

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

In the Matter of the Application of Union)	
Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri)	<u>File No. ET-2020-0022</u>
for Approval to Expand Its Community)	Tariff No. YE-2020-0091
Solar Pilot Program and Associated Tariff)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO SUSPEND TARIFF SHEETS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) and for its *Staff Recommendation to Suspend Tariff Sheets*, states as follows:

1. On November 25, 2019, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (“Ameren”) filed an *Application for Approval to Expand Community Solar Pilot Program and Associated Tariff*.

2. On December 12, 2019, Staff requested that the Commission suspend the tariff for 90 days to allow time for Staff to complete discovery. The Commission granted Staff’s request on December 17, 2019, ordering the tariff suspended until March 25, 2020.

3. Staff filed a *Status Update* on February 24, 2020, letting the Commission know that the parties intend to finish discussions following the conclusion of Ameren’s current rate case, File No. ER-2019-0335.

4. On February 25, 2020, the Commission ordered Staff to file, no later than March 2, 2020, either a recommendation or request a further suspension of the tariff if Staff believes the parties need more time to continue negotiations.

5. Per Section 393.150.1 RSMo (2016), the Commission may suspend the operation and defer the use of a schedule filed by an electrical corporation stating a new form of agreement or practice relating to any rate, charge or service, but not for a period longer than 120 days beyond when such schedule would otherwise have gone into effect.

6. The effective date of the tariff filed in this matter was December 25, 2019. Per statute, following the granting of Staff's initial 90 day request, the Commission may suspend the tariff an additional 30 days.

7. In order to give Staff and Ameren time to conclude any remaining discussions, and allow Staff to better determine its Recommendation to the Commission, Staff requests that the Commission extend the effective date of the tariff sheets from March 25, 2020 to April 24, 2020.

8. Staff has spoken to both of the other parties involved in this matter, Ameren and Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri. Neither party objects to Staff's recommendation to further suspend the tariff.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Staff Recommendation to Suspend Tariff Sheets* for the Commission's information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile, or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 2nd day of March 2020.

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