

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

In the Matter of the Second Prudence Review)
of the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment)
Act (MEEIA) Cycle 3 Energy Efficiency)
Programs and Cycle 2 Long-Lead Projects of)
Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren)
Missouri.

File No. EO-2023-0180

STAFF REPORT

COMES NOW Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and submits its Staff Report, and in support thereof respectfully states as follows:

1. On December 2, 2022, Staff filed its Notice of Start of Second MEEIA Prudence Review of Cycle 3 Energy Efficiency Programs and Cycle 2 Long-Lead Projects of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (“Ameren Missouri”).

2. Thereafter, on December 14, 2022, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice and Setting Deadline for Intervention* (“Order”) which provided “Staff shall file its recommendation regarding its examination and analysis no later [than] April 28, 2023.”

3. Filed concurrently herewith is a Staff Report that contains Staff’s recommendation regarding its examination and analysis as provided in the Order. Ameren Missouri’s MEEIA program costs and throughput disincentive (“TD”), including interest associated with both, along with the earnings opportunity (“EO”), are the costs subject to this prudence review, which is Staff’s sixth prudence review¹ of Ameren Missouri’s Rider Energy Efficiency Investment Charge (“EEIC”) costs.

¹ Prior Staff prudence reviews of Ameren Missouri’s Rider EEIC costs are in File Nos. EO-2015-0029, EO-2017-0023, EO-2018-0155, EO-2019-0376, and EO-2021-0157. This report, EO-2023-0180, is the Second Prudence Review of Cycle 3 of Costs Related to the Demand-Side Programs Investment Mechanism, in addition to reviewing the Cycle 2 Long-Lead Projects.

4. As discussed in detail in the Staff Report, Staff reviewed and analyzed a variety of items while examining whether Ameren Missouri prudently incurred program costs, TD, EO, and interest costs associated with the MEEIA 2016-2018 Plan and the MEEIA 2019-2021 Plan for the Review Period. Based on its review, Staff identified no incidence or evidence of imprudence by Ameren Missouri for the Review Period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits the Staff Report filed concurrently herewith in compliance with the Commission's Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System this 28th day of April, 2023.

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