BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,)
Complainant,)
)
V.)
Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE,))
Respondent.)

Case No. GC-2006-0350

MOTION TO SET ASIDE ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Motion To Set Aside Order Setting Prehearing Conference And Directing Filing Of Procedural Schedule, states as follows:

1. On May 19, 2006, the Commission issued its *Order Setting Prehearing Conference And Directing Filing Of Procedural Schedule* (Order) in the above-captioned complaint case. In its Order, the Commission directed that a prehearing conference be held on June 5, 2006 and that the parties shall jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule no later than June 12, 2006.

2. The Staff wishes to inform the Commission that is conducting discussions with AmerenUE for purpose of settling the outstanding issues of this complaint case and the companion gas incident report case, Case No. GS-2006-0199, styled "In the Matter of an Investigation into the Natural Gas Incident in Boonville, Missouri on the System Operated by AmerenUE".

3. So that the Staff and AmerenUE may have sufficient time to conclude their settlement discussions and work toward a possible settlement of the issues, Staff counsel, with concurrence of AmerenUE counsel, respectfully requests that the Commission set aside its Order directing a June 5th prehearing conference and the filing of a procedural schedule on June 12th. Staff counsel has discussed this with Public Counsel and Public Counsel is not opposed to this motion. Accordingly, and in place of filing a procedural schedule, the Staff proposes to file either a Status Report or a possible Settlement Agreement not later than June 12, 2006.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully requests the Commission issue an order setting aside its Order directing a June 5, 2006 prehearing conference and directing the Staff to file a Status Report not later than June 12, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 2nd day of June 2006.

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