#### STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013.

In the Matter of Ameren Missouri's Application for Authorization to Suspend Payment of Solar Rebates

File No. ET-2014-0085 Tariff No. YE-2014-0235

## **ORDER APPROVING TARIFF AND GRANTING VARIANCE**

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Issue Date: December 12, 2013

Effective Date: December 22, 2013

On November 26, 2013, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed a tariff revision modifying its solar rebate tariff to implement the stipulation and agreement that the Commission approved on November 13. Ameren Missouri's tariff would implement a reservation-style system for payment of solar rebates based upon the timing of receipt of completed applications. Along with its tariff, Ameren Missouri filed a request for variance, asking the Commission to waive a provision of its rules to allow such a reservation-style system to comply with the rules. Further, Ameren Missouri asked the Commission to approve its tariff and request for waivers effective no later than December 22.

In response to Ameren Missouri's tariff filing and request for variance, the Commission directed its Staff to file a recommendation no later than December 9. In the same order, the Commission allowed any other party until December 9 to file a recommendation. Staff filed its recommendation on December 9. No other party responded.

Staff's recommendation explains that Ameren Missouri's tariff complies with the approved stipulation and agreement that resolved all issues in this case and advises the Commission to approve that tariff to be effective on December 22. Staff also recommends

that the Commission grant Ameren Missouri a variance from the Commission's rule to allow the company to implement a reservation-style system for payment of solar rebates. Staff explains that the reservation-style system would benefit customers by providing notice that funds are reserved for their system installation when Ameren Missouri approves their rebate application. Staff states that Commission Rule 4 CSR 240.20.100(10) allows the Commission to grant the requested variance for good cause shown.

Based on Staff's recommendation, the Commission will approve Ameren Missouri's tariff to be effective on December 22, 2013, and will grant Ameren Missouri's request for variance for good cause shown.

### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Ameren Missouri's Tariff No. YE-2014-0235, is approved to become effective on December 22, 2013. The specific tariff sheets approved are:

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2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 88, Cancelling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 88 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 88.1, Cancelling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 88.1 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 88.2, Cancelling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 88.2 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 88.3, Cancelling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 88.3 Original Sheet No. 88.4 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 171.4, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 171.4

2. Ameren Missouri is granted a variance from the requirements of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.100(4)(K) to allow the company to pay a rebate more than thirty days after a system becomes operational when applications (subsequently approved) have fully reserved the available rebates under the retail rate impact cap, but removal of an ineligible application makes reserved dollars available for the next eligible application in the queue.

3. This order shall become effective on December 22, 2013.

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3. This file shall close on December 23, 2013.



# BY THE COMMISSION

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R. Kenney, Chm., Stoll, W. Kenney, and Hall, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge