# 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 Requests for a Temporary Waiver of Various Tariffs and Commission Order to Delay Implementation of Certain Time-of-Use Rates and Related Communication Tools for Residential Customers, a Permanent Waiver of Various Regulations to Cease Printing Beginning and Ending Readings on All Residential Customer Bills, for Waiver of 60-Day Notice Requirement, and for Expedited Treatment

Case No. EE-2021-0103

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the

undersigned counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation* states as follows:

1. On October 6, 2020, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri

("Ameren Missouri") filed its Notice Of Case Filing, Application For Variances, Motion For

Waiver Of 60-Day Notice Requirement, And Motion For Expedited Treatment. Ameren

Missouri made four requests in its filing:

First, the Company requests a temporary waiver from its electric tariffs and a Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") Order authorizing it to temporarily delay certain time-of-use ("TOU") rates being offered to or becoming default rates for residential customers for up to five months and to temporarily delay the provision of TOU rate-related communication tools for up to five months. Second, the Company requests from the Commission approval of permanent variances from portions of 20 CSR 4240 Chapter 13 to allow the Company to cease printing beginning and ending readings on all bills for residential customers with Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI") meters. Third, the Company moves for waiver of the 60-day notice requirement under 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1)(D). Fourth, the Company moves for expedited decision from the Commission in accordance with 20 CSR 4240-2.080(14).

2. On October 8, 2020, the Commission, in its Order Directing Notice, Setting Time

For Intervention And Responses, And Directing Staff Recommendation, ordered Staff to file

a recommendation no later than October 29, 2020.

3. On October 29, 2020, Staff filed its recommendation, stating it did not oppose the four requests.

4. On November 18, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Granting Variances and Waivers.

5. On November 20, 2020, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed a tariff, Tariff No. YE-2021-0120, purporting to be in compliance with that order. The tariff bears an effective date of December 20, 2020.

6. On November 24, 2020, the Commission issued an order directing Staff to file its recommendation no later than December 2, 2020.

7. Staff has reviewed the compliance tariff, and recommends that the below sheet be approved for service on and after December 20, 2020.

Filed 4th Revised Sheet No. 131

Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 131

WHEREFORE, the Staff prays the Commission accepts its Staff Recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Nicole Mers</u>

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2020, to all counsel of record.

<u>/s/ Nicole Mers</u>

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#### **AFFIDAVIT OF ROBIN KLIETHERMES**

STATE OF MISSOURI ) ) ss. COUNTY OF COLE )

**COMES NOW** Robin Kliethermes, and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation;* and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

<u>/s/ Robin Kliethermes</u> Robin Kliethermes