

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 10th day of
July, 2024.

In the Matter of Union Electric Company)	<u>File No. ER-2024-0319</u>
d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tariffs to Adjust)	Tracking No. JE-2024-0173
its Revenues for Electric Service)	

**ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF, GIVING NOTICE OF CONTESTED
CASE STATUS, AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY**

Issue Date: July 10, 2024

Effective Date: July 10, 2024

Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri submitted tariff sheets on June 28, 2024, to produce a net increase in its electric base rates of approximately \$446.2 million or a 15.49% increase over revenues authorized in its last general rate case. The proposed tariff sheets have an effective date of August 3, 2024.

A. Suspension of Tariff

Section 393.150, RSMo, authorizes the Commission to suspend the effective date of proposed tariff sheets for 120 days, plus an additional six months to allow for a hearing. To provide sufficient time to determine if Ameren Missouri's proposed tariff sheets are just and reasonable,¹ the Commission will suspend the tariff sheets for 120 days beyond their effective date. The Commission's experience demonstrates that a full hearing cannot be concluded within 120 days, so the Commission will suspend the tariff sheets for an additional six months.²

¹ Section 393.140(5), RSMo. Unless otherwise noted, all statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri as codified in 2016.

² Section 393.150.2, RSMo.

B. Notice of Contested Case

Suspension of the tariff may occur only pending a “full” hearing and decision on the tariff’s propriety.³ The provision for a full pre-decision hearing after suspension signifies that this action is a “contested case.”⁴ A contested case is a formal hearing procedure, but it allows for waiver of procedural formalities and a decision without a hearing,⁵ including by stipulation and agreement.⁶ This order and notice does not require any party to file an answer. The Commission’s discovery regulations may be found at 20 CSR 4240-2.090.

C. Delegation of Authority

The Commission may delegate any adjudicative authority to the regulatory law judge assigned to this action.⁷ To ensure that all procedural and discovery disputes are ruled upon expeditiously, the Commission will delegate its authority to the regulatory law judge assigned to this action to rule on procedural disputes, discovery disputes, and motions to compel discovery, and may make any discovery ruling at the discovery conferences. The Commission will set forth further provisions for procedures and discovery by separate order when setting a full procedural schedule.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed tariff sheets, filed under Tracking No. JE-2024-0173, by Ameren Missouri, are suspended for 120 days from August 3, 2024, to December 1, 2024, plus six months thereafter, until June 1, 2025.

³ Section 393.150.1, RSMo.

⁴ Section 536.010(4), RSMo.

⁵ Section 536.060, RSMo.

⁶ 20 CSR 4240-2.115.

⁷ Section 386.240, RSMo.

2. The regulatory law judge assigned to this action shall have full authority to rule on any procedural or discovery dispute, including any motion to compel, and may make any discovery ruling at a discovery conference.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Hahn, Ch., Coleman, Holsman
Kolkmeier, and Mitchell 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 10th day of July 2024.



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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
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