

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

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a)
Ameren Missouri's Tariffs to Increase Its)
Revenues for Electric Service)

File No. ER-2016-0179
Tariff No. YE-2017-0003

ORDER DENYING JOINT MOTION TO CANCEL MISO PRESENTATION

Issue Date: November 1, 2016

Effective Date: November 1, 2016

On October 31, 2016, the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, the Office of the Public Counsel, and the Consumers Council of Missouri (Joint Movants) filed a joint motion asking the Commission to cancel a presentation from the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) scheduled to be provided to the Commission at a public meeting of the Commission on November 2, 2016. The Joint Movants indicate they have no knowledge of the specific subject of the presentations, but they are concerned that the presentations may address the value of Ameren Missouri's participation in MISO, the level of cost to Ameren of such participation, or the volatility of that cost. The Joint Movants contend these will be contested issues in Ameren Missouri's on-going rate case and express concern that discussion of such issues in this forum would deny them a fair hearing in the rate case. As an alternative to canceling the presentation, the Joint Movants ask the Commission to record the presentation and to allow the parties in this case an opportunity to respond.

The Commission will deny the Joint Motion for several reasons. First, the presentation from MISO will be a general update about MISO operations and will not be specifically about Ameren or Ameren Missouri. Second, as a discussion of matters of general regulatory policy, the free exchange of ideas, views, and information embodied in

the presentations is protected under Section 386.210.4, RSMo (Cum. Supp. 2013). Third, even if this presentation were construed to be subject to the Commission's ex parte and extra communications rule, information regarding a regional transmission organization is explicitly exempted from the limitations of the rule by section 4 CSR 240-4.020(10)(A)7. Finally, the presentation will be made at a properly noticed public meeting of the Commission. As is the Commission's practice with all such meetings, the presentations will not only be recorded, they will be webcast live, available to be viewed by anyone in the world with an internet connection.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Joint Motion of the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, the Office of the Public Counsel, and the Consumers Council of Missouri to Cancel MISO Presentation is denied.
2. 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

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 1st day of November, 2016.

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 November 2016.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

November 1, 2016

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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, stylized "M" and "W".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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