

# 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 DIRECTING NOTICE, SUSPENDING TARIFF, SETTING HEARINGS, AND DIRECTING FILINGS

Issue Date: February 6, 2012

Effective Date: February 6, 2012

### ***Procedural History***

On February 3, 2012, Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri, submitted a tariff designed to implement a general rate increase for electric service. Ameren Missouri indicates the new electric service rates are designed to increase its gross annual electric revenues by approximately \$375.6 million. The submitted tariff carries a March 4, 2012 effective date.

### ***The Commission's Authority to Suspend Proposed Tariffs:***

Section 393.150, RSMo 2000, authorizes the Commission to suspend the effective date of a proposed tariff for 120 days, plus an additional six months to allow for a hearing on the matter. So that it will have sufficient time to study the effect of Ameren Missouri's general rate increase tariff and to determine if it is just, reasonable, and in the public interest, the Commission will suspend that tariff for a period of 120 days beyond the requested effective date. Furthermore, because a hearing on the tariff cannot be concluded within 120 days, the tariff will be suspended for an additional six months.

***Test Year, True-up and Local Public Hearing Recommendations:***

Ameren Missouri used a historical test year ending September 30, 2011, to be updated for known and measurable changes through July 31, 2012, for purposes of its rate case filing. To quickly resolve test year and update questions, the Commission will require the other parties to state their positions regarding Ameren Missouri's test year and update proposal.

In addition to test year and update period recommendations, the Commission will direct the parties to file recommendations regarding the scheduling of local public hearings. Any party recommending local public hearings shall also offer recommendations regarding the number, date, time, and location of those hearings.

***Hearing Dates, Customer Notice, and Prehearing Conference:***

The Commission will schedule an evidentiary hearing in this order and will reserve dates for a true-up hearing. By establishing the hearing dates now, the Commission will ensure that this matter is heard as expeditiously as possible. Additionally, the early establishment of the hearing dates will allow ample time for notice to be sent to customers. The Commission will also set an early prehearing conference and require the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule. Staff will have primary responsibility for preparing the proposed procedural schedule, but should coordinate the proposed schedule with the other parties as much as possible.

***Notice and Intervention:***

The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commissions of the counties in Ameren Missouri's service area, as well as upon the governing body for the City of St. Louis. In addition, the Commission's Public Information

Office shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Ameren Missouri's service area and to the members of the General Assembly representing that area. The Commission will allow proper persons 20 days from the issuance of this order to file an application to intervene.

This is a contested case and the ethical restrictions regarding ex parte and extra-record communications imposed by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020 apply.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The tariff submitted under Tariff File No. YE-2012-0370, on February 3, 2012, by Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri, for the purpose of increasing rates for electric service, is suspended for 120 days, from March 4, 2012 to July 2, 2012.

2. The tariff suspended for 120 days in ordered paragraph 1, is suspended an additional six months beyond July 2, 2012, to January 2, 2013.

3. The specific tariff sheets suspended are:

**Union Electric Company  
MO P.S.C. Schedule No. 5**

40<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 28, Cancelling 39<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 28  
28<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 32, Cancelling 27<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 32  
31<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 34, Cancelling 30<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 34  
38<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 37, Cancelling 37<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 37  
29<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 39, Cancelling 28<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 39  
27<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 40, Cancelling 26<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 40  
33<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 41, Cancelling 32<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 41  
18<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 45, Cancelling 17<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 45  
28<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 50, Cancelling 27<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 50  
15<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 67.1, Cancelling 14<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 67.1  
10<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 67.4, Cancelling 9<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 67.4  
15<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 68, Cancelling 14<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 68  
5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 68.1, Cancelling 4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 68.1  
2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.1, Canceling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.1  
2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.2, Canceling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.2  
2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.3, Canceling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.3  
2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.4, Canceling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.4  
2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.5, Canceling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.5

2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.6, Canceling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.6  
2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.8, Canceling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.8  
2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.9, Cancelling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.9  
2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.10, Cancelling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.10  
2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.11, Cancelling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.11  
2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.12, Cancelling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.12  
2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.13, Cancelling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.13  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.15, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 98.15  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.16, Canceling Original Sheet No. 98.16  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.17, Canceling Original Sheet No. 98.17  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.18, Canceling Original Sheet No. 98.18  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.19, Canceling Original Sheet No. 98.19  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 98.20, Canceling Original Sheet No. 98.20  
22<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 99, Cancelling 21<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 99

4. Any proper person or entity wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than February 23, 2012, with:

Steven C. Reed, Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
Post Office Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

5. An early prehearing conference shall be held on March 6, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. The early prehearing conference will be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

6. The parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule on or before March 13, 2012. Staff shall have the primary responsibility for preparing and filing the proposed procedural schedule. At the same time, the parties shall file a pleading either indicating concurrence in Ameren Missouri's recommended test year and update period, or recommending alternatives to that test year and update period.

7. The parties shall file recommendations as to the times, dates and locations for local public hearings regarding the proposed rate increase on or before March 13, 2012.

8. An evidentiary hearing is scheduled for September 24 through 28, and

October 1 through 5, 2012, beginning each day at 8:30 a.m. October 22 and 23, 2012, are reserved for a true-up hearing, if such a hearing is ordered. The evidentiary hearing will be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

9. Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri, shall notify each affected customer of the scheduled hearings. The form and time of the notice shall be agreed upon by the parties and shall be filed for the Commission's approval no later than March 13, 2012.

10. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county within Ameren Missouri's service area, and upon the corresponding governing body for the City of St. Louis.

11. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing Ameren Missouri's service area and to the news media serving Ameren Missouri's service area.

12. All hearings in this case will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in any hearing, please call the Missouri Public Service Commission's Hotline at 800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

13. This order shall become 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  
under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.