

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

In the Matter of the First Prudence Review of)
Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren)
Missouri's Implementation of Energy)
Efficiency Programs in Furtherance of the)
Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act)
(MEEIA).

File No. EO-2015-_____

STAFF'S NOTICE OF START OF FIRST MEEIA PRUDENCE AUDIT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its Notice of Start of First MEEIA Prudence Audit, respectfully states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. Ameren Missouri's tariff provides that "[a] prudence review shall be conducted no less frequently than at twenty-four (24) month intervals in accordance with 4 CSR 240-20.093(10)...."¹ This tracks the language of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.093(10) as authorized under § 393.1075.3 and § 393.1075.11 RSMo Supp. 2013.

2. The Staff's prudence audit also complies with the *Unanimous Stipulation And Agreement Resolving Ameren Missouri's MEEIA Filing* approved by the Commission in File No. EO-2012-0142, which states in part (paragraph) "22. Prudence Review. A prudence review in accordance with 4 CSR 240-20.093(10) shall be conducted..."²

¹ Union Electric Company, MO.P.S.C Schedule No. 6, Original Sheet No. 90.4, "Rider EEIC, Energy Efficiency Investment Charge (Cont'd.), For MEEIA Cycle 1 Plan, Prudence Reviews."

² "The stipulation and agreement ...approve[s] Ameren Missouri's three-year demand-side program plan. That plan consists of the eleven demand-side programs described in Ameren Missouri's January 20, 2012 MEEIA Report; the demand-side programs investment mechanism (DSIM) described in the MEEIA Report, as modified by the stipulation and agreement; and a Technical Resource Manual (TRM) proposed by Ameren Missouri." p. 3, *Order Approving Unanimous Stipulation And Agreement Resolving Ameren Missouri's MEEIA Filing And Approving Stipulation And Agreement Between Ameren Missouri And Laclede Gas Company*, effective August 11, 2012.

3. Rule 4 CSR 240-20.093(10), in part, requires: “The Staff shall file notice within ten (10) days of starting its prudence audit.” It also establishes the following schedule by which certain events are to take place based on the date the Staff starts its prudence audit:

Time from start of Staff prudence audit to event	Event
Within 150 days (12/24/14)	Submission of Staff Recommendation to Commission regarding Staff’s examination and analysis
Within 160 days (1/2/15)	Request for hearing
Within 210 days (2/22/15)	Commission Order, if no hearing requested

4. Staff initiated its first prudence audit of the costs associated with Ameren Missouri’s Demand-Side Programs Investment Mechanisms (DSIM) on July 28, 2014. In accordance with the rule, Staff plans to file its recommendation to the Commission regarding its examination and analysis in this case no later than December 24, 2014.

5. The Staff’s Energy Resource Analysis Section is primarily responsible for conducting the prudence audit and may change its audit approach during this audit, and in future prudence audits as well, based on the particular circumstances existing at the time of the audit.

WHEREFORE, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission hereby provides notice that it started its first MEEIA prudence audit of the costs associated with Ameren Missouri’s DSIM on July 28, 2014 and that it plans to file its recommendation regarding the Staff’s examination and analysis in this case no later than December 24, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 counsel of record this 28th day of July, 2014.

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