

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 3rd day of April, 2024.

In the Matter of Union Electric Company)
d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Purchased Gas)
Adjustment Tariff Filing)

File No. GR-2022-0351

ORDER ESTABLISHING ENDING ACA BALANCE

Issue Date: April 3, 2024

Effective Date: May 3, 2024

The Commission opened this case to receive the 2021-2022 Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) and Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) filings of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (Ameren Missouri). The ACA filing was made to reconcile actual gas costs with revenue recoveries for the period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a recommendation regarding Ameren Missouri's ACA filing on December 12, 2023. Staff's recommendation and memorandum indicated Staff had completed an audit of billed revenues and actual natural gas costs that were included in Ameren Missouri's calculation of its ACA balances. Staff recommends a monetary adjustment to Ameren Missouri's ending balance in the amount of \$(1,088,358)¹ for Firm Sales and an adjustment of \$(4,717) to Interruptible Sales.

Staff also made non-monetary recommendations. Staff recommends that Ameren Missouri evaluate its capacity needs on an annual basis based on peak day supply needs. Staff also recommends Ameren Missouri evaluate its hedging strategy in response to

¹ Parenthesis designates a negative amount.

changing market dynamics regarding the extent that the existing hedging strategy actually benefits its customers while balancing market price risk. Staff further recommends that Ameren Missouri use the meter read date to determine revenue month because of the inconsistencies in time to complete post-read activities.

After requesting an extension of time to respond, Ameren Missouri filed a response of Staff's recommendation on March 15, 2024. Ameren Missouri states that Staff's recommendation attempts to redefine established company billing practices without identifying any standards being violated. Staff and Ameren Missouri were unable to reach an agreement about the revenue month time period.

Staff filed a reply to Ameren Missouri's response. Staff believes the additional days after the meter read used to determine the revenue month may not be consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. However, Staff states that because of the limited time to resolve this issue, the Commission should accept Ameren Missouri's ending ACA balances as filed by Ameren Missouri. Staff will continue efforts to resolve this issue in the audit of Ameren Missouri's 2022-2023 ACA. Accordingly, without Staff's adjustments, Ameren Missouri's ACA ending balances as of August 31, 2022, are \$34,795,463.66 for Firm Sales and \$379,724.01 for Interruptible Sales. Staff states that there are no remaining issues that would require a procedural schedule.

After reviewing Staff's recommendation and Ameren Missouri's response, the Commission finds that Staff's proposal to accept Ameren Missouri's ending ACA balances should be used as a resolution of Ameren Missouri's 2020-2021 ACA audit.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The ending balance for Ameren Missouri's 2020-2021 Actual Cost Adjustment is established as provided in the table below:

2.

	ACA Balance per Filing	Current Staff Adjustments	Staff Recommended ACA Balance 8/31/21
Firm Sales	\$ 34,795,463.66	\$ 0	\$ 34,795,463.66
Interruptible Sales	\$ 379,724.01	\$ 0	\$ 379,724.01

2. This order shall become effective on May 3, 2024.

3. This file shall be closed on May 4, 2024.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Hahn, Ch., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman
and Kolkmeier CC., concur.

Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

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 3rd day of April 2024.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

April 3, 2024

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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