

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 11th day of March, 2015.

In the Matter of Union Electric Company, d/b/a) **File No. ER-2014-0258**
Ameren Missouri's Tariff to Increase Its) Tariff No. YE-2015-0003
Revenues for Electric Service)

**ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT AS TO
DEPRECIATION**

Issue Date: March 11, 2015

Effective Date: March 11, 2015

On March 3, 2015, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri, and the Staff of the Commission filed a nonunanimous stipulation and agreement regarding the treatment of depreciation and net salvage.

The stipulation and agreement is nonunanimous in that it was not signed by all parties. However, Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.115(2) provides that other parties have seven days in which to object to a nonunanimous stipulation and agreement. If no party files a timely objection to a stipulation and agreement, the Commission may treat it as a unanimous stipulation and agreement. More than seven days have passed since the stipulation and agreement was filed, and no party has objected. Therefore, the Commission will treat the stipulation and agreement as a unanimous stipulation and agreement.

After reviewing the stipulation and agreement, the Commission independently finds and concludes that the stipulation and agreement is a reasonable resolution of the issues

addressed by the stipulation and agreement and that such stipulation and agreement should be approved.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Nonunanimous Stipulation and Agreement as to Depreciation, filed on March 3, 2015, is approved as a resolution of the issues addressed in that stipulation and agreement. The signatory parties 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. The depreciation and net salvage rates attached to the stipulation and agreement shall be used for the purpose of setting Ameren Missouri's depreciation and net salvage rates in this case.

3. Ameren Missouri shall investigate the potential salvage value of electric distribution poles and its accounting practices for recording the costs it incurs when it replaces an existing distribution pole, solicit input from Staff on and keep Staff informed of the progress of its investigation, and report the results of its investigation to the Commission by December 31, 2015.

4. Ameren Missouri shall use vintage year amortization for depreciation accruals for the accounts listed in paragraph 2 of the stipulation and agreement, with an effective date contemporaneous with the date the new general rates the Commission orders in this case become effective.

5. Ameren Missouri shall transfer accrued accumulated depreciation reserves between the accounts listed in the table in paragraph 3 of the stipulation and agreement, and from general plant to production account reserves, to address the resulting over-accrual in general plant as of the date it switches from using a mass asset accrual method

to a vintage year amortization method for depreciation accruals for those accounts, as Staff used to create the table in paragraph 4 of the stipulation and agreement, which is based on the amounts on Ameren Missouri's books as of December 31, 2014, as the depreciation reserve over-accrual.

6. The exhibits, or portions of exhibits identified in the stipulation and agreement are admitted into the record.

7. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink 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