

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 22nd day of May, 2024.

In the Matter of the Adjustment of Union)
Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's)
Fuel Adjustment Clause for the 45th)
Accumulation Period)

File No.: ER-2024-0275
Tracking No. JE-2024-0136

In the Matter of the True-Up of Union)
Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's)
Fuel Adjustment Clause for the 42nd)
Recovery Period)

File No.: EO-2024-0277

**ORDER APPROVING TRUE-UP AND TARIFF TO CHANGE FUEL
ADJUSTMENT RATES**

Issue Date: May 22, 2024

Effective Date: June 1, 2024

On April 1, 2024, Union Electric Co. d/b/a Ameren Missouri (Ameren) submitted direct testimony and a revised tariff sheet proposing a revised fuel adjustment rate bearing an effective date of June 1, 2024. In this tariff sheet, Ameren proposes to revise its Fuel Adjustment Rates (FARs) of its Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC) for the 45th accumulation period (AP45).

Also, on April 1, 2024, Ameren initiated an FAC true-up, to be included in the proposed FAR, for the recovery period during which customers were overcharged \$2,084,811 without interest.

The Commission directed notice of the filings and set an intervention deadline. No applications to intervene were received in either case. On April 30, 2024, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation in both cases to approve the proposed tariff sheet and true-up filing.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240 – 20.090(8) governs fuel and purchased power cost recovery mechanisms for electric utilities. That rule requires Ameren to make periodic FAC filings that are designed to allow the Commission to review the actual total energy costs that the company has incurred during an Accumulation Period. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240 – 20.090(9) establishes the true-up mechanism for these fuel and purchased power cost rate adjustment mechanisms. The periodic filings are designed to adjust the FAR up or down, to reflect the actual energy costs incurred during the Accumulation Period.

FAC True-Up

The true-up amount identified in File No. EO-2024-0277 is the result of Ameren’s over-recovery of \$2,084,811, without interest, from its customers during Recovery Period 42 (RP42), and interest to be refunded for RP42 of \$2,325,053. Both the over-recovery and interest are included in the calculation of the Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment (FPA) amount in Ameren’s AP45 adjustment filing in File No. ER-2024-0275.

On April 30, 2024, Staff filed its recommendation regarding Ameren’s true-up. Staff’s recommendation indicated that Staff examined the direct testimony of Raysene Logan, supporting schedules, workpapers Ameren provided with its application and the monthly reports Ameren submitted to the Commission. Staff reviewed the calculations including the interest amounts and agreed with those calculations. Staff recommended

the Commission approve the RP42 true-up filing for inclusion in Ameren's AP45 adjustment in File No. ER-2024-0275.

FAC Tariff Sheet

With regard to the FAC tariff sheet in File No. ER-2024-0275, the calculated Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment (FPA) amount is \$49,474,085 for AP45. The FPA amount of \$49,474,085 is calculated as the sum of: 1) the fuel and purchased power amount to be recovered from customers for AP45 of \$48,741,813; 2) interest of \$2,817,083, which is composed of \$492,030 for AP45 and \$2,325,053 for RP42; and 3) the true-up amount from RP42, without interest, of negative \$2,084,811.

The FPA amount of \$49,474,085 results in a FAR of \$0.00224/kWh which applies during Recovery Period 45 (RP45).¹ When added to the FAR for the previous recovery period of \$0.00156, the resulting proposed FAR is \$0.00380. Because of the differences in line losses, there are different FARs for service taken at the Secondary, Primary, High Voltage, and Transmission voltage levels. Based on a monthly usage of 1,000 kWh, the proposed change to the Secondary FAR would increase the FAC of an Ameren residential customer's monthly bill by \$1.45, from \$2.55 to \$4.00 per month. In File No. ER-2024-0275, Ameren witness Raysene Logan stated that a primary factor driving this decrease was lower off-system sales margins, which were primarily as a result of decreased market prices.

On April 30, 2024, Staff recommended the Commission issue an order approving Ameren's proposed tariff sheet to be effective on June 1, 2024, subject to true-up and prudence review. Time was allowed for responses to Staff's recommendation and

¹ RP45 consists of Ameren's billing months of June 2024 through January 2025.

memorandum, but no responses or objections were received. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8)(G) also allows parties 40 days from filing to respond to a FAR adjustment. More than 40 days have elapsed and no party other than Staff has responded to either File No. ER-2024-0275 or File No. EO-2024-0277.

The Commission has reviewed Ameren's true-up filings and Staff's verified recommendation and memorandum and finds that the true-up filing is correct. Further, the Commission has reviewed Ameren's tariff filings and Staff's verified recommendation and memorandum and finds that the tariff sheet implementing the FAC rate adjustment is in compliance with the Commission's Order establishing the FAC and with all applicable statutes and regulations. Therefore, the Commission will approve Ameren's unopposed true-up filing and proposed tariff.

To allow the tariff sheet to take effect on June 1, 2024, the Commission finds it reasonable to make its order effective in less than 30 days after issuance.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The true-up amount for RP42 is established for Ameren as an over-recovery of \$2,084,811 from its customers and shall be reflected in the rate adjustment in File No. ER-2024-0275.

2. Ameren's tariff filing in File No. ER-2024-0275, filed April 1, 2024, and assigned Tracking No. JE-2024-0136 is approved to be effective June 1, 2024, as an interim rate adjustment, subject to true-up and prudence reviews. The tariff sheet is:

MO P.S.C. Schedule No. 6

3rd Revised Sheet No. 71.32, Cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 71.32

3. This order shall become effective on June 1, 2024.

4. These files shall close on June 2, 2024.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

Hahn, Ch., Coleman, Holsman
Kolkmeier, and Mitchell CC., concur.

Karolin S. Walker, Regulatory Law Judge

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 22nd day of May 2024.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

May 22, 2024

File/Case No. ER-2024-0275 and EO-2024-0277

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



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