BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

Case No. GR-2023-0392

STAFF'S STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and for its Staff Status Report, states as follows:

1. On December 13, 2024, Staff filed its recommendation regarding Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's ("Ameren Missouri") ACA filing.

2. On January 15, 2025, Ameren Missouri filed its *Response to Commission Order*, wherein, Ameren Missouri accepted Staff's analysis and recommendations with the exception of Staff's proposed ACA balances, including natural gas adjustments and carrying cost adjustments.

3. On January 30, 2025, Staff filed its Response to the Commission's Order, which was entitled *Staff's Reply and Recommendation Approving Union Electric d/b/a Ameren Missouri's 2022-2023 Actual Cost Adjustment Balances*. Staff further responded to Ameren Missouri's Response to Staff's Recommendation, including paragraphs six through twelve.

4. On February 3, 2025, the Commission issued an Order Setting a Procedural Conference for February 19, 2025. During the procedural conference, the parties indicated they would meet and discuss settling the remaining issues as stated in paragraph five, and would provide a status report to the Commission no later than February 26, 2025.

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5. On February 24, 2025, Staff and Ameren Missouri met to discuss these issues, and additional information and documents were determined to be needed and will be provided by Ameren Missouri by February 26, 2025.

6. On February 25, 2025, Staff filed its Status Report indicating the parties were still discussing their differences on the issues at hand, and needed additional time to work towards settlement. The parties requested the Commission give them until March 26, 2025, to file a stipulation or a status report.

7. On February 26, 2025, the Commission issued an Order Directing Filing and granted the parties request, and ordered the parties to file a stipulation, status report, or alternative pleading no later than March 26, 2025.

8. On March 26, 2025, Staff filed its Status Report indicating the parties were still discussing their differences on the issues at hand, and needed additional time to work towards settlement. The parties requested the Commission give them until April 25, 2025, to file a stipulation or a status report.

9. Staff and Ameren Missouri have continued working on developing an agreement, but need additional time to finalize a stipulation/agreement, due to Ameren Missouri submitting new and additional information and supporting documentation as of April 22, 2025.

10. Staff requests an additional 30 days to finalize discussions and to develop an agreement on the subject at hand. Staff requests the Commission permit Staff and Ameren Missouri to submit a stipulation/agreement or status report no later than May 30, 2025.

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11. Counsel for Ameren Missouri was contacted in reference to this Status Report and request for additional time, and indicated Ameren Missouri had no objection to this request.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission accept and grant this *Staff Status Report* and permit Staff and Ameren Missouri to file a Stipulation/Agreement or Status Report no later than May 30, 2025; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers reasonable in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ J. Scott Stacey</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 23rd day of April, 2025.

/s/ J. Scott Stacey