

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 16th day
of June, 2021.

In the Matter of Union Electric Company)
d/b/a Ameren Missouri's 3rd Filing to)
Implement Regulatory Changes in) **File No. EO-2018-0211**
Furtherance of Energy Efficiency as)
Allowed by MEEIA)

ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

Issue Date: June 16, 2021

Effective Date: June 26, 2021

On December 5, 2018, the Commission approved a stipulation and agreement ("MEEIA 2019-21 Stipulation") setting out a three-year Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act (MEEIA) plan (the "MEEIA 2019-21 Plan"). On July 10, 2020, several parties submitted another stipulation and agreement that extended the existing MEEIA 2019-21 Plan, with modifications, through plan year 2022. The Commission approved that stipulation and agreement on August 5, 2020.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-094(5)(A)1 requires an electric utility to file an application to modify a demand-side program when there is a variance of 20% or more in what is actually spent and the Commission-approved budget. The MEEIA 2019-21 Stipulation contained a provision¹ that limited that variance for Ameren Missouri to 5% of any Commission-approved budget for the length of the MEEIA 2019-2021 Plan.

On June 4, 2021, Ameren Missouri, the Staff of the Commission, and the Office of the Public Counsel (collectively referred to as "Signatories") filed a *Stipulation and*

¹ File No. EO-2018-0211, *Stipulation and Agreement*, (filed October 25, 2018), paragraph 6.

Agreement Regarding Funding for Residential Heating and Cooling Programs. The Signatories stated that part of Ameren Missouri's Residential Heating and Cooling Program provides incentives for heating and cooling products such as HVAC units. The Signatories also stated that Ameren Missouri's projections show the Residential Heating and Cooling Program will exhaust its 2021 funding during the summer or fall months of 2021.

Rather than discontinue this program before the end of 2021, the Signatories agreed it would be more beneficial to increase the program's budget beyond the 5% variance. The Signatories agreed that an additional \$5 million should be added to the 5% contingency for the Residential Heating and Cooling Program budget. The parties agreed that Ameren Missouri need not spend the entire additional \$5 million, and is not prohibited from seeking an additional increase should it discover the \$5 million is insufficient to continue the program through the remainder of 2021.

The Signatories reported that none of the other parties were opposed to the agreement. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.115(2) provides that parties to a nonunanimous stipulation and agreement have seven days to object to the agreement. If no party files a timely objection to a nonunanimous stipulation and agreement, the Commission may treat it as a unanimous stipulation and agreement. The time for objections has passed and none were filed. Therefore, the Commission treats this agreement as unanimous.

After reviewing the unopposed stipulation and agreement, the Commission finds that it is a reasonable revision to the MEEIA 2019-21 Stipulation and should be approved. Since there is no opposition to the stipulation and agreement, and so that the program

can continue uninterrupted, the Commission will make this order effective in less than 30 days.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The *Stipulation and Agreement Regarding Funding for Residential Heating and Cooling Programs* filed on June 4, 2021, is approved. The Signatories are ordered to comply with the terms of the stipulation and agreement. A copy of the stipulation and agreement is attached to this order.
2. This order shall be effective on June 26, 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.

Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge