

**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) File No. GR-2019-0077
Revenues for Natural Gas Service)

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT OF TARIFF SHEETS

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (“Ameren Missouri” or “Company”), and pursuant to the Commission’s *Order to File Conforming Tariff* in the above-captioned case issued December 17, 2018 (the “*Order*”) and 4 CSR 240-2.080(14), hereby files its Motion for Expedited Treatment of Tariff Sheets (“Motion”). In support of its *Motion*, Ameren Missouri states as follows:

1. On December 14, 2018, Ameren Missouri and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a *Stipulation and Agreement* (“Stipulation”) regarding Ameren Missouri's proposed Interim Rate Reduction. None of the other parties or entities seeking to intervene in the above-captioned case opposed the *Stipulation*. Sample tariff sheets for the stipulated Interim Rate Reduction were included as Attachment A to the *Stipulation*.

2. On December 17, 2018, the Commission issued its *Order To File Conforming Tariff* in this proceeding, which instructs Ameren Missouri to file conforming Interim Rate Reduction tariffs.

3. Concurrent with this filing, Ameren Missouri has filed the stipulated Interim Rate Reduction tariff sheets as instructed by the *Order*. Those revised tariff sheets bear an issue date of December 18, 2018, and show an effective date of thirty days later.

4. Section 393.140(11), RSMo, specifies that, unless the Commission orders otherwise, a change shall not be made to any rate filed by a gas corporation except after thirty days’ notice to the Commission and publication for thirty days as required by order of the

Commission. However, Section 393.140(11) expressly provides that, for good cause shown, the Commission may allow tariff changes without requiring thirty days' notice. Good cause exists to make the Company's compliance tariffs effective on January 2, 2019, as the *Stipulation* provides for Ameren Missouri's gas rates to be reduced on an interim, annualized basis by approximately \$1.94 million. Moreover, the Commission has already instructed the Company to file the tariffs that are filed concurrently with this *Motion*.

5. As provided for in 4 CSR 240-2.080(14), the Company requests that the Commission approve the compliance tariffs so that the tariffs take effect on January 2, 2019. As noted earlier, the Commission has good cause to do so. There can be no negative effect on anyone – ratepayers or the Company – if the compliance tariffs are approved to be effective January 2, 2019, because this will allow the new rates to take effect as close as possible to the date agreed upon by the signatories to the *Stipulation*.

6. This *Motion* was filed as soon as it could have been under the circumstances.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons and for good cause shown, Ameren Missouri respectfully requests that the Commission grant this *Motion*, approve the tariff sheets Ameren Missouri has filed to be effective for service rendered on and after January 2, 2019, and for such other and further relief as the Commission deems appropriate under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 18th day of December, 2018, a copy of the foregoing filing was served, via e-mail, on counsel for the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, all parties of record, as well as entities who have sought to intervene in File No. GR-2019-0077.

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