

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 26th day of October, 2016.

In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric)	
Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri for Approval)	<u>File No. ET-2016-0246</u>
Of a Tariff Setting a Rate for Electric Vehicle)	Tariff No. YE-2017-0052
Charging Stations)	

ORDER REGARDING TARIFF

Issue Date: October 26, 2016

Effective Date: October 26, 2016

On August 15, 2016, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (“Ameren Missouri”) filed an application requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission approve a tariff authorizing a pilot program to install and operate electric vehicle (“EV”) charging stations at locations within Ameren Missouri’s service area along the Interstate 70 corridor between St. Louis and Boonville, Missouri, and in Jefferson City, Missouri. The Commission granted timely requests to intervene filed by the Midwest Energy Consumers Group; the Missouri Department of Economic Development – Division of Energy (“Division of Energy”); Natural Resources Defense Council; Brightergy, LLC; ChargePoint, Inc.; Sierra Club; Consumers Council of Missouri; and the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers.

On October 6, 2016, after considering the recommendations of the parties, the Commission found that the original tariff filed by Ameren Missouri was not adequate because its rate structure, based on 15-minute intervals of time, discriminated against electric vehicle drivers with less powerful onboard charging devices. The Commission

rejected that tariff, but authorized Ameren Missouri to file a new tariff to correct that problem.

On October 7, 2016, Ameren Missouri filed a revised tariff under Tariff Tracking No. YE-2017-0052 that proposes a hybrid rate structure, with standard speed charges based on the amount of energy consumed and fast speed charges based on 1-minute intervals of time. In response to the revised tariff, the Missouri Division of Energy, Sierra Club, and Natural Resources Defense Council recommend that the Commission approve the revised tariff. Staff recommends that the revised tariff be modified so that either the volumetric charge or the time-based per minute charge be applied, but not both, and that if the per minute rate is chosen that it be based on the total charging time as opposed to the total connection time.

The Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) and Consumers Council of Missouri (“CCM”) recommend that the Commission reject the revised tariff. OPC and CCM state that the Commission lacks jurisdiction to approve the proposed tariff because Ameren Missouri’s proposal to install and operate EV charging stations is not a public utility service. They argue that EV charging stations do not meet the definition of “electric plant” in Section 386.020(14), RSMo (Cum.Supp. 2013) and are designed to serve the general public, not Ameren Missouri’s ratepayers. In addition, OPC and CCM argue that the costs of EV charging stations should be borne by the electric vehicle owners using that service and not subsidized by Ameren Missouri customers.

The revised tariff filed by Ameren Missouri under Tariff Tracking No. YE-2017-0052 will become effective on November 6, 2016, unless the Commission acts to suspend that tariff. The Commission has the authority to suspend a tariff proposing a new rate or charge,

such as Ameren Missouri's revised tariff, for up to 120 days beyond when that tariff would otherwise go into effect in order to conduct a hearing concerning the propriety of the rate or charge.¹ In order for the Commission to have adequate time to consider the arguments of the parties regarding the revised tariff, the revised tariff sheet will be suspended for 120 days.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed tariff sheets submitted under Tariff No. YE-2017-0052 by Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri is suspended until March 6, 2017. The specific tariff sheets suspended are:

MO. P.S.C. Schedule No. 6

1st Revised Sheet No. 166, Canceling Original Sheet No. 166
Original Sheet No. 166.1

2. 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.

Bushmann, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

¹ Section 393.150.1, RSMo 2000. This suspension period may be further extended for up to six months.