# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the True-Up of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Fuel Adjustment Clause for the 10th Recovery Period

File No. ER-2014-0023

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TRUE-UP FILING

**COMES NOW** the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), by and through counsel, and for its recommendation respectfully states:

1. On July 26, 2013, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri" or "Company") filed a true-up to its Fuel Adjustment Clause ("FAC") to identify the amount of over- or under-recovery during the previous 8-month FAC recovery period, as required by Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-3.161 and 4 CSR 240-20.090.

2. The true-up amount for the 10<sup>th</sup> Recovery Period identified in this case is included in the calculation of the Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment ("FPA") amount in the Company's 13<sup>th</sup> Accumulation Period filing in File No. ER-2014-0022, also filed on July 26.

3. On July 29, the Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation regarding its examination and analysis of the true-up filing by no later than August 23, 2013, as required by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.090(5)(D).

4. Rule 4 CSR 240-20.090(5)(D) also requires the Commission to issue an order deciding the true-up within 60 days of Ameren Missouri's filing, or, if no order is issued, the rule provides that the tariff schedules and rate adjustments shall take effect by operation of law 60 days after filing.

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5. As explained in Staff's *Memorandum*, attached here as Appendix A and incorporated by reference, Staff recommends that the Commission approve Ameren Missouri's true-up filing for the 10<sup>th</sup> Recovery Period.

6. Staff reviewed and analyzed the direct testimony and supporting schedules of Ameren Missouri witness Erik C. Wenberg. Staff found that Ameren Missouri's calculations for the true-up amounts and interest for the 10<sup>th</sup> Recovery Period (the billing months October 2012 through May 2013) are correct. The under-collected amount of \$757,033<sup>1</sup> is included in Ameren Missouri's calculation of its requested current period FPA in ER-2014-0022, also filed July 26, 2013.

7. Staff has verified that Ameren Missouri filed its 2012 annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Ameren Missouri is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring Report as required by 4 CSR 240-20.090(10) and its monthly reports as required by 4 CSR 240-3.161(5). Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing, except File No. ER-2014-0022 noted above.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits its analysis and recommends that the Commission approve Ameren Missouri's true-up filing for the 10<sup>th</sup> Recovery Period, under the provisions of 4 CSR 240-3.161(8) and 4 CSR 240-20.090(5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This amount includes accumulated interest.

Respectfully Submitted,

### /s/ Robert S. Berlin

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were served electronically to all counsel of record this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2013.

### /s/ Robert S. Berlin

### **MEMORANDUM**

- TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File File No. ER-2014-0023 Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri
- FROM: Matthew Barnes, Utility Regulatory Auditor IV
- DATE: <u>/s/ John A. Rogers 08/23/2013</u> /s/ Robert S. Berlin 08/23/2013 Energy Resource Analysis Unit/Date Staff Counsel's Office / Date
- SUBJECT: Staff's Analysis of and Recommendation Concerning Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tenth Fuel Adjustment Clause Trueup Filing Under the Provisions in 4 CSR 240-3.161(8) and 4 CSR 240-20.090(5).
- DATE: August 23, 2013

On July 26, 2013, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri" or "Company") filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") in the form of direct testimony and supporting schedules by Erik C. Wenberg, its tenth true-up filing under the provisions in 4 CSR 240-3.161(8) and 4 CSR 240-20.090(5).

The true-up amount of \$757,033 identified in this filing is the result of an undercollection during Recovery Period 10 ("RP10") that includes the billing months of October 2012 through May 2013. RP10 is the recovery period for and following Accumulation Period 10 ("AP10") that includes the period of February 1, 2012 through May 31, 2012.

The \$757,033 true-up amount for RP10 is included in the calculation of the Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment ("FPA") amount included in the Company's Accumulation Period 13 ("AP13") adjustment filing, also filed on July 26, 2013, in File No. ER-2014-0022, in compliance with Ameren Missouri's FAC.<sup>1</sup>

Staff examined the direct testimony of Erik C. Wenberg, the supporting schedules Ameren Missouri provided with its application in this case, and the monthly information

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Union Electric Company's Schedule No. 5, Original Sheet No. 72.8: "<u>TRUE-UP</u>: After completion of each RP, the Company shall make a true-up filing on the same day as its FAR filing. Any true-up adjustments shall be reflected in item T above. Interest on the true-up adjustment will be included in I above. The true-up adjustments shall be the difference between the revenues billed and the revenues authorized for collection during the RP."

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Ameren Missouri has submitted to the Commission. Staff also reviewed Ameren Missouri's monthly interest calculations; Staff agrees with them.

Based on its examination and analysis of information Ameren Missouri filed and submitted in this case, Staff recommends the Commission approve Ameren Missouri's RP10 true-up filing for the billing months October 2012 through May 2013, during which Ameren Missouri under-collected \$757,033 from its customers for inclusion in the calculation of the FPA amount included in the Company's AP13 adjustment filing in File No. ER-2014-0022.

Staff has verified that Ameren Missouri has filed its 2012 annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Ameren Missouri is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring reports as required in 4 CSR 240-20.090(10) and its monthly reports as required by 4 CSR 240-3.161(5). Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing, except as noted herein.

### **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

### **OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Adjustment of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Fuel Adjustment Clause for the 10<sup>th</sup> Recovery Period

Case No. ER-2014-0023

#### **AFFIDAVIT OF MATTHEW J. BARNES**

STATE OF MISSOURI)) ss) ssCOUNTY OF COLE)

Matthew J. Barnes, of lawful age, on oath states: that he participated in the preparation of the foregoing Staff Recommendation in memorandum form, to be presented in the above case; that the information in the Staff Recommendation was provided to him; that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in such Staff Recommendation; and that such matters are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Matthew L Barnes

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of August, 2013.

SUSAN L. SUNDERMEYER Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Callaway County My Commission Expires: October 03, 2014 Commission Number: 10942086

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