

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of July, 2016.

In the Matter of an Earnings Investigation of the	)	
Retail Natural Gas Utility Operated by the Union	)	File No. GO-2016-0362
Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri	)	

**ORDER OPENING AN INVESTIGATION**

Issue Date: July 12, 2016

Effective Date: July 12, 2016

On June 30, 2016, the Commission's Staff filed a motion asking the Commission to open an earnings investigation into the natural gas service rates charged by Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri. The motion explains that Staff is concerned that those rates have not been adjusted for over five years and may no longer be just and reasonable.

Various provisions in Chapters 386 and 393, RSMo 2000, give the Commission authority to investigate the operations of gas corporations, including the rates charged for providing natural gas service. The Commission does not need to open a formal case for Staff to conduct such an investigation, but the creation of an investigative case will assist Staff in working with the company. In addition, an open case will afford Staff an opportunity to report to the Commission as appropriate.

This is only an investigation and is not a contested case. The Commission will not take any action regarding Ameren Missouri's rates within the confines of this investigation. If the investigation reveals that any such action is appropriate, Staff may

file a formal complaint or other appropriate pleading within a new file to institute contested case procedures.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Commission's Staff shall undertake an investigation of the rates charged by Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri for the provision of natural gas.
2. The Commission's data center shall provide a copy of this order to Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri.
3. Staff shall file a progress report regarding its investigation no later than September 12, 2016.
4. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney,  
Rupp, and Coleman, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge