# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Petition of Union Electric	)
Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri for a	)
Financing Order Authorizing the Issue of	) File No. EF-2024-0021
Securitized Utility Tariff Bonds for Energy	)
Transition Costs related to Rush Island	)
Energy Center	)

# ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: January 26, 2024 Effective Date: January 26, 2024

On November 21, 2023, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri submitted a petition for a financing order, seeking authority to issue securitized utility tariff bonds for Energy Transition Costs and associated Financing Costs related to the early retirement of its Rush Island Energy Center. On January 3, 2024, Ameren Missouri, the Commission's Staff (Staff), Renew Missouri, Sierra Club, Midwest Energy Consumers Group, Consumers Council of Missouri, Natural Recourses Defense Council of Missouri, and the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a proposed procedural schedule. The Commission will adopt the procedural schedule proposed by the parties with modification.<sup>1</sup>

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

**1.** The following procedural schedule is established:

Rebuttal Testimony February 23, 2024

Surrebuttal/Cross-Surrebuttal March 22, 2024
Testimony

Joint list of Issues and Order of April 1, 2024
Witnesses/Cross

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Commission acknowledges the request that the Commission issue an order by July 31, 2024.

Staff's Proposed Financing Order Filed	April 4, 2024
Last Day to Request Discovery	April 5, 2024
Position Statements	April 8, 2024
Evidentiary Hearing	April 15-19, 2024
Expedited Transcripts Filed	April 24, 2024
Initial Post-Hearing Briefs	May 10, 2024
Reply Briefs	May 17, 2024
Statutory Deadline	June 23, 2024 <sup>2</sup>

- 2. The evidentiary hearing shall be held at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, and will begin each day at 9:00 a.m. or as ordered by the Regulatory Law Judge at the hearing. 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.
  - 3. The parties shall comply with the following procedural requirements:
    - A. Exhibit numbers for the hearing are assigned in the following manner:

Ameren Missouri	1-99
Staff	100-199
Public Counsel	200-299
Renew Missouri	300-349
Midwest Energy Consumers Group	350-399
AARP	400-449
Consumer Council of Missouri	450-499

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> June 23, 2023, the 215th day post-the filing, is a Sunday, but the last business day to meet the statutory deadline is June 21, 2023.

Natural Resources Defense Council 500-549 Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers 550-599

If any party requires additional exhibit numbers, it may add 1000 to its assigned numbers. For example, if Staff has exhibits in addition to exhibit number 199, its next exhibit numbers would be 1100, 1101, 1102, etc. Exhibits shall be marked as set forth in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(10)(C); for example, "Exhibit 2" is public, whereas "Exhibit 2C" is the confidential version.

- B. All parties must comply with the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240- 2.130 for prepared testimony, including the requirement that testimony be filed using line-numbered pages.
- C. Although not all parties may agree upon how each issue should be described or on whether a listed issue is in fact a proper issue in this case, the parties shall agree upon and file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. The list of issues should be detailed enough to inform the Commission of each issue that must be resolved or that the parties believe that the Commission must address in order to issue a sufficient financing order.
- D. Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue.
- E. All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.
- F. If part of testimony or documents are prefiled and served upon the parties before a hearing, a party need only provide a copy of the testimony or document to the court reporter for marking as an exhibit. If not prefiled and served upon the parties, then a party who has a document marked for use at the hearing shall have sufficient copies of the document to provide a copy not only to the court reporter, but also to each of the Commissioners, the presiding officer, and counsel for each other party.
- G. All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel by electronic means and in electronic form, essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits, or pleadings where the information is available

- in electronic format (.PDF, .DOC, .WPD, .XLS, etc.). Parties are not required to put information that does not already exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging.
- H. Public documents filed in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) shall be considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail. The parties agree confidential documents may be obtained from EFIS and so agree not to serve those documents via e-mail.
- Counsel for each party shall receive electronically from all other parties serving a data request, an electronic copy of the text of the "description" of that data request contemporaneously with service of the data request. Data requests issued to or by Staff shall be submitted and responded to in EFIS, if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc, or by other means agreed to by counsel, if infeasible. Also, regarding Staff-issued data requests, if the description contains highly confidential or proprietary information, or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy. If a party desires the response to a data request that has been served on another party, the party desiring a copy of the response must request a copy of the response from the party answering the data request. Data requests, objections to data requests, and notifications respecting the need for additional time to respond to data requests shall be sent by e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Counsel may designate other personnel to be added to the service list for data requests, but shall assume responsibility for compliance with any restrictions on confidentiality. Data request responses shall be served on counsel for the requesting party, unless waived by counsel, and on the requesting party's employee or representative who submitted the data request, and shall be served electronically, if feasible and not voluminous as defined by Commission rule. In the case of Ameren Missouri data request responses, Ameren Missouri shall post its data request responses on its Caseworks Extranet site; however, in the case of responses to data requests Staff issues, Ameren Missouri shall also submit the responses to Staff data requests in EFIS, if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc or by other means agreed to by Staff counsel, if infeasible.
- J. The parties shall make an effort to not include confidential information in data requests. If confidential information must be included in a data request, the confidential information shall be appropriately designated as such pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135.

- K. Until rebuttal testimony is filed, the response time for all data requests shall be according to 20 CSR 4240-2.090. From and after the due date for rebuttal testimony, the response time for all data requests shall be ten (10) calendar days to respond, with five (5) calendar days to object or notify the requesting party that more than five (5) calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. From and after the due date for surrebuttal testimony, the response time for all data requests shall be seven calendar days to respond, with three calendar days to object or notify the requesting party that more than three days will be needed to provide the requested information. If a data request has been responded to, a party's request for a copy of the response shall be timely responded to without waiting the full response time allowed (except that, with the exception of responses to Staff, responses will not be needed for Ameren Missouri data request responses posted on Ameren Missouri's Caseworks Extranet site). Data requests served on a nonbusiness day or after 5:00 p.m. on a business day shall be deemed served the following business day.
- L. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.090's requirement that a party must seek a telephone conference with the presiding officer before filing a discovery motion is waived.
- M. Workpapers prepared in the course of developing a testimony shall not be filed with the Commission, but shall be submitted to each party within two (2) business days following the filing of the testimony document, unless a party has indicated that it does not want to receive some or all of the workpapers. Workpapers containing confidential information shall be appropriately marked. If there are no workpapers associated with testimony, the party's attorney shall so notify the other parties within the time allowed for providing those workpapers.
- N. Where workpapers or data request responses include models or spreadsheets or similar information originally in a commonly available format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs, if available in that original format, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in that original format with formulas intact. With the exception of workpapers provided to Staff, Ameren Missouri may provide workpapers by posting the same on its Ameren Missouri Legal Regulatory File Sharing site, with an e-mail notification to counsel for the parties to be provided essentially concurrently with the posting of workpapers on the external site with instructions on how to access. Ameren Missouri shall provide its workpapers to Staff

in electronic format by e-mailing or by delivery of a compact disc or other electronic storage.

4. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell Secretary

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority under Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

# STATE OF MISSOURI

## OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

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Sincerely,

Nancy Dippell
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