

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held by telephone and internet audio conference on the 14th day of April, 2021.

In the Matter of Union Electric Company)
d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tariffs to Decrease) **File No. ER-2019-0335**
Its Revenues for Electric Service)

**ORDER APPROVING MODIFICATION OF SECOND
NON-UNANIMOUS STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT**

Issue Date: April 14, 2021

Effective Date: April 24, 2021

On March 24, 2021, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (Ameren Missouri) and the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a joint motion to further modify the *Second Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement*, which was originally approved by the Commission in its March 18, 2020 *Order Approving Stipulation and Agreements* and modified by the Commission's May 21, 2020 *Order Approving Modification of Second Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement*. The stipulation and agreement, which was not opposed, provided for certain payments by Ameren Missouri to consumer action agencies to be used for "low-income weatherization or for assistance to low-income customers for such customers' participation in Ameren Missouri's energy efficiency programs."¹

In May 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Ameren Missouri and Public Counsel filed a joint motion to redirect \$3.5 million of the funds donated by Ameren Missouri from low-income weatherization projects to low-income energy assistance

¹ Second Stipulation and Agreement, (filed March 9, 2020), para. 3.b.

programs for Ameren Missouri's electric customers needing assistance with paying their electric bills. The Commission approved that modification on May 21, 2020.

Because the economic challenges facing Ameren Missouri customers have continued during the ongoing pandemic, on March 24, 2021, Ameren Missouri and Public Counsel filed a joint motion requesting approval of a second modification of the stipulation and agreement. The second modification would direct the remaining \$3.5 million donated by Ameren Missouri from weatherization projects to the following:

- \$1.3 to fund a low-income energy efficiency program, the terms of which are set forth in Attachment A of the stipulation and agreement;²
- \$1.2 million to fund additional low-income energy assistance in 2021, including but not limited to Ameren Missouri's Clean Slate program; and
- \$1 million to fund administrative costs for the agencies charged with administering the distribution of energy assistance funding to low-income customers.

The Commission directed any responses to the proposed amendment be filed no later than April 5, 2021. No responses were received. After reviewing the unopposed modification, the Commission finds the modification is reasonable and should be approved. The Commission also finds that because this modification will aid Ameren Missouri's customers during the COVID-19 pandemic, this order should become effective in less than 30 days.

² The program provides a "do-it-yourself" energy efficiency kit and a one-time bill credit for verified installation of the energy efficiency measures. The kit includes a smart thermostat, advance power strip, pipe insulation, window insulation kit, LEDs, aerators, foam weather stripping, and door corner pads. The kit is valued at approximately \$250.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The *Joint Motion to Further Modify Requirements of Second Stipulation and Agreement* filed by Ameren Missouri and Public Counsel on March 24, 2021 is approved.

2. The *Second Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement* is amended so that paragraph 3.b of that agreement reads as set out below. The signatory parties are directed to comply with its terms.

b. Ameren Missouri shall donate \$500,000 (provided concurrently with the effective date of new base rates set in this proceeding) to the headquarters of the fourteen consumer action agencies that administer low income weatherization assistance programs ("LIWAP") in its service territory. In addition, Ameren Missouri shall donate \$3.5 million for low-income energy assistance in calendar year 2020; \$1.2 million for low-income energy assistance in calendar year 2021, including but not limited to the Company's Clean Slate program; \$1.3 million to fund a low-income energy efficiency program to be launched in 2021, the terms of which are generally described in Attachment A to the *Joint Motion to Further Modify Requirements of Second Stipulation and Agreement* filed in this proceeding on March 24, 2021; and \$1 million to fund administrative costs for the agencies that administer energy assistance funding in Ameren Missouri's service territory.

3. Ameren Missouri and Public Counsel shall collaborate to implement the terms of the modified stipulation and agreement, and if they cannot agree on any implementation matter they shall bring such matter to the Commission for resolution.

4. This order shall be effective on April 24, 2021.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, Coleman, and
Holsman CC., concur.

Dippell, Deputy Chief 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 14th day of April, 2021.




Morris L. Woodruff
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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

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