

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 4th day of
September, 2012.

In the matter of the Application of Union Electric)	
Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri for Authority to Sell)	<u>File No. EO-2013-0013</u>
or Transfer a Portion of Its Franchise, Works, or)	
System to Hunter Engineering Company)	

**ORDER AUTHORIZING TRANSFER
OF ASSETS**

Issue Date: September 4, 2012

Effective Date: September 14, 2012

Background

On July 10, 2012, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed an application to sell a portion of its system to Hunter Engineering Company. For aesthetic reasons, Hunter, which receives service from Ameren Missouri, decided to replace aerial facilities with underground facilities at its own expense. However, if Hunter were to do this, Ameren Missouri would be unable to provide service to the light fixtures illuminating Hunter's parking lot. To solve this problem, Hunter offered to purchase the fixtures and related equipment from Ameren Missouri. Ameren Missouri has agreed to sell the fixtures and related equipment to Hunter for \$2,210.91. This amount represents the total installed reproduction cost of the facilities less accumulated depreciation.

Staff Recommendation

On August 20, the Staff of the Commission filed its recommendation to approve the application. Based on the application and responses to data requests, Staff states that

Ameren Missouri's request meets the filing requirements and is not detrimental to the public interest. In its Memorandum, Staff informs the Commission that the specific items to be sold are: five 35-foot tall light fixtures, 380 feet of 600-volt cable and two luminaire, metal halide, 120-volt flood lights. Staff points out that because the transaction would reduce Ameren Missouri's overall rate base in the amount of the sale price, which Staff quotes as \$2,211.00, Ameren Missouri customers would benefit.

Discussion

Section 393.190.1 RSMo requires Ameren Missouri to seek Commission approval prior to transferring any property necessary and useful in the performance of its duties. Through this application, Ameren Missouri is complying with Missouri law. Further, the Commission may not deny this transfer unless it is shown that the transfer is detrimental to the public interest.¹ No party has suggested that the sale of assets is detrimental to the public interest.

Commission rules 4 CSR 240-2.060 and 3.110 require Ameren Missouri to supply certain information to the Commission, which the company has done. Upon review of the verified pleadings, the Commission concludes that Ameren has complied with the filing requirements for a transfer of assets and that the proposed transfer is not detrimental to the public interest. Having so concluded, the Commission will approve the application.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The application to transfer assets from Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri to Hunter Engineering Company is approved.

¹ *Environmental Utilities., v. Public Service Commission of Missouri*, 219 S.W. 3d 256, 265 (Mo. App. W.D. 2007).

2. This order shall become effective on September 14, 2012.
3. This case shall be closed on September 15, 2012.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Reed', is positioned above the printed name.

Steven C. Reed
Secretary

(S E A L)

Gunn, Chm., Jarrett, Kenney,
and Stoll, CC., concur.

Jones, Senior Regulatory Law Judge