

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

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a)	
Ameren Missouri’s Request for Expedited Approval of)	<u>File No. ET-2021-0304</u>
Its Proposed Keeping Current Tariff Revisions)	Tariff No. YE-2021-0172
Temporarily Raising the Federal Poverty Levels)	
Through 2021)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, through the undersigned counsel, and for its Recommendation respectfully states as follows:

1. On March 19, 2021, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (“Ameren Missouri”) filed tariff sheets that will temporarily increase the qualifying federal poverty level associated with its Keeping Current Low Income Pilot Program (heating and cooling programs). The revised tariff sheets would increase the qualifying federal poverty level from 150 percent to 200 percent for the Keeping Current heating program, and from 150 percent to 250 percent for the Keeping Current cooling program. According to the terms of the filed tariff sheets, these increases in the qualifying federal poverty level will only be effective through December 31, 2021, after which time the qualifying federal poverty levels will revert to 150 percent. The tariff sheets were assigned Tariff No. YE-2021-0172.

2. Along with the tariff sheets, Ameren Missouri filed a motion for expedited treatment. The motion asks that the tariff sheets be approved to go into effect on April 1, 2021, so that Ameren Missouri can begin providing assistance to additional customers who have been harmed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. Also on March 19, 2021, the Commission issued an *Order Directing Response to Request for Expedited Approval of Tariff* (“Order”) in which the Commission

ordered, “Staff shall file a recommendation regarding Ameren Missouri’s tariff (Tariff No. YE-2021-0172) and its request for expedited approval of that tariff by March 23, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.”

4. Given the unique circumstances surrounding Ameren Missouri’s filing, namely the COVID-19 pandemic, Staff does not object to the request for expedited treatment.

5. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets and recommends that the Commission approve the following tariff sheets, filed on March 19, 2021, to go into effect on April 1, 2021, as requested by Ameren Missouri:

Union Electric Company’s MO.P.S.C. Schedule No. 6, Schedule of Rates for Electricity:

Filed
2nd Revised Sheet No. 160
3rd Revised Sheet No. 160.1
3rd Revised Sheet No. 160.2
1st Revised Sheet No. 160.3

Canceling
1st Revised Sheet No. 160
2nd Revised Sheet No. 160.1
2nd Revised Sheet No. 160.2
Original Sheet No. 160.3

6. Staff has verified that Ameren Missouri is not delinquent on any assessment and has filed its Annual Report. Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

WHEREFORE Staff recommends the Commission approve the tariff sheets listed above, to be effective for service rendered on and after April 1, 2021, and grant such other and further relief as the Commission finds appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System this 23rd day of March, 2021.

/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil

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**AFFIDAVIT OF KORY J. BOUSTEAD AND
ROBIN KLIETHERMES**

STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF COLE) ss.

COME NOW Kory J. Boustead and Robin Kliethermes, and on their oath declare that she are of sound mind and lawful age; that they contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*; and that the same is true and correct according to their best knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

Further the Affiants sayeth not.

/s/ Kory J. Boustead
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/s/ Robin Kliethermes
Robin Kliethermes