

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 19th day of April 2012.

In the Matter of Union Electric Company, d/b/a)	<u>File No. ER-2012-0166</u>
Ameren Missouri's Tariff to Increase Its Annual)	Tariff No. YE-2012-0370
Revenues for Electric Service)	

**ORDER SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS
AND DIRECTING NOTICE**

Issue Date: April 19, 2012

Effective Date: April 19, 2012

On February 3, 2012, Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri, submitted proposed tariff sheets designed to implement a general rate increase for retail electric service. In its February 6 order suspending that tariff, the Commission directed the parties to file recommendations regarding the times, dates, and locations for local public hearings. The Commission also ordered the parties to file proposed language to be included in the notice that will inform the public of those local public hearings.

On March 13, the parties filed a proposed procedural schedule asking the Commission to schedule local public hearings in various locations around Ameren Missouri's service territory. That agreement also includes proposed language to be included in the notice to be given to Ameren Missouri's customers regarding the local public hearings and the evidentiary hearing.

The Commission will schedule local public hearings at locations around Ameren Missouri's service area. The agreed upon notice language is acceptable and Ameren Missouri will be directed to provide notice of the hearings to its customers.

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 Osage Community Centre, 1625 North Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63701, on Tuesday, July 31, 2012, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

9. 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, July 31, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

10. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at St. Charles County Administration Building, 201 North 2nd Street, Room 115, St. Charles, Missouri 63301, on Wednesday, August 1, 2012, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

11. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at City Hall Council Chambers, 2101 Jeffco Boulevard, Arnold, Missouri 63010, on Wednesday, August 1, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

12. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Truman State University, 100 East Normal, Kirksville, Missouri 63501, on Thursday, August 2, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

13. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Courthouse, Community Room – Basement, 101 North Jefferson, Mexico, Missouri, 65265, on Wednesday, August 8, 2012, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

14. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at East Central College, 1964 Prairie Dell Road, Room BC138, Union, Missouri 63084, on Wednesday, August 8, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

15. 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 9, 2012, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

16. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Wohl Community Center, 1515 North Kingshighway, St. Louis, Missouri 63113, on Thursday, August 9, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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:

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- 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 opcservice@ded.mo.gov or the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 800-392-4211, email pscinfo@psc.mo.gov. Comments may also be registered in the case using the Commission's electronic filing system at <https://www.efis.psc.mo.gov/mpsc/Comments.html>.

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.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Gunn, Chm., Jarrett and Kenney, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge