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 Decrease)
Its Revenues for Electric Service)

File No. ER-2019-0335

ORDER SETTING TIME FOR RESPONSES

Issue Date: March 25, 2021 Effective Date: March 25, 2021

On March 18, 2020, the Commission approved the *Second Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement* (the "agreement"). An amendment to the agreement was approved by the Commission on May 21, 2020. On March 24, 2021, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri and the Office of the Public Counsel filed a *Joint Motion to Further Modify Requirements of Second Stipulation and Agreement*.

The agreement, which was not opposed, provided for certain payments by Ameren Missouri to consumer action agencies to be used for "low-income weatherization or for assistance to low-income customers for such customers' participation in Ameren Missouri's energy efficiency programs." Due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, on May 4, 2020, Ameren Missouri and Public Counsel filed a joint motion to amend the agreement. At that time, Ameren Missouri and Public Counsel agreed that \$3.5 million of the funds donated by Ameren Missouri, originally intended to be applied toward low-income weatherization projects, would be better used providing low-income energy assistance to Ameren Missouri's electric customers who need assistance paying their electric bills.

¹ Second Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement, (filed March 9, 2020), para. 3.b.

On May 4, 2020, Ameren Missouri and Public Counsel filed a second motion to amend the agreement. Because of the ongoing hardships caused by the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, Ameren Missouri and Public Counsel have requested a further amendment of the agreement. This amendment would redirect the remaining \$3.5 million of weatherization funds to low-income energy assistance programs and their administration.

The Commission will set a time for the other parties to respond to the joint motion.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Any response to the *Joint Motion to Further Modify Requirements of Second Stipulation and Agreement* shall be filed no later than April 5, 2021.
 - 2. This order is effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 25th day of March, 2021.