

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
September, 2015.

In the Matter of Ameren Missouri's Application for            )  
Authorization to Suspend Payment of Solar Rebates        )     **File No. ET-2014-0350**

**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION FOR REHEARING**

Issue Date: September 23, 2015

Effective Date: October 3, 2015

On August 20, 2014, the Commission issued its Order Regarding Tariff. On August 29, Earth Island Institute d/b/a Renew Missouri ("Renew Missouri") applied for rehearing.

Renew Missouri argues that the Commission failed to address whether Ameren Missouri had reached or would reach its 1% retail rate impact limit. In their responses to Renew Missouri's request for rehearing, Ameren and Staff agree the Commission must make an express finding regarding whether Ameren has reached the 1% cap. Section 393.1030.3 requires that the Commission approve the requested tariff suspension if "the maximum average retail rate increase will be reached."

The Commission's order found that Ameren has shown it will reach the \$91.9 million in rebates agreed upon by stipulation and that this is "the amount of solar rebates to be paid in lieu of calculating the 1% rate cap." The Commission believes this finding is sufficient to meet the requirements of the statute. However, out of an abundance of caution, the Commission now expressly finds Ameren has shown it will reach the maximum average retail rate increase by showing it will pay out the \$91.9 million cap on solar rebates

agreed upon and approved by the Commission in ET-2014-0085.<sup>1</sup> Hence, Ameren meets the standard elicited in Section 393.1030.3.

Renew Missouri further argues the Commission failed to approve Ameren Missouri's application within the 60-day time period. But the Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri stayed the Commission from acting upon this case from June 23 to August 15, 2014.<sup>2</sup> Thus, but for the stay order, the Commission acted within the 60-day time limit imposed by Section 393.1030.3 RSMo.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Application for Rehearing is granted.
2. In addition to the findings above, the Commission incorporates herein its Order Regarding Tariff issued in this case on August 20, 2014.
3. This order shall become effective on October 3, 2015.
4. This file shall be closed on October 4, 2015.



Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney,  
and Rupp, CC, concur.  
Coleman, C, abstains.

Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> Ameren included an exhibit with its application that showed its calculation of the 1% cap to support its contention that the cap would be exceeded as required by Section 393.1030. Staff reviewed the calculation submitted by Ameren and agreed the calculation was accurate. The Commission makes no finding regarding the method used to make that calculation as it only needs to find the maximum average retail rate increase will be met; and in this case, the maximum average retail rate increase is equal to a stipulated amount.

<sup>2</sup> Circuit Court of Cole County Case No. 14AC-CC00316.