STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 15th day of January, 2020

n the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a)	
Ameren Missouri's Electric Service Tariff)	File No.: ER-2020-0147
Adjustment Relating to MEEIA Rider EEIC)	Tracking No. YE-2020-0090

ORDER APPROVING INITIAL STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

Issue Date: January 15, 2020 Effective Date: January 25, 2020

On November 22, 2019, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (Ameren Missouri) filed tariff sheets with supporting testimony proposing to adjust charges related to its approved Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act (MEEIA) Rider Energy Efficiency Investment Charge (EEIC). The submitted tariff sheets bear a January 21, 2020 effective date. The Commission issued notice of the filing, set an intervention deadline, and directed the Staff of the Commission (Staff) to submit a recommendation.¹

On December 3 and December 10, 2019, Ameren Missouri filed substitute tariff sheets. Staff submitted its recommendation on December 20, 2019. The Commission directed responses to Staff's recommendation be filed. In lieu of responses, Ameren

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¹ By Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.093(15)(A), parties to the case in which Ameren Missouri's DSIM was approved, EO-2018-0211, are allowed to participate in this case as parties without filing an application to intervene if they file a notice of intention to participate within the intervention period. The intervention period ended on December 10, 2019. No applications to intervene or notice of intent to participate were filed. Consequently, the only parties to this case are Ameren Missouri, Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel.

Missouri and Staff jointly filed an Initial Stipulation and Agreement on January 7, 2020.² Additionally, Ameren Missouri filed a request for waiver of 20 CSR 4240-20.093(4)(B) requiring the Commission to approve or reject a demand side investment mechanism (DSIM) adjustment no later than 60 days after the initial filing of the tariff sheets. The Commission has granted that waiver.

Staff's December 20 recommendation advised the Commission to approve all of the tariff sheets except one (Tariff Sheet No. 91.23). Staff explained that the total proposed Rider EEIC rates are the sum of the currently effective MEEIA 2016-2018 Efficiency Investment Rate (EEIR) Components (MEEIA Cycle 2) and the MEEIA 2019-2021 EEIR Components (MEEIA Cycle 3). Staff recommended no changes to Ameren Missouri's MEEIA Cycle 3 components set out in Tariff Sheet No. 91.23 as substituted on December 10, 2019. However, Staff recommended changes to the components for Ameren Missouri's MEEIA Cycle 2. Staff explained that the difference between its proposed rates and Ameren Missouri's proposed rates was related to the calculation of a rebasing adjustment. According to Staff, Ameren Missouri's proposed MEEIA revenue requirement is approximately \$829,269 more than it should be. Staff also explained that this type of adjustment is a new issue that has not been previously addressed in Ameren Missouri's MEEIA cases.

In the Initial Stipulation and Agreement, Ameren Missouri and Staff agreed that interim rates should become effective while their rebasing calculation disagreement is resolved. Ameren Missouri and Staff agreed to continue discussions with the goal of

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² Ameren Missouri also filed a request for an extension of time to file its response. That extension will be granted.

reaching an agreement as to the correct rebasing calculations. If an agreement cannot be reached by July 31, 2020, these parties agreed to submit a proposed procedural schedule to the Commission and ask the Commission to resolve the disagreement. Ameren Missouri and Staff also agreed that the interim rates, subject to true-up, as set out in Tariff Sheet 91.23 attached to the Initial Stipulation and Agreement should be approved to become effective on February 1, 2020.

Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-2.115(2)(B) and (2)(C) allows each party seven days to file an objection to a nonunanimous stipulation and agreement. If no objection is timely filed, the agreement may be treated as unanimous. Seven days have passed and no objection to the Initial Stipulation and Agreement was filed. The Commission will treat the Initial Stipulation and Agreement as unanimous and will approve it.

Although the tariff sheets were originally to take effect on the sixtieth day after filing, or January 21, 2020, the provisions within those tariff sheets including the rate adjustments will not be applicable until February 1, 2020. The Commission finds it is appropriate to make this order effective in less than thirty days, so that it is effective prior to February 1, 2020.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Request for Extension to Submit Response is granted.
- 2. The Initial Stipulation and Agreement filed on January 7, 2020, and attached to this order is approved.

- 3. Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall comply with the terms of the Initial Stipulation and Agreement.
- 4. Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file an agreement regarding the final rebasing adjustment calculations, a detailed status report, or a proposed procedural schedule no later than July 31, 2020.
 - 5. This order shall become effective on January 25, 2020.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, and Coleman, CC., concur.

Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge