

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

In the Matter Union Electric Company d/b/a	)	
Ameren Missouri’s Tariffs to Adjust the	)	<b><u>File No. GR-2024-0107</u></b>
Weather Normalization Adjustment	)	Tracking No. JG-2024-0032
Rider (WNAR) Tariffs	)	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation* respectfully states:

1. On September 27, 2023, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (“Ameren Missouri”) filed a tariff sheet for its Weather Normalization Rider (“WNAR”), with an effective date of November 1, 2023.

2. The Commission subsequently issued its *Order Directing Filing* that same date, directing Staff to file its recommendation on this matter no later than October 11, 2023.

3. As detailed in Staff’s *Memorandum*, attached and incorporated hereto as Attachment A, the purpose of Ameren Missouri’s filing is to adjust revenues for differences between actual heating degree days (“AHDD”) and normal heating degree days (“NHDD”). The weather normalization adjustments in dollars per hundred cubic feet (“Ccf”) are calculated for each billing cycle based on the difference between the actual and the normal weather measured for each billing cycle.

4. Ameren Missouri’s current and proposed rates under the WNAR are outlined in the table below:

Customer Class	Current WNAR (\$/Ccf)	Proposed WNAR (\$/Ccf)	Net Change (\$/Ccf)
Residential	0.0242	0.0480	0.0238

5. The proposed change in residential rates would see an approximately \$2.38 increase for a residential customer using 100 Ccf of natural gas in a given billing month.

6. After reviewing Ameren Missouri's filing, Staff recommends approval of the following tariff sheet, effective November 1, 2023:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 32.2 Cancelling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 32.2

**WHEREFORE**, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving Second Revised Sheet No. 32.2, Cancelling First Revised Sheet No. 32.2, with an effective date of November 1, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

**/s/ Travis J. Pringle**  
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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 this 10th day of October, 2023.

**/s/ Travis J. Pringle**

# MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
File No. GR-2024-0107, Tariff Tracking No. JG-2024-0032  
Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri

FROM: Hari Poudel, Economist, Tariff/Rate Design  
/s/ Hari Poudel 10/10/2023  
Economist / Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for the **Approval** of the Tariff Sheet Filed by Ameren Missouri to adjust its Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider to go into effect on November 1, 2023.

DATE: October 10, 2023

On September 1, 2023, Ameren Missouri filed one tariff sheet in Tariff Tracking No. JG-2024-0032 for its weather normalization adjustment rider (WNAR) rate with a request for the gas rate to go into effect on November 1, 2023. On September 27, 2023, the Commission directed Staff to file a recommendation regarding the tariff sheet no later than October 11, 2023.

This is Ameren Missouri's second WNAR filing. Ameren Missouri's WNAR became effective on February 28, 2022 in Ameren Missouri's general rate case, Case No. GR-2021-0241. The purpose of the tariff is to adjust revenues for differences between actual heating degree days (AHDD) and normal heating degree days (NHDD). The weather normalization adjustments in dollars per hundred cubic feet (Ccf) are calculated for each billing cycle based on the difference between the actual and the normal weather measured for each billing cycle. Ameren Missouri's current and proposed rate is included in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Current and Proposed WNAR Rate (\$/Ccf)

Customer Class	Current WNAR (\$/Ccf)	Proposed WNAR (\$/Ccf)	Net Change (\$/Ccf)
Residential	0.0242	0.0480	0.0238

The proposed residential rate for the Ameren Missouri district service area will increase customer gas bills. This means a residential customer that uses 100 Ccf of natural gas in a given billing month would see an approximate \$2.38 increase in their bill due to this request.

## **Staff Recommendation**

Staff has reviewed the tariff sheet below, and recommends approval of the following tariff sheet to go into effect for service on and after November 1, 2023, the requested effective date:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2

2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 32.2 Cancelling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 32.2

Staff has verified that Ameren Missouri has filed its Annual Report. Staff is not aware of any other matter pending before the Commission that affects or is affected by this tariff filing.

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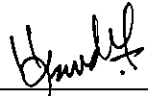
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**AFFIDAVIT OF HARI K. POUDEL, PhD**

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COUNTY OF COLE     )

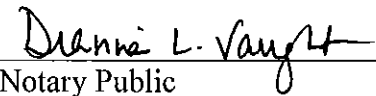
COMES NOW HARI POUDEL, PhD, and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation, in Memorandum fom,* and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

  
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HARI K. POUDEL, PhD

**JURAT**

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

  
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Notary Public

DIANNA L. VAUGHT Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: July 18, 2027 Commission Number: 15207377
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