

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Vas Construction, LLC,

Complainant,

V.

Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren
Missouri,

Respondent

File No. EC-2021-0303

ORDER GIVING NOTICE AND DIRECTING RESPONSES TO COMPLAINT

Issue Date: March 22, 2021

Effective Date: March 22, 2021

On March 19, 2021, Vas Construction, LLC filed a complaint against Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri.¹ A copy of the complaint accompanies this notice. Complaints may be filed with the Commission pursuant to Section 386.390, RSMo (Supp. 2020), constitute a contested case, and are governed by Commission Rules regarding discovery and procedure.²

Because this complaint involves less than \$3,000, it shall proceed under the Commission's small formal complaint procedure.³ If any party believes this matter should not proceed under the small formal complaint procedure, that party may file a motion consistent with the Commission's rule. The Commission notes that small formal complaints require a recommended final decision within 100 days following the filing of a

¹ Vas Construction filed nine similar complaints; this complaint alleges \$1,420 at issue for 5539 Pershing Ave. – HSE meter. St. Louis. 63112.

² Commission rules governing practice and procedure before the Commission are published in the Code of State Regulations at 20 CSR 4240, Chapter 2. Discovery is specifically addressed at 20 CSR 4240-2.090.

³ 20 CSR 4240-2.070(15).

complaint.⁴ That deadline is June 28, 2021.⁵ That time frame may be extended for good cause.

Ameren Missouri will have thirty days from the date of this notice to file a response to the complaint as provided by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.070(15)(A). A copy shall be served upon Vas Construction.

The Commission will also direct the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) to investigate this complaint and file a report. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.070(15)(D) requires Staff to file its report and recommendation within 45 days of a small formal complaint being filed, which may be extended upon a showing of good cause.

As an alternative to the formal evidentiary hearing procedure, the Commission offers mediation. Mediation is a voluntary process in which a neutral person assists the parties in exploring opportunities for settlement. Upon a written request for mediation, the Commission may suspend the deadlines set forth in this order.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send, by certified mail, a copy of this notice and order and a copy of the complaint to Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri at:

ATTN: Legal Department
P.O. Box 66149, Mail Code 1310
1901 Chouteau Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63166-6149

⁴ 20 CSR 4240-2.070(15)(G).

⁵ This date adds one day to account for the hundredth day falling on a Sunday. 20 CSR 4240-2.050.

2. Ameren Missouri shall file an answer to this complaint or request for mediation no later than April 21, 2021, and serve a copy upon the Complainant.

3. All pleadings (the answer, the notice of satisfaction of complaint or request for mediation) shall be mailed to:

Secretary of the Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

or filed using the Commission's electronic filing and information service.

4. Staff shall investigate this complaint and file a report and recommendations no later than May 3, 2021.

5. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 22nd day of March, 2021.