

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSES TO COMMISSION QUESTIONS

Issue Date: July 23 2020

Effective Date: July 23, 2020

On July 9, 2020, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (Ameren Missouri), Staff of the Commission (Staff), and the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed an *Agreement in Lieu of Change Requests*. On July 10, 2020, Ameren Missouri, Staff, Public Counsel, Consumers Council of Missouri, Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri, National Housing Trust, filed a *Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement Regarding the Implementation [of] Certain MEEIA Programs Through Plan Year 2022* (Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement). Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.115(2) provides that parties that are not signatories to a nonunanimous stipulation and agreement have seven days in which to object to that 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. No party filed an objection to either agreement.

In order to understand the agreements fully, the Commission will direct the signatory parties to answer the following questions.

- A. With regard to the *Agreement in Lieu of Change Requests*, paragraph 7 states that Ameren Missouri agrees to a \$200,000 reduction to its Program

Year 2019 earnings opportunity. Was this reduction due to the difference between the projected and actual earnings opportunity? Or was it a negotiated amount?

B. With regard to the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement, paragraph 7, PAYS[®] program:

- i. How was the 4% participant finance cost determined? Will it change over time?
- ii. What is the pre-tax Plan-in-Service Accounting (PISA) rate? Will this rate change over time?

C. With regard to the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement, paragraph 11:

- i. Explain the rationale for a feasibility study when Ameren Missouri and other utilities have already completed research related to on-bill financing programs.
- ii. What new information will be gained from this feasibility study?

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than July 27, 2020, Ameren Missouri and Staff shall jointly or separately file responses to the Commission questions set out above.
2. Any other party may file responses to the Commission questions by July 27, 2020.
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

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 23rd day of July, 2020.