

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 19th day of
March, 2015.

In the Matter of the Application of Union)
Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri for)
an Order Authorizing the Issue and Sale of)
Up to \$250,000,000 Aggregate Principal)
Amount of Additional Long-Term Indebtedness)

File No. EF-2015-0202

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT AND
FINANCING APPLICATION**

Issue Date: March 19, 2015

Effective Date: March 27, 2015

On February 13, 2015, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed an application requesting authority to issue and sell up to \$250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of additional long-term indebtedness. Ameren Missouri, a public utility providing electric and gas utility services in portions of Missouri, is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.¹ Ameren Missouri proposes to issue and sell from time to time, in one or more transactions, up to \$250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of new indebtedness ("New Indebtedness").

Ameren Missouri states the New Indebtedness will be issued and sold in the form of first mortgage bonds or other forms of secured indebtedness (including senior secured debt securities secured by a corresponding series of first mortgage bonds). First mortgage bonds issued as collateral for other debt shall not count toward the authorized amount.

¹ §386.020 RSMo (Cum.Supp.2014).

Ameren Missouri states that the proceeds from the issue and sale of the New Indebtedness² will be used to pay at maturity \$114,000,000 principal amount of Ameren Missouri's Senior Secured Notes due April 1, 2015, and to refinance short-term debt. The borrowings will be used solely by Ameren Missouri.

Ameren Missouri requested expedited treatment in order to finance within a limited window caused by the release dates of Ameren Missouri's earnings report and required Security and Exchange Commission filings. Ameren Missouri requests a Commission order in this matter be effective no later than March 27, 2015. Ameren Missouri also requests that a Commission order in this matter be effective for a one-year term.

On March 12, the Commission's Staff filed a recommendation on Ameren Missouri's application. Staff recommends the Commission approve the application, subject to the following conditions:

1. That nothing in the Commission's order shall be considered a finding by the Commission of the value of this transaction for rate making purposes, and that the Commission reserves the right to consider the rate making treatment to be afforded the financing transaction and its impact on cost of capital, in any later proceeding;
2. That Ameren Missouri shall file with the Commission within 10 days of issuance of any financing authorized pursuant to a Commission order in this proceeding, a report including the amount of secured indebtedness issued, date of issuance, interest rate (initial rate if variable), maturity date, redemption schedules or

² The proceeds of the new indebtedness sought by Ameren Missouri is the amount remaining after deductions of commissions or discounts paid to underwriters in connection with the New Indebtedness.

- special terms, if any, use of proceeds, estimated expenses, and loan or indenture agreement concerning each issuance;
3. That Ameren Missouri shall file with the Commission any information concerning communication with credit rating agencies concerning any such issuance;
 4. That Ameren Missouri be required to file a five-year capitalization expenditure schedule in future finance cases;
 5. That Ameren Missouri be required to file in future finance cases whereby the use of proceeds includes the repayment of short-term debt, a schedule that reconciles short-term debt incurred for purposes of long-term capital projects specifically and individually disclosed in quarterly and annual filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. For those capital expenditures not categorized in Securities and Exchange Commission filings, Ameren Missouri shall provide an aggregate sum of the miscellaneous expenditures; and
 6. That the Commission's grant of authority shall expire one year from the effective date of the order in this proceeding.

On March 16, Ameren Missouri filed *Ameren Missouri's Response to Staff's Recommendation*. Ameren Missouri states that it agrees to all of Staff's conditions. The Commission has reviewed and considered Ameren Missouri's application and Staff's recommendation. The Commission concludes that it is not detrimental to the public interest for Ameren Missouri to issue and sell up to \$250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of additional long-term indebtedness. Therefore, the Commission will approve Ameren Missouri's request. As required by § 393.200, RSMo 2000, the Commission finds that the long-term indebtedness, for the purposes specified by Ameren Missouri, is reasonably

required. Such purpose is not in whole, or in part, reasonably chargeable to operating expenses or income. The Commission will also grant Ameren Missouri's request for expedited treatment.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Ameren Missouri's request for expedited treatment is granted.
2. Ameren Missouri's application seeking authority to issue and sell up to \$250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of additional long-term indebtedness is approved. Ameren Missouri may issue and sell such debt at any time during the one year period from March 27, 2015 through March 26, 2016.
3. Ameren Missouri is authorized to enter into, execute, deliver and perform the necessary agreements, indentures, notes and other documents necessary for the above-described transactions.
4. Ameren Missouri is authorized to do or perform all things not contrary to law or the rules and regulations of the Commission that are incidental, necessary or appropriate to the performance of any and all acts specifically authorized in this order.
5. Nothing in this order shall be considered a finding by the Commission of the value of these transactions for rate making purposes. The Commission reserves the right to consider the rate making treatment to be afforded these financial transactions and their effects on the cost of capital in any later proceeding.
6. Ameren Missouri shall comply with Staff's recommended conditions as described in the body of this order.

7. This order shall be effective on March 27, 2015.
8. This file shall be closed on April 1, 2015.

BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff

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Secretary

R. Kenney, Chm., Stoll, W. Kenney,
Hall, and Rupp, CC., concur.

Burton, Regulatory Law Judge.