

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 22nd day
of October, 2014.

In The Matter of a Determination of Special)
Contemporary Resource Planning Issues to be)
Addressed by Ameren Missouri in its Next)
Next Triennial Compliance Filing or)
Next Annual Update Report)

File No. EO-2015-0039

**ORDER GRANTING WAIVER REGARDING AMEREN MISSOURI'S 2015
ANNUAL UPDATE REPORT AND SPECIAL CONTEMPORARY
RESOURCE PLANNING ISSUES**

Issue Date: October 22, 2014

Effective Date: November 1, 2014

On September 3, 2014, Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed a motion requesting a waiver from 4 CSR 240-22.080(3), the provision of the Commission's IRP rule that would require the utility to file an annual update to its IRP in April of each year for which it does not make a triennial IRP compliance filing. Ameren Missouri explains that it filed its triennial IRP compliance filing on October 1, 2014.¹ Since the Commission will still be reviewing and considering responses to that filing in April 2015, Ameren Missouri contends the filing of an annual update at that time would be redundant. Furthermore, if it does not file an annual update, Ameren Missouri contends there is no need for the Commission to establish special contemporary issues for consideration in that filing.²

¹ Ameren Missouri's triennial compliance filing is pending in File No. EO-2015-0084.

² A provision in the Commission's electric utility resource planning rule, 4 CSR 240-22.080(4), requires Missouri's electric utilities to consider and analyze special contemporary issues in their integrated resource plan (IRP) triennial compliance filings or in their annual IRP update reports.

The Commission's Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel filed responses to Ameren Missouri's motion for waiver. Public Counsel suggests that a waiver of the annual update requirement is unnecessary because an update that occurs only six months after the filing of the triennial compliance filing could be brief and would not be burdensome upon the company. Staff agrees with Ameren Missouri that the 2015 annual update is not needed, but would condition the granting of a waiver upon the utility agreeing to provide a limited update report in April 2015 to replace the full update process required by the regulation. Ameren Missouri rejects the condition proposed by Staff.

The Commission agrees that requiring Ameren Missouri to undertake an annual update only six months after it filed its triennial IRP compliance filing, while that extensive filing is still under review, would be a waste of resources for the utility and for the Commission. Furthermore, the Commission believes the limited update report Staff proposed is unnecessary. The Commission will grant the requested waiver without the condition proposed by Staff. Since Ameren Missouri will not be required to file a 2015 annual update report, the Commission will not establish any special contemporary issues for Ameren Missouri in 2015.³

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Request for Waiver from the annual update filing requirement of 4 CSR 240-22.080(3) for 2015 is granted.

³ In their filings in the case, the Office of the Public Counsel, The Department of Economic Development – Division of Energy, and Sierra Club identified several special contemporary issues they wanted Ameren Missouri to address. Ameren Missouri's response to those identified issues indicated it had already addressed almost all those issues in its triennial compliance filing. If any stakeholder believes the company's treatment of those issues in that triennial compliance filing is insufficient, they may assert that deficiency in EO-2015-0084, the case established to consider that filing.

2. Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri shall file the annual update required by 4 CSR 240-22.080(3) in 2016.

3. This order shall become effective on November 1, 2014.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge