BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Filing to Change Criteria for Assessment of New Customer Deposits File No. ET-2014-0076 et al Tariff No. YE-2014-0245 Tariff No. YG-2014-0246

ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: January 29, 2014 Effective Date: January 29, 2014

Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri has filed tariffs to change the criteria the company uses to determine whether to assess a deposit on new customer accounts for natural gas and electric service. Separate cases were opened to consider the natural gas and electric tariffs. On January 28, 2014, the parties to both cases filed a combined procedural schedule for the two cases.¹

The parties explain that they are still discussing the tariffs and may be able to reach a resolution satisfactory to all parties. Rather than propose a full procedural schedule leading to an evidentiary hearing, the parties propose a settlement conference followed by the filing of recommendations by Staff and any other party that wishes to file a recommendation. If a settlement cannot be reached, any party may request a hearing and a further procedural schedule may be established at that time.

Ameren Missouri's tariffs originally carried an effective date of February 7. To accommodate the proposed procedural schedule, Ameren Missouri has voluntarily extended the effective date of those tariffs by 60 days to April 8.

¹ GE-2014-0180 has since been consolidated into ET-2014-0076.

The Commission will adopt the procedural schedule proposed by the parties. The settlement conference will allow the parties an opportunity to discuss settlement. It will not be on-the-record and the presiding officer will not take part in the conference unless before the hearing the parties indicate there is a matter that must be resolved on the record or that will require the presiding officer's presence.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. A settlement conference is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on February 21, 2014 at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, Room 305, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

2. Staff shall, and any other party may, file a recommendation regarding Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tariff Nos. YE-2014-0245 and YG-2014-0246 no later than February 28, 2014. If the parties are able to reach a settlement before February 28, 2014, no recommendations need be filed.

3. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary



Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 29th day of January, 2014.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge