

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

In the Matter of the True-Up of Union)
Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's)
Fuel Adjustment Clause for the 34th) **File No. EO-2022-0027**
Recovery Period)

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In the Matter of the Adjustment of Union) **File No. ER-2022-0026**
Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's) Tracking No. YE-2022-0025
Fuel Adjustment Clause for the 37th)
Accumulation Period)

**ORDER GRANTING WAIVER,
GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE STAFF REPORT,
AND EXTENDING DEADLINE TO FILE RESPONSES**

Issue Date: September 1, 2021

Effective Date: September 1, 2021

On July 30, 2021, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed a revised tariff sheet proposing a revised fuel adjustment rate and bearing an effective date of October 1, 2021. Also on July 30, 2021, Ameren Missouri initiated a rate adjustment mechanism true-up, to be included in the proposed fuel adjustment rate. The fuel adjustment clause (FAC) tariff filing includes costs from the four-month period of February through May 2021.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090 provides a 60-day timeline for FAC tariffs to become effective or be suspended. Subsection (8)(F) of 20 CSR 4240-20.090 also provides for the Staff of the Commission to file a recommendation within 30 days of the tariff filing and subsection (8)(G) states that responses to Staff's recommendation will be filed within 40 days after the tariff filing. Because the thirtieth day fell on a Saturday, the Commission directed Staff to make its filing by Friday, August 27, 2021. Responses to Staff's recommendation were directed to be filed by September 8, 2021.

On August 27, 2021, Staff filed a motion for a one-week extension of time. Staff states in its motion that Ameren Missouri addresses previously unknown costs related to a research and development project involving a Bitcoin mining operation. Staff also stated that on August 6, 2021, Ameren Missouri filed a separate request, in File No. EU-2022-0030, for permission to record the cost of impact the Bitcoin mining research and development project to a regulatory liability. Because of the novel Bitcoin mining research and development project issue and the filing of the separate related case asking for a regulatory liability, Staff states that it has been in extensive discussions with Ameren Missouri regarding the proper treatment of the Bitcoin mining issue. Staff stated that it needed an additional week to provide a recommendation to the Commission and requested an extension until Friday, September 3, 2021, to file its recommendation. Staff further requested that the deadline for responses also be extended until September 10, 2021.

The Commission directed any responses to Staff's request for an extension be filed no later than August 31, 2021. No responses were filed.

Section (22) of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090 states that the Commission may waive provisions of the rule for good cause. Although Staff did not request the rule be waived, the Commission on its own motion finds good cause exists to waive the rule provisions requiring Staff's recommendation within 30 days of the tariff filing and responses to be filed within 40 days of the tariff filing. In Staff's recommendation, it shall specifically report whether it has had discussions with the Office of the Public Counsel or any other party with regard to its recommendation. Additionally, if the recommendation seeks to reject all or part of the tariff filing, Staff shall specifically address whether the

Commission should order Ameren Missouri to file tariff sheets to implement interim adjusted fuel adjustment rates to reflect any part of the proposed adjustment that is not in question, as contemplated in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8)(H)3 and (9)(F)2.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. For the purposes of this case only, the time limits in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8)(F), (8)(G), (9)(D), and (9)(E) are waived.

2. No later than September 3, 2021, the Staff of the Commission shall file recommendations reporting Staff's examination and analysis of Ameren Missouri's application and tariff sheet.

3. Staff's recommendation shall specifically report whether it has had discussions with the Office of the Public Counsel or any other party with regard to its recommendation. If Staff's recommendation seeks to reject all or part of the tariff filing, Staff shall specifically give the Commission recommendations with regard to any part of the proposed adjustment that is not in question as contemplated in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8)(H)3. and (9)(F)2.

4. Any response to Ameren Missouri's proposed fuel adjustment rate and/or proposed true-up amount from the Office of the Public Counsel and other parties shall be filed no later than September 13, 2021.

5. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 1st day of September, 2021.


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 1st day of September, 2021.





Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

September 1, 2021

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

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