

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

In the Matter of the Fifth Prudence Review of)
Costs Subject to the Commission-Approved)
Fuel Adjustment Clause of Union Electric)
Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri.)

Case No. EO-2016-0228

**STAFF'S FIFTH FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE
PRUDENCE AUDIT REPORT OF AMEREN MISSOURI**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and submits Staff's Fifth Fuel Adjustment Clause Prudence Audit Report of the costs subject to the fuel adjustment clause ("FAC") of Ameren Missouri. As a result of its prudence review of FAC costs, the Staff has identified no evidence of imprudence on the part of Ameren Missouri and, in support thereof, states as follows:

1. On March 7, 2016, the Staff filed *Staff's Notice of Start of Fifth Prudence Audit* ("Notice") informing the Commission that it had begun its audit of the costs subject to Ameren Missouri's FAC. Staff's *Notice* informed the Commission and Ameren Missouri that it would file its recommendation and report regarding its examination and analyses by August 31, 2016 in accordance with the schedule set out in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.090(7)(B).

2. Staff's *Notice* set forth a plan for examining and analyzing the costs and revenues associated with Ameren Missouri's commission-approved FAC for the period June 1, 2014, to September 30, 2015. This audit period corresponds to the seventeenth (17th) through twentieth (20th) sequential FAC accumulation periods since the Commission first authorized an FAC for Ameren Missouri.

3. The Staff's Energy Resource Analysis Section has completed its prudence audit and provides a detailed discussion of its examination findings in Staff's *Prudence Review of Costs Related To The Fuel Adjustment Clause For The Electric Operations*

Of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Prudence Audit Report") attached as Appendix A in Highly Confidential and Public formats. As a result of its prudence audit, and as more fully explained in the *Prudence Audit Report*, the Staff identified no instances of imprudence on the part of Ameren Missouri during the period of review.

WHEREFORE, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission prays the Commission accept its *Prudence Audit Report* of Ameren Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Robert S. Berlin_____

Robert S. Berlin
Deputy Staff Counsel
Missouri Bar No. 51709

Attorney for the Staff of the
Missouri Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573) 526-7779 (Telephone)
(573) 751-9285 (Fax)
bob.berlin@psc.mo.gov (e-mail)

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 31st day of August, 2016.

/s/ Robert S. Berlin_____