.150, RSMo 2000.

120 days beyond the tariff's effective date.³ If that period is not enough time to conclude a full hearing on the tariff's propriety, the Commission may extend the suspension for a further six months.⁴ The Commission's experience demonstrates that it cannot conclude a full hearing on the tariff's propriety in 120 days, so the Commission will order a six month extension of the suspension.

B. Notice of Contested Case

Suspension of the tariff may occur only pending a "full" hearing and decision on the tariff's propriety.⁵ The provision for a full pre-decision hearing signifies that this action is now a "contested case."⁶ A contested case is a formal hearing procedure, but it allows for waiver of procedural formalities⁷ and a decision without a hearing,⁸ including by stipulation and agreement.⁹ This order and notice does not require any party to file an answer. The Commission's discovery regulations are at Commission regulation 4 CSR 240-2.090.

C. Delegation as to Discovery

The Commission may delegate any adjudicative authority to the regulatory law judge assigned to this action.⁹ To ensure that all discovery disputes are ruled upon expeditiously, the Commission will delegate its authority to the regulatory law judge assigned to this action to rule on discovery disputes raised at the

³ Section 393.150.1, RSMo 2000.

⁴ Section 393.150.2, RSMo 2000.

⁵ Section 393.150.1, RSMo 2000.

⁶ Section 536.010(4), RSMo Supp. 2013.

⁷ Section 536.060(3), RSMo 2000.

⁸ 4 CSR 240-2.115.

⁹ Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

discovery conferences and to rule on all motions to compel discovery. The Commission will set forth further provisions for discovery by separate order.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The tariff assigned Tracking No. YE-2017-0003 is suspended from July 31, 2016, for 120 days, plus six months, to May 28, 2017.
2. The regulatory law judge assigned to this action shall have full authority to rule on any discovery dispute, including any motion to compel, and may make any such ruling at a discovery conference.
3. This order is effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Woodruff, Chief 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 12th day of July 2016.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

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