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

### ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO RESCHEDULE LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DIRECTING NOTICE

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Issue Date: May 11, 2012

Effective Date: May 11, 2012

On April 19, 2012, the Commission issued an order scheduling twelve local public hearings concerning Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri, proposed general rate increase for retail electric service. On May 4, the parties filed a joint motion asking the Commission to reschedule most of those local public hearings. The joint motion explains that the parties would like to change the date of those hearings to avoid interfering with preparations in this and other ongoing rate cases. The Commission will grant the joint motion and will reschedule the local public hearings as indicated in this order.

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make an informational presentation and conduct a question-and-answer session for the public at the beginning of each local public hearing.

2. Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri, the Commission's Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel shall each prepare a one-page statement outlining their current assessment of the case, and shall bring sufficient copies for distribution at the question-and-answer session that begins each local public hearing. 3. Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri, the Commission's Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel shall make a representative available to address substantive issues during the question-and-answer session.

4. Any other party, at its discretion, may prepare a statement and make a representative available to address substantive issues during the question and answer session.

5. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Harris-Stowe State University, Emerson Performance Center – Bank of America Theater, 3101 Laclede Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63103, on Thursday, July 26, 2012, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

6. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at University of Missouri at St. Louis, J.C. Penney Conference Center, Summit Room, One University Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63121, on Thursday, July 26, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

7. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at The Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Room 310, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, on Monday, July 30, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

8. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at St. Charles County Administration Building, 201 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Room 115, St. Charles, Missouri 63301, on Wednesday, August 15, 2012, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

9. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at City Hall Council Chambers, 2101 Jeffco Boulevard, Arnold, Missouri 63010, on Wednesday, August 15, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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10. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Holiday Inn South County, Monticello A&B Ballroom, 6921 South Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63125-4220, on Thursday, August 16, 2012, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

11. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Wohl Community Center, 1515 North Kingshighway, St. Louis, Missouri 63113, on Thursday, August 16, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

12. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Osage Community Centre, Meeting Room 2AB, 1625 North Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63701, on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

13. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Bootheel Regional Planning Commission (Old Armory), Meeting Room, 105 North Main Street, Dexter, Missouri 63841, on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at East Central College,
1964 Prairie Dell Road, Room BC138, Union, Missouri 63084, on Wednesday, August 22,
2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

15. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Courthouse, Community Room – Basement, 101 North Jefferson, Mexico, Missouri, 65265, on Thursday, August 23, 2012, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

16. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Truman State University, 100 East Normal, Student Union Building, Activities Room, Kirksville, Missouri 63501, on Thursday, August 23, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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17. No later than ten days before the local public hearings, Union Electric

Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri, shall provide individual notice to each of its electric

service customers including the notice as set out below.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Ameren Missouri has filed revised tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission that are designed to increase the company's electric service revenues by approximately \$376 million. For the average residential customer the proposed increase would be approximately 14 percent or \$14.00 per month. Ameren Missouri's rate filing includes a request to continue its fuel adjustment clause that reflects changes in the cost of fuel used to generate electricity on customers' bills through a separately-identified surcharge or credit outside a general rate case.

Public comment hearings have been set before the Public Service Commission as follows:

- At Harris-Stowe State University, Emerson Performance Center Bank of America Theater, 3101 Laclede Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63103, on Thursday, July 26, 2012, beginning at 12:00 p.m.
- At University of Missouri at St. Louis, J.C. Penney Conference Center, Summit Room, One University Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63121, on Thursday, July 26, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
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# \*Each hearing will begin with an informal question-and-answer session before testimony is taken from the public.

If you are unable to attend a live public hearing and wish to make written comments or secure additional information, you may contact The Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573) 751-4857, email <u>opcservice@ded.mo.gov</u> or the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 800-392-4211,email <u>pscinfo@psc.mo.gov</u>. Comments may also be registered in the case using the Commission's electronic filing system at <u>https://www.efis.psc.mo.gov/mpsc/Comments.html</u>.

The Commission will also conduct an evidentiary hearing at its offices in Jefferson City from September 24 through October 12, 2012, beginning each day at 8:30 a.m.

The evidentiary hearing and local public hearings will be held in buildings that meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

18. The local public hearings shall be held in facilities that meet the accessibility

requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional

accommodation to participate in the hearings should call the Public Service Commission's

Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearings.

19. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall serve a

copy of this order upon the county commission of each county in Union Electric Company,

d/b/a Ameren Missouri's service area, as well as upon the governing body for the City of St. Louis.

20. The Public Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall send a copy of this order to members of the General Assembly and to the media that serve Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri's service area.

21. Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri, shall place advertisements in the newspapers serving its service territory. The advertisements shall contain the information from the customer notice relevant to the customers in the newspaper's circulation area.

22. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

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BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.