STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its Office in Jefferson City, Missouri on the 26th day of May, 2021.

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tariffs to Adjust its Revenues for Electric Service	)))	**File No. ER-2021-0240** Tracking No. YE-2021-0175

ORDER REGARDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND TEST YEAR

Issue Date: May 26, 2021 Effective Date: May 26, 2021

On March 31, 2021, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri Inc. submitted a tariff revision intended to increase its revenues for electric service. The Commission has suspended that tariff revision until February 28, 2022. In its order suspending the tariff, the Commission scheduled a hearing for October 12 through 22, 2021, but also invited the parties to submit a proposed procedural schedule.

On May 13, 2021, all parties submitted a jointly proposed procedural schedule.[1] The proposed procedural schedule would move the evidentiary hearing into December, with reply briefs to be filed on January 14, 2022. The motion explains that this schedule is appropriate to allow for the use of the agreed upon test year ending December 31, 2020, with a true-up cut-off date of September 30, 2021.

The hearing schedule proposed by the parties is problematic in that it unduly limits the amount of time available to the Commission to deliberate and prepare a report and

[1] The parties that submitted the proposed procedural schedule are Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri; Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission; The Office of the Public Counsel; the Consumers Council of Missouri; Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Inc.; the Midwest Energy Consumers Group; The Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers; the Natural Resources Defense Council; Sierra Club; and Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri.

order and deal with compliance tariffs by the February 28, 2022 operation of law date. If reply briefs are submitted on Friday, January 14, 2022, the first agenda at which the Commission could begin deliberations would be on January 19, just one business day after reply briefs are filed.[2] That would allow for just one additional agenda for deliberation on January 26, before a report and order would need to be issued on February 2. Because of those problems, the Commission will modify the proposed schedule by moving the proposed start of the hearing and adjusting the proposed briefing schedule.

The Commission recognizes that moving the hearing dates will affect the portion of the procedural schedule leading up to the start of the hearing. Rather than attempt to modify that portion of the schedule, the Commission will direct the parties to file an updated procedural schedule to accommodate the new hearing and briefing dates, and to identify any effect on the proposed test year and true-up cut-off date.[3]

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following hearing dates and briefing schedule are established:

Evidentiary Hearing	**-**	**November 17-19, 22-23, 29-30, December 1-3, and 6-10, 2021**
Initial Post-Hearing Briefs	**-**	**December 28, 2021**
Reply/True-up Briefs	**-**	**January 7, 2022**

[2] Despite the suggestion offered by the parties in footnote 9 of their jointly proposed procedural schedule, the Commission cannot begin meaningful deliberations before reply briefs are filed.

[3] The identified hearing dates are acceptable to the Commission, but if the parties wish to propose alternative hearing dates that will still allow for the submission of reply/true-up briefs by January 7, 2022, they may do so.

2. No later than June 2, 2021, the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule that incorporates the ordered hearing dates and briefing schedule, or otherwise provides for the submission of reply/true-up briefs by no later than January 7, 2022.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Woodruff, 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 26th day of May, 2021.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



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