## STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its Office in Jefferson City, Missouri on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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

In the Matter of Union Electric Company ) d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tariffs to Adjust ) its Revenues for Natural Gas Service )  $\frac{File No. GR-2021-0241}{Tracking No. YG-2021-0176}$ 

## ORDER SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Issue Date: June 30, 2021

Effective Date: June 30, 2021

On March 31, 2021,<sup>1</sup> Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed tariff sheets designed to implement a general rate increase for it electric and natural gas services. On June 9, the Commission issued an order setting a procedural schedule, including an evidentiary hearing in this matter, but did not set out a detailed schedule for local public hearings. Instead, the Commission allowed the parties until June 21 to file suggestions regarding when and where local public hearings should be held. The Commission also ordered its Staff to file proposed language to be included in the notice sent to customers about the local public hearing by June 28.

Staff filed a response regarding local public hearings on June 21. No other parties filed a response. Staff recommends the Commission hold seven virtual local public hearings, two regarding the gas rate increase request, and five for the electric rate increase request. Staff filed a further response on June 28, submitting proposed language to be included in the notice regarding the local public hearings in the electric and natural

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All dates are in 2021 unless otherwise indicated.

gas cases. Staff indicated Ameren Missouri and the Office of the Public Counsel have approved the proposed notice language.

The Commission will now set the local public hearings. The Commission will hold these hearings via video and telephone conference and will explain how written comments can be submitted. The Commission will also direct Ameren Missouri to provide notice of the local public hearings to their electric and natural gas customers.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make an informal presentation and conduct a question-and-answer session for the public at the beginning of each local public hearing. Comments to the Commission from the public will begin at the conclusion of the question and answer session.

2. Ameren Missouri, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), and the Office of the Public Counsel shall make a representative available to address substantive issues during the question-and-answer sessions. Any other party may also choose to have a representative present.

3. No later than ten days before the local public hearings, Ameren Missouri shall provide notice of the hearings to each of its customers. Such notice shall use the for electric Staff's language the and natural cases set forth in gas June 28, 2021, filing of, Staff Submission of Proposed Language for Public Hearing Notice.

4. Any person may comment at any of the hearings, but are encouraged to attend the hearing corresponding to the location nearest their service area for the most relevant information. Comments at the hearing will be limited to five minutes per person.

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5. To facilitate an orderly presentation that can be preserved for the record, members of the public who wish to participate in the hearing shall sign-up by sending their first and last name, phone number, email address, and the hearing they wish to attend to pscinfo@psc.mo.gov, or by calling (800) 392-4211 by 5:00 p.m. the day before the hearing.

6. A live audio web stream at the Commission's website, www.psc.mo.gov, will provide audio of the hearing. Those who do not intend to participate in the hearing should listen via the web stream.

7. To attend the hearing by telephone, at the time of the hearing call toll free 1-855-718-6621, listen to the prompt and enter the meeting number set out below, followed by # (pound/hashtag symbol). If prompted for a password, enter 0240 for the electric case and 0241 for the gas case. To attend by video/internet visit the website at <u>www.webex.com</u> or download the Cisco WebEx Meetings application. At hearing time, enter the corresponding access code and password listed below.

8. Local Public Hearings shall be held as follows for the electric case, ER-2021-0240:

| Date            | Customer Region                         | Start Time | At the time of the hearing, dial<br>1-855-718-6621 and enter the<br>Access Code/Password |
|-----------------|---|------------|--|
| October 5, 2021 | Kirksville/O'Fallon/<br>Cape Girardeau  | 12:00 p.m. | Access Code: 177 476 7672<br>Password: 0240  |
| October 6, 2021 | City of St. Louis / St.<br>Louis County | 6:00 p.m.  | Access Code: 177 830 6711<br>Password: 0240  |
| October 7, 2021 | St. Louis County /<br>Jefferson County  | 12:00 p.m. | Access Code: 177 613 6270<br>Password: 0240  |
| October 7, 2021 | All Electric<br>Customers               | 6:00 p.m.  | Access Code: 177 571 9008<br>Password: 0240  |

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| Date            | Customer Region           | Start Time | At the time of the hearing, dial<br>1-855-718-6621 and enter the<br>Access Code/Password |
|-----------------|---------------------------|------------|--|
| October 8, 2021 | All Electric<br>Customers | 6:00 p.m.  | Access Code: 177 698 0394<br>Password: 0240  |

9. Local Public Hearings shall be held as follows for the natural gas case,

GR-2021-0241:

| Date            | Customer Region              | Start Time | At the time of the hearing, dial<br>1-855-718-6621 and enter the<br>Access Code/Password |
|-----------------|------------------------------|------------|--|
| October 4, 2021 | All Natural Gas<br>Customers | 6:00 p.m.  | Access Code: 177 575 4527<br>Password: 0241  |
| October 8, 2021 | All Natural Gas<br>Customers | 12:00 p.m. | Access Code: 177 860 4978<br>Password: 0241  |

10. Any persons needing special accommodations to participate in the hearing as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline 1-800-829-7541.

11. Comments may also be submitted to the Commission in writing by mailing the comment to the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, or electronically using the Commission's electronic filing system at https://psc.mo.gov/General/Submit\_Comments. When submitting comments please reference File No. ER-2021-0240 or GR-2021-0241, or both.

12. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the members of the media and the General Assembly representing customers in Ameren Missouri's gas and electric service areas. 13. The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order to the county commission for each county in Ameren Missouri's service area and to the Board of Alderman for the City of St. Louis.

14. 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