

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Union Electric Company, d/b/a
Ameren Missouri's Tariff to Increase Its Annual
Revenues for Electric Service

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File No. ER-2012-0166
Tariff No. YE-2012-0370

ORDER GRANTING RECONSIDERATION AND VACATING ORDER DIRECTING THE PARTIES TO FILE ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY

Issue Date: September 6, 2012

Effective Date: September 6, 2012

The Missouri Public Service Commission issued an order on August 24, 2012, that directed the parties to file additional testimony regarding a possible rate stabilization mechanism. Direct testimony regarding that mechanism is currently due on September 14. On September 4, the Office of the Public Counsel, Midwest Energy Consumers Group, Missouri Retailers Association, AARP, Consumers Council of Missouri, and Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers jointly filed a motion asking the Commission to reconsider its order.

The Movants complain that the Commission's order introduces a new rate making concept too late in the rate case process to allow the parties a reasonable opportunity to consider their positions and draft testimony to address that concept. They suggest that if the Commission wants to further explore a rate stabilization concept it should do so through a workshop or investigative case.

The Commission wants to explore the concept of a rate stabilization mechanism to address the complaints frequently voiced at the recently concluded local public hearings about the frequency of rate increase filings by Missouri utilities. The

Commission will continue to examine possible solutions to that problem, but the Commission accepts the representations of the parties that it is too late in the process to obtain a well-developed, thoughtful analysis of the rate stabilization concept in this case. Therefore, the Commission will grant the motion for reconsideration and will vacate its August 24 Order Directing the Parties to File Additional Testimony. The Commission remains interested in the concept of a rate stabilization mechanism and in a separate order will address the establishment of a working or investigative case to further explore that concept.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Motion for Reconsideration filed on September 4, 2012, is granted.
2. The Order Directing the Parties to File Additional Testimony, issued on August 24, 2012, is vacated.
3. This order is effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 6th day of September, 2012.