## 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 Adjust	)	
Its Revenues for Electric Service	)	Case No. ER-2022-0337

## PROPOSED LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS NOTICE

The Office of Public Counsel ("Public Counsel"), unopposed by Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri, and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, proposes the attached form of notice of local public hearings for use in this case

Respectfully,

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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 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

/s/ Nathan Williams

## NOTICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AMEREN MISSOURI'S ELECTRIC RATES

On August 1, 2022, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed a general rate request with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") designed to increase Ameren Missouri's annual gross revenues (exclusive of applicable gross receipts, sales, franchise or occupational fees or taxes) from its Missouri electric retail customers by about \$316 million, or approximately 11.61%. About \$40.76 million of that annual increase is due to increases in Ameren Missouri's fuel and purchased power costs. Ameren Missouri is requesting to rebase and continue its Fuel Adjustment Clause ("FAC") with modifications. Ameren Missouri is proposing to increase its fixed residential customer charge from \$9.00 per month to the following:

Rate Plan	Proposed fixed monthly		
	residential customer charge		
Anytime User	\$13		
Evening/Morning Savers	\$13		
Overnight Savers	\$13		
Smart Savers	\$11		
Ultimate Savers	\$9		

While the amount will vary by residential rate plan and usage pattern, Ameren Missouri is proposing to increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using about 1,017 kilowatthours of electricity by approximately \$12.28, or 11.64%. Ameren Missouri estimates that, on average, its proposed rate increase will have the following annual customer bill impacts:

Service and Rate Classification	Annual Bill Change \$	Bill Change %
1(M) Residential Service	\$147.43	11.64%
2(M) Small General Service	\$245.70	11.64%
3(M) Large General Service	\$6,024.06	11.58%
4(M) Small Primary Service	\$40,712.69	11.53%
11(M) Large Primary Service	\$378,627.26	11.59%
5(M) Lighting - Company Owned	\$83.51	11.49%
6(M) Lighting – Customer Owned	\$246.39	13.91%

If the Commission approves Ameren Missouri's request to continue its FAC, Ameren Missouri will continue to adjust (credit or bill) the "Fuel Charge" on its electric customers' bills three times each year, on February 1<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, and October 1<sup>st</sup>, based on each customer's electrical usage and the difference between Ameren Missouri's actual energy cost (*i.e.*, the varying costs of fuel used to generate electricity at its generating units plus electric energy it purchases on behalf of its customers) and its base energy cost during each four-month accumulation period. For a residential customer using 1,017 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month, Ameren Missouri estimates that the impact of rebasing energy costs in its FAC equates to an increase in such a customer's usage charges of \$1.58 per month.

The Commission will host question-and-answer sessions for the public followed by local public hearings at the following locations and times (live unless designated virtual where public participation is by WebEx video or by telephone).

Date/Time	Location

Date/Time	Location	Access Information
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6:00 P.M.	Virtual	Access Code:
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The Commission will not attend the informal question and answer sessions. Immediately following each informal question and answer session, the Commission will conduct a formal local public hearing to receive testimony or other evidence from members of the public. If you are not a party to this case, you may testify or offer other evidence to the Commission during a local public hearing. Anyone may attend the informal question and answer sessions and the local public hearings; however, the Commission may limit members of the public from testifying or presenting evidence at more than one local public hearing.

To facilitate an orderly hearing that can be preserved for the record, members of the public who wish to testify or present other evidence to the Commission during a local public hearing should register by sending their first and last name to <a href="mailto:psc.mo.gov">psc.mo.gov</a> or by calling 1-800-392-4211 by 5 PM the day before the hearing.

To attend a virtual local public hearing by telephone, at the time of the hearing call toll-free [Phone #], listen to the prompt and enter the meeting number [Meeting #] followed by # (pound/hashtag symbol). If prompted for a passcode, enter [Passcode]. To attend a virtual local public hearing by Webex video (internet), visit the website <a href="www.webex.com">www.webex.com</a>. You can also download the Cisco WebEx meetings application on your mobile device, laptop, desktop or tablet prior to the hearing and join the meeting at the hearing time by entering the corresponding meeting number and

passcode listed above.

Additionally, a live audio web stream at the Commission's website, <a href="www.psc.mo.gov">www.psc.mo.gov</a>, will provide audio of the question and answer session and hearing. Anyone who does not intend to participate in the question-and-answer session or speak to the Commission during the hearing should listen via the web stream.

Local public hearings are an opportunity for members of the public to testify or present other evidence directly into the record Commissioner's review.

Separate from the local public hearing, anyone wishing to comment on, or inquire about, Ameren Missouri's request may do so as follows:

Submit your public comments at https://psc.mo.gov/General/Submit\_Comments (please reference case number ER-2022-0337)

Contact the Commission's Staff by

- (a) Telephone at 1-800-392-4211;
- (b) Writing to Public Service Commission Staff, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102;
- (c) E-mail to <u>pscinfo@psc.mo.gov</u>, electronically (public comments only) at <u>https://psc.mo.gov/General/Submit Comments</u> (please reference case number ER-2022-0337); or

Contact the Office of the Public Counsel by

- (a) Telephone at 573-751-4857 or toll-free at 866-922-2959;
- (b) Writing to the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, or
- (c) E-mail addressed to opcservice@opc.mo.gov.

Generally, parties can see comments, but making a comment does not make that comment evidence before the Commission.

The Commission will conduct an evidentiary hearing at its offices in Jefferson City beginning April 3, 2023, to receive evidence from the parties to Case No. ER-2022-0337 regarding Ameren Missouri's general rate request. Members of the public may attend this hearing, except those portions the Commission closes to the public to prevent the public disclosure of sensitive information that may cause irreparable harm. This hearing will be held in a building that meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

If additional accommodations are needed for someone who wishes to participate in or attend any hearing, please call the Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to that hearing.