

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 28th day of
September, 2016.

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a)
Ameren Missouri's Tariffs to Increase Its)
Revenues for Electric Service)

File No. ER-2016-0179
Tariff No. YE-2017-0003

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

Issue Date: September 28, 2016

Effective Date: September 28, 2016

On July 1, 2016, Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri, submitted proposed tariff sheets designed to implement a general rate increase for retail electric service. In a July 12 order, the Commission directed the parties to file recommendations regarding the times, dates, and locations for local public hearings. Ameren Missouri, Public Counsel, and Staff responded on August 11, offering suggested times and locations for such hearings. The Commission will generally adopt the local public hearing schedule proposed by the parties, although some proposed hearing locations have changed to reflect facility availability.

The Commission will direct Ameren Missouri to provide notice of the hearings to its customers using the agreed-upon notice language described by Staff in its pleading of August 25.

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 Knights of Columbus Hall, 1515 Radio Hill Road, Boonville, Missouri, 65233, on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

6. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Audrain County VFW Post 3772, 2100 N. Jefferson St., Mexico, Missouri 65265, on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

7. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Governor Office Building, Ballroom, Room 450, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

8. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at City of Cape Girardeau, Osage Centre – Room 4AB, 1625 North Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63701, on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

9. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Charleston High School, Clara Drinkwater Newman Auditorium, 606 S. Thorn St., Charleston, Missouri 63834 on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

10. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Fox C-6 School District, Roy Wilde Conference Center, 849 Jeffco Blvd., Arnold, Missouri 63010, on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

11. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Harris-Stowe State University, Emerson Performance Center, 3026 Laclede, St. Louis, Missouri 63103, on Thursday, January 19, 2017, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

12. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Union High School, Fine Arts Building, 1 Wildcat Drive, Union, Missouri 63084, on Thursday, January 19, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

13. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at O'Fallon City Hall, Multi-Purpose Room, 100 N. Main St., O'Fallon, Missouri, 63366, on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

14. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at St. Louis Community College, Florissant Valley Campus, 3344 Pershall Road, CWI Building, Rooms 134/135/136, St. Louis, Missouri 63135, on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

15. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Holiday Inn, St. Louis SW – Route 66, 10709 Watson Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63127, on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

16. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Church of the Annunciation Community Center, 705 N. Jefferson St., Kearney, Missouri 64060, on Thursday, January 26, 2017, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

17. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Truman State University, Student Union Activities Room, 901 S. Franklin, Kirksville, Missouri 63501, on Monday, January 30, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

18. 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 tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) that would increase the company's electric service revenues by approximately \$206 million. In its filing before the PSC, Ameren Missouri has stated that the main drivers of this rate increase request include new investment in Ameren Missouri's system, higher regional transmission operator charges, reduced revenues from Ameren Missouri's largest customer and reduced revenues due to reduced demand on Ameren Missouri's system. The overall request would raise a typical residential customer's bill by approximately 7.77 percent, translating to just more than an approximately \$8.27 monthly increase. The permanent rate increase request, which is subject to regulatory approval, would take effect no later than May 28, 2017. Ameren Missouri's rate filing also includes a request to continue its fuel adjustment clause in substantially its current form, which would, based on the customer's usage, continue to allow 95 percent of increases or decreases in net energy costs to be passed through to customers as a separate line item on customers' bills.

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

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Audrain County VFW Post 3772, 2100 N. Jefferson St., Mexico, Missouri 65265, on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 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 1-800-392-4211, email pscinfo@psc.mo.gov.

The Commission will also conduct an evidentiary hearing at its offices in Jefferson City during the weeks of February 27, 2017 through March 14, 2017, beginning each day at 8:30 a.m.

The evidentiary hearings 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.

19. 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.

20. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall mail a copy of this order to 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.

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge