

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a)
Ameren Missouri for a Variance from Portions of Its)
Tariffs Related to the New Start Energy Relief) **File No. EO-2025-0319**
Program and the Weatherization Assistance)
Program.)

ORDER GRANTING VARIANCE

Issue Date: May 27, 2025

Effective Date: May 27, 2025

On May 23, 2025,¹ Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri filed a *Motion for Expedited Treatment and Request for Variances* (Motion). The Motion seeks two outcomes:

- A waiver of the Commission’s 60-day notice of case filing requirement, 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1); and
- A variance regarding Ameren Missouri’s New Start Energy Relief Program, to expand eligibility where such eligibility expansion was previously approved by the Commission.²

Discussion

On May 16, severe weather with strong winds, hail, and an EF-3 tornado caused extensive damage and customer outages across Ameren Missouri's service territory. In the St. Louis metropolitan area, the tornado reached wind speeds of 150 miles per hour and cut a 23-mile path through Missouri and Illinois. This resulted in multiple fatalities,

¹ All dates refer to 2025 unless otherwise stated.

² The requested variance affects tariff sheets 157 and 158, which is titled “Pilots, Variances, and Promotional Practices, A. Rehousing Low-income Pilot Program”.

damage to a reported 5,000 homes, significant tree damage, blocked roadways, and collapsed buildings.

In Ameren Missouri's recently completed general rate case, File No. ER-2024-0319, the Commission approved changes to the New Start Energy Relief Program, including expanding the eligibility for the program. The compliance tariff sheets implementing those approved changes are due to become effective on June 1. Ameren Missouri's request in the present case is for the same changes in eligibility to be added to its existing tariff sheets via a variance.

The changes requested by variance, which are the same changes that will become effective June 1, would be to tariff sheet MO. P.S.C. Schedule 6, 1st Revised Sheet No. 157.³ The requested language to be added is underlined as follows:

ELIGIBILITY

The Program shall be available to all residential customers who have received service under or qualify for any of the rate options contained in the Company's Service Classification 1(M) Residential rate and who have been homeless or spent time in a homeless shelter in the past year, including domestic violence shelters, or seniors with past due balances and who are threatened with losing public housing as identified by a Rehousing Agency.

The Commission has already approved this exact language change to become effective June 1;⁴ therefore, the request to the Commission is essentially to allow the change to become effective three days earlier. Ameren Missouri states that good cause is shown as the earlier implementation will help ease financial constraints the May 16th tornado and storms have caused for Ameren Missouri's customers. Ameren Missouri

³ The 1st Revised Sheet No. 157 is the currently effective tariff sheet. The tariff sheet which will become effective June 1 and which already includes the approved changes is MO. P.S.C. Schedule 6, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 157.

⁴ File No. ER-2024-0319, *Order Approving Compliance Tariff Sheets*, issued May 13, 2025.

requests approval no later than May 28 or the Commission's next agenda session, so it may begin actively offering these programs to its customers impacted by the May 16th tornado and storms.

The Commission finds that expedited treatment is appropriate due to the needs of the customers affected by the May 16 tornado and storms. Further, the Commission finds good cause exists to approve Ameren Missouri's requested variance as the expansion in eligibility has already been approved by the Commission, and earlier implementation will more quickly assist those customers affected by the May 16 tornado and storms.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) requires a party to give 60-day notice prior to a case filing. Subsection D allows for waiver of this requirement for good cause when circumstances prevented the filing of the required notice, and where delaying the filing for 60 days would cause harm. The Commission finds that Ameren Missouri could not have filed this case with a 60-day notice, and also finds that delaying the filing of this case would cause harm to customers that would otherwise potentially benefit from the proposed variance.

Given the immediate needs of the affected customers, the Commission finds it reasonable to make this order effective in fewer than 30 days. The Commission also finds the immediate needs of the affected customers to be good cause to allow this order to be effective when issued.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The 60-day notice of case filing requirement, Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1), is waived for good cause shown.

2. The Motion is granted. Ameren Missouri is granted a variance to modify its tariff sheet MO. P.S.C. Schedule 6, 1st Revised Sheet No. 157, to include the underlined language as follows:

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The Program shall be available to all residential customers who have received service under or qualify for any of the rate options contained in the Company's Service Classification 1(M) Residential rate and who have been homeless or spent time in a homeless shelter in the past year, including domestic violence shelters, or seniors with past due balances and who are threatened with losing public housing as identified by a Rehousing Agency.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

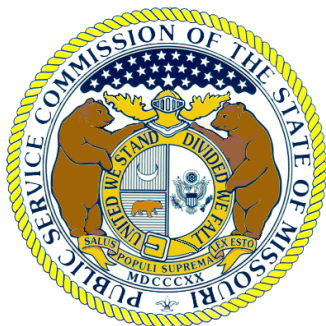
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
On the 27th day of May, 2025

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 27th day of May 2025.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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