

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

In the Matter of the Application of Union)
Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri)
for an Order Authorizing the Issue and Sale)
of Additional Long-Term Indebtedness) **Case No. EF-2021-0176**

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through undersigned counsel, and for its *Status Report* in this matter hereby states:

1. On March 26, 2021, Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri (“Ameren”) filed an application with the Commission seeking permission and authority to issue and sell up to \$650 million aggregate principal amount of additional long-term indebtedness.

2. Ameren further requested expedited approval of its application on an expedited basis, by April 28, 2021, so that it may implement the requested financings on or before May 12, 2021.

3. On March 30, 2021, the Commission ordered Staff to respond expeditiously by filing either a recommendation or, in the alternative, a status report stating when Staff plans to file its recommendation.

4. Following Staff’s review of Ameren’s application, Staff and Ameren held a brief meeting on April 15, 2021 concerning the impact of Section 386.300, RSMo, and the potential need to charge fees for any amounts over the \$193,150,000 of Ameren’s short-term debt as of March 25, 2021.

5. Staff sent follow-up data requests on April 15, 2021, to address its concerns. Ameren also informed Staff that it would file an amended application to further clarify its request.

6. In order to give Ameren time to respond to Staff's data requests, file an amended application, and to ensure that the Commission can issue an order on the amended application by Ameren's requested date of April 28, 2021, Staff intends to file its recommendation no later than April 23, 2021.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Status Report* for the Commission's information and consideration and hereby requests the Commission approve Staff's anticipated April 23, 2021, date for filing its recommendation in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 16th day of April, 2021.

/s/ Travis J. Pringle