

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

In the Matter of the True-Up of Union)
Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's)
Fuel Adjustment Clause for the 34th) **File No. EO-2022-0027**
Recovery Period)

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In the Matter of the Adjustment of Union) **File No. ER-2022-0026**
Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's) Tracking No. YE-2022-0025
Fuel Adjustment Clause for the 37th)
Accumulation Period)

**ORDER SHORTENING TIME FOR RESPONSES
AND SETTING A PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE**

Issue Date: September 8, 2021

Effective Date: September 8, 2021

On July 30, 2021, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed a revised tariff sheet proposing a revised fuel adjustment rate and bearing an effective date of October 1, 2021. Also on July 30, 2021, Ameren Missouri initiated a rate adjustment mechanism true-up, to be included in the proposed fuel adjustment rate. The tariff accompanying the filings bears an October 1, 2021 effective date.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090 provides a 60-day timeline for tariffs to become effective or be suspended. Subsection (8)(F) of 20 CSR 4240-20.090 provides for the Staff of the Commission to file a recommendation within 30 days of the tariff filing. Because the thirtieth day fell on a Saturday, the Commission directed Staff to make its filing by Friday, August 27, 2021.

On August 27, 2021, Staff filed a motion for a one-week extension of time until Friday, September 3, 2021, to file its recommendation. Staff stated in its motion that Ameren Missouri's filings address previously unknown costs related to a research and

development project involving a digital currency mining operation. Staff also stated that on August 6, 2021, Ameren Missouri filed a separate request, in File No. EU-2022-0030, for permission to record the cost of the digital currency mining research and development project to a regulatory liability. The Commission granted Staff until September 3, 2021, to file its recommendation.

On September 3, 2021, Staff filed a status report stating that it would file its recommendation on September 8, 2021. Staff filed a recommendation and motion for expedited treatment on September 8, 2021. Additionally, Staff and Ameren Missouri filed a *Stipulation and Agreement* addressing the digital currency mining research and development project issue. The agreement also has an amended fuel adjustment rate tariff that Staff and Ameren Missouri agree should become effective on October 1, 2021.

The Commission has previously waived the deadlines set in 20 CSR 4240-20.090 for Staff's recommendation and the responses to it. Because the rule provides for only 60 days for a Commission action on the tariff, the Commission will shorten the time for responses to Staff's recommendation. Additionally, the Commission finds good cause to waive its rule allowing seven days for objections and responses to a nonunanimous stipulation and agreement. Thus, Commission will shorten the time for filing objections to the *Stipulation and Agreement*.

The Commission will also direct Staff, Ameren Missouri, and the Office of the Public Counsel to appear at a telephone conference to discuss the further procedural steps needed in this matter.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.115(2)(B) allowing seven days for the filing of objections to a nonunanimous stipulation and agreement is waived with regard to the *Stipulation and Agreement* filed in this case on September 8, 2021.
2. Any objection to the *Stipulation and Agreement* filed on September 8, 2021, shall be filed no later than **3:00 p.m., September 14, 2021**.
3. Any response to the Staff recommendation filed on September 8, 2021, shall be filed no later than **3:00 p.m., September 14, 2021**.
4. Staff, Ameren Missouri, and Public Counsel shall appear, and any other party may appear, at a procedural conference via video or telephone at **9:00 a.m. September 10, 2021**. The conference will be held via WebEx. The WebEx meeting number is 2456 945 6419. The telephone number is 1-650-479-3207. The password to attend is 0027.
5. 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

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 8th day of September, 2021.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 8th day of September, 2021.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

September 8, 2021

File/Case No. EO-2022-0027 and ER-2022-0026

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



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