

Suspending Tariff, Scheduling Pre-Hearing Conference, Directing Notice, And Setting Deadline For Intervenors, Case No. ER-2014-0258 (July 11, 2014).

3. Subsequently, on October 10, 2014, a Non-unanimous Stipulation and Agreement ("NUS") was filed in this case by the Office of Public Counsel, the Consumers Council of Missouri, the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers and the Missouri Retailers Association. Among other things, the NUS proposes to create a new customer class with a single customer, Noranda Aluminum, Inc., and implementation of a significant reduction from the electric rates currently paid by Noranda. The NUS also proposes to apply the resulting revenue deficiency among the remaining customer classes.

4. Then, on October 20, 2014, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Consideration of a Certain Rate Design Question* ("Rate Design Order") in order to obtain "information and analysis as to whether rate design mechanisms should be established to promote stability or growth of customer levels in geographic locations where there is underutilization of existing infrastructure" and propounded nine specific questions of the parties. The Rate Design Order granted Ameren Missouri the authority to file additional testimony related to the propounded questions on December 19, 2014.

5. The filing of the proposed NUS and the Rate Design Order have effectively interjected a new set of issues into this docket, new policy issues well beyond the scope of the issues normally arising in a general rate case. These new issues and any new Commission policies developed therefrom may impact the economy of the state of Missouri in a way that is adverse to free markets.

6. UFM's interest is in supporting governmental policies that provide "equal rights and opportunity under the law" for all persons in enjoy the gains of their own industry, i.e. a strong

and free economy. Excessive regulation distorts free market forces and diminishes opportunity. UFM's interest is different than the interest of the general public. UFM believes that its intervention and participation in this proceeding would serve the public interest in that it will provide the Commission with UFM's free market perspective and improve the Commission's record for decision. UFM seeks to become a party to this case for all purposes.

7. Good cause exists for granting this Application out of time because the issues raised by the NUS and the Commission were not anticipated at the time of the deadline for interventions. UFM affirmatively states that this intervention is not intended to delay these proceedings. UFM accepts the record established in this case, including the requirements of any and all orders of the Commission as of the date this Application is filed.

8. UFM has not taken a position on these new issues at this time, but reserves the right to develop its position within the timeframe and under the procedures established by the Commission.

9. Correspondence, communications, orders and the decisions in this matter should be addressed to:

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WHEREFORE, UFM respectfully requests the Commission grant it intervention in this case.

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