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

In the Matter of the Union Electric Company d/b/a	)	
Ameren Missouri's Tariffs to Decrease Its	)	File No. ER-2019-0335
Revenues for Electric Service.	)	
In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a	)	
Ameren Missouri's Request for a Waiver of	)	
Various Tariffs and Regulations to Enable the	)	File No. EE-2019-0382
Deployment of Automated Metering Infrastructure	)	
Beginning in 2020.	)	

# STATUS REPORT ON JUNE 2020 MEETING AND CUSTOMER EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION PLANS

**COMES NOW** Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri"), and for its *Status Report on June 2020 Meeting and Customer Education/Communication Plans* states as follows:

#### **Background**

- 1. On February 28, 2020, the parties filed a Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement resolving all but two issues raised by the Office of Public Counsel in Ameren Missouri's electric general rate case, File No. ER-2019-0335. On March 3, 2020, the parties submitted a Corrected Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement (hereinafter "Stipulation") to correct two small items in the February 28, 2020 Stipulation and Agreement. The only party that did not sign the Stipulation indicated that it did not object to the Stipulation, so the Commission's rules allowed it to be treated as a unanimous stipulation.<sup>1</sup>
- 2. In paragraph 27(a)(iv)(4) of the Stipulation, the parties agreed for Ameren Missouri to meet with the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"), and Missouri Department of Natural Resources Division of Energy ("DE") "in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 20 CSR 4240-2.115(2)(C).

March, April, May, and June 2020 to discuss plans to roll out customer engagement for customers receiving AMI meters." The parties also agreed that "[a] status report shall be submitted on the progress of these meetings in the pending AMI waiver docket (File No. EE-2019-0382)."<sup>2</sup>

- 3. On March 4, 2020, the Parties appeared for an on-the-record presentation of the Stipulation ("OTR"), and the Commissioners asked many questions regarding the new rate designs to be rolled out with AMI meters as agreed upon in the Stipulation.
- 4. On March 5, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Directing Responses, which directed "each party to respond stating if it is willing to provide an alternate stipulation and agreement that includes any or all of [three points]." The third point was identified as follows:

Submitting to the Commission timely status reports after the monthly customer engagement meetings identified in Paragraph 27 of the [Stipulation]. The status reports would detail the agreed to educational/communications programs. In addition, Ameren Missouri would present at Agenda in either June or July 2020, details of the customer outreach plans prior to their initiation.

5. On March 9, 2020, Ameren Missouri filed its Response to the Commission's Order Directing Responses on Willingness to Provide an Alternative Stipulation and Agreement. In response to the third point, Ameren Missouri stated:

While Ameren Missouri is not willing to provide an alternate stipulation and agreement, Ameren Missouri does not believe that the Stipulation would need to be changed to accomplish point three. Instead, Ameren Missouri commits to submit status reports and present at Agenda in either June or July 2020 as described in point three of the Commission's March 5, 2020 Order.

6. In accordance with paragraph 27(a)(iv)(4) of the Stipulation, Ameren Missouri met telephonically and via Skype<sup>3</sup> with Staff, DE, and OPC on June 30, 2020. This was the final meeting (of the four meetings) provided for under paragraph 27(a)(iv)(4) of the Stipulation.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Stipulation, paragraph 27(a)(iv)(4)(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic mitigation measures, the participants (representatives from Ameren Missouri, Staff, DE, and OPC) were not able to meet in person.

7. In accordance with its commitment as described in paragraph 5 above, Ameren Missouri provides the following status report regarding the June 2020 meeting and details of the educational/communication plans.

#### **Status Report**

- 8. The list of persons who participated in the June 30, 2020 meeting is attached and marked as Attachment 1.
- 9. The PowerPoint presentation is attached as Attachment 2, which was presented by Ameren Missouri representatives at the June 30, 2020 meeting.
- 10. As described in Slide 2 of Attachment 2, the purpose of the meeting was to present strategy and options currently under evaluation for education and outreach.
- 11. Slides 10 through 21 of Attachment 2 provide samples or draft customer communication materials.

WHEREFORE, Ameren Missouri requests that the Commission accept this status report.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via electronic mail (e-mail) to all parties of record on this  $6^{th}$  day of July, 2020.

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