

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

In the Matter of the Fifth True-Up Filing	)	
Under the Commission-Approved Fuel	)	<b><u>Case No. ER-2012-0318</u></b>
Adjustment Clause of Union Electric	)	
Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri.	)	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

1. This is the fifth fuel adjustment clause true-up filing by Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri").

2. In the attached Memorandum (Appendix A), based on its examination and analysis of information filed by Ameren Missouri, the Commission's *Report and Order* in File No. ER-2010-0274 and the stipulation between Staff and Ameren Missouri in File No. ER-2010-0274, Staff recommends the Commission approve Ameren Missouri's true-up filing for Recovery Period 5 (billing months February 2011 through January 2012) period during which Ameren Missouri under-collected \$4,725,389, plus interest, from its customers.

3. This \$4,725,389, plus interest, is included in the Ameren Missouri's Recovery Period 9 ("RP9")<sup>1</sup> FPA<sub>c</sub> per kWh rates adjustment filing docketed as File No. ER-2012-0319.

4. Staff has verified that Ameren Missouri has filed its 2011 annual report and verified that Ameren Missouri is not delinquent on any assessment. Other than as

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<sup>1</sup> Billing months June 2012 through January 2013.

noted in Appendix A 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 Ameren Missouri's true-up filing for Recovery Period 5 (billing months February 2011 through January 2012) during which Ameren Missouri under-collected \$4,725,389, plus interest, from its customers.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2012.

/s/ Nathan Williams

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
File No. ER-2012-0318  
Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri

FROM: Matthew Barnes, Utility Regulatory Auditor IV  
Leon Bender, Utility Regulatory Engineer I

DATE: /s/ John Rogers 04/23/2012                      /s/ Nathan Williams 04/23/2012  
Energy Unit / Date                      Staff Counsel's Office / Date

SUBJECT: Staff's Analysis of and Recommendation Concerning Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Fifth Fuel Adjustment Clause True-up Filing Under the Provisions in 4 CSR 240-3.161(8) and 4 CSR 240-20.090(5).

DATE: April 23, 2012

On March 23, 2012, 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<sup>1</sup> by Erik C. Wenberg, its fifth 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 \$4,725,389 identified in this filing is the result of an under collection during Recovery Period 5 ("RP5") that includes the billing months February 2011 through January 2012. RP5 corresponds with Accumulation Period 5 ("AP5") that includes the period of June 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010. The true-up amount of \$4,725,389 for RP5 includes the impact of correcting the calculation of the summer and winter net base fuel cost per kWh rates ("NBFC rates") for AP5 as the Commission ordered in its June 29, 2011 *Report and Order* in File No. ER-2010-0274:

1. The Application of Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri containing its First Fuel Adjustment Clause True-Up is approved.
2. Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri is authorized to include the under-collection amount arising from its First Recovery Period as calculated by Ameren Missouri in its next FPA rate filing.
3. Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri shall correct the erroneous calculation of the summer and winter NBFC rates as identified

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<sup>1</sup> Also filed, but not necessary in this case, is one (1) tariff sheet, 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.21 bearing a proposed effective date of May 24, 2012. Staff notes that it is not necessary for the Company to file Sheet No. 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.21, since it was filed in File No. 2012-0319, where it is necessary. Staff's recommendation regarding this tariff sheet can be found in File No. EO-2012-0319.

in this Report and Order in all remaining true-up filings in which that erroneous calculation will have an impact.

Ameren Missouri filed its true-up filing for RP5 on the same day it filed its Accumulation Period 9 (“AP9”) fuel and purchased power adjustment (“FPA”) rates adjustment filing. In his direct testimony Eric C. Wenberg indicates that the \$4,725,389 true-up amount for RP5 is included in the Recovery Period 9 (“RP9”) FPA per kWh rates adjustment filing, File No. ER-2012-0319, in compliance with Ameren Missouri’s FAC tariff provisions in effect for the true-up of RP5.<sup>2</sup>

Staff examined the direct testimony of Eric C. Wenberg, the supporting schedules Ameren Missouri provided with its application in this case, and the monthly information Ameren Missouri has submitted to the Staff. 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 and the Stipulation of Facts<sup>3</sup> between Staff and Ameren Missouri in File No. ER-2010-0274, Staff recommends the Commission approve Ameren Missouri’s RP5 true-up filing for the billing months February 2011 through January 2012 during which Ameren Missouri under-collected \$4,725,389 with interest from its customers for inclusion in the Company’s RP9 FPA<sub>c</sub> per kWh rates adjustment filing (for billing months June 2012 through January 2013).

Staff has verified that Ameren Missouri has filed its 2011 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.

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<sup>2</sup> Union Electric Company’s Schedule No. 5, 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.21: “TRUE-UP OF FAC: After completion of each Recovery Period, the Company will make a true-up filing in conjunction with an adjustment to its FAC. The true-up filing shall be made on the same day as the filing made to adjust its FAC. Any true-up adjustments or refunds shall be reflected in item R above, and shall include interest calculated as provided for in item I above.”

<sup>3</sup> *Joint Motion to Accept Stipulation of Facts, Further Suspend True-up Timeline, and Revise Briefing Schedule* filed on March 3, 2011, and approved by the Commission on March 10, 2011, in File No. ER-2010-0274 *In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE's Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment Clause True-up*

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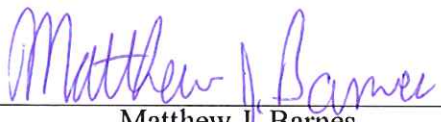
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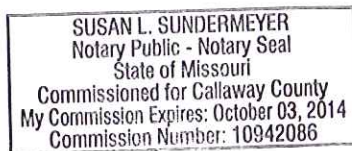
**AFFIDAVIT OF MATTHEW J. BARNES**

STATE OF MISSOURI                     )  
                                                           ) ss  
COUNTY 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.

  
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Matthew J. Barnes

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2012.



  
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**AFFIDAVIT OF LEON C. BENDER**

STATE OF MISSOURI                     )  
                                                           ) ss  
COUNTY OF COLE                     )

Leon C. Bender, 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.



Leon C. Bender

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2012.



  
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