

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 Holiday Inn, Cadillac Ballroom A, 10709 Watson Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63127, on Monday, January 5, 2015, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

6. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at St. Louis Community College, Multipurpose Room, 3400 Pershall Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63135, on Monday, January 5, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

7. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Truman State University Activities Room, 100 East Normal, Suite 2000, Kirksville, Missouri 63501, on Monday, January 12, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

8. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Audrain County 4-H Center, 21509 Highway D, Mexico, Missouri 65265, on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

9. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Governor's Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Ballroom, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 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, Rooms 115 and 116, St. Charles, Missouri 63301, on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

11. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Caldwell County Courthouse, 49 East Main – 2nd Floor, Kingston, Missouri 64650, on Thursday, January 22, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

12. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Osage Community Room, 2AB, 1625 North Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63701, on Monday, January 26, 2015, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

13. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Elks Lodge, 325 North Two Mile Road, Dexter, Missouri, 63841, on Monday, January 26, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

14. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Harris Stowe State University, Givens Administration Building, Main Auditorium #112, 3026 Laclede, St. Louis, Missouri 63103, on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

15. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at East Central College, Conference Room, 1964 Prairie Dell Road, Union, Missouri 63084, on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

16. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Fox C-6 School District, Roy Wilde Conference Center, 745 Jeffco Blvd, Arnold, Missouri 63010 on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, 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 \$264 million, an increase of approximately 9.65 percent. 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 Holiday Inn, Cadillac Ballroom A, 10709 Watson Road, St. Louis, Missouri, 63127, on Monday, January 5, 2015, beginning at 12:00 p.m.
- At St. Louis Community College, Multi-Purpose Room, 3400 Pershall Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63135, on Monday, January 5, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- At Truman State University, Activities Room 100 East Normal, Suite 2000, Kirksville, Missouri 63501, on Monday, January 12, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- Audrain County 4-H Center, 21509 Highway D, Mexico, Missouri, 65265, on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 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 February 23 through March 13, 2015, 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 be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

R. Kenney, Chm., Stoll, W. Kenney,
Hall, and Rupp, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- December 11, 2014

Contact: Kevin Kelly (573) 751-9300

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PSC Announces Local Public Hearing Schedule In Empire District Electric Company Rate Case

JEFFERSON CITY---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold local public hearings in **Joplin** and **Reeds Spring** in an electric rate case filed by The Empire District Electric Company. The local public hearing schedule appears below.

February 17, 2015—Joplin. Plaster Hall Building, Cornell Auditorium, Missouri Southern State University, 3950 East Newman Road. A PSC staff public information/question and answer session starts at **12:00 p.m.** with the taking of sworn testimony to follow.

February 17, 2015—Joplin. Plaster Hall Building, Cornell Auditorium, Missouri Southern State University, 3950 East Newman Road. A PSC staff public information/question and answer session starts at **6:00 p.m.** with the taking of sworn testimony to follow.

February 18, 2015—Reeds Spring. Reeds Spring City Hall, 22601 Main Street. A PSC staff public information/question and answer session starts at **12:00 p.m.** with the taking of sworn testimony to follow.

These local public hearings will be held in facilities that meet the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings should call the Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearings.

If you are unable to attend a local public hearing and wish to make written comments or secure additional information, you may contact the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211, email pscinfo@psc.mo.gov or the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-2230, telephone 1-866-922-2959, email opcservice@ded.mo.gov .

On August 29, 2014, The Empire District Electric Company filed an electric rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to increase annual electric revenues by approximately \$24.3 million. According the company, a residential customer using 1,000 kWh (1,000 kilowatt-hours) of electricity would see a monthly increase of approximately \$9.87 under the rate request.

The Empire District Electric Company serves approximately 148,200 electric customers in the Missouri counties of Barry, Barton, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Hickory, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Polk, St. Clair, Stone and Taney.