BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Sam Waheed,)
Complainant,)
v.)
Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE,) Case No. GC-2009-0236
Respondent.)

RESPONSE TO ORDER REGARDING PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

COMES NOW Staff of the Public Service Commission of Missouri (Commission), and for its response, states:

- 1. On March 25, 2009, the Commission issued its Order Regarding Pre-Hearing Conference ordering parties to file suggestions regarding the location of the pre-hearing conference, participation, and conflict dates.
- 2. For purposes of administrative efficiency and to avoid travel costs, the Staff recommends the Commission adhere to common practice and convene the prehearing conference at its offices in Jefferson City. The Commission, Staff Consumer Services, Staff counsel, and the Office of Public Counsel are located in the same building. Moreover, the Jefferson City office has a proper hearing room with telephone conference capability. Staff is unaware of any compelling reason to move the location of the prehearing conference.
- 3. For the convenience of the parties, the Staff recommends the complainant and respondent be permitted to appear by telephone.

4. With regard to conflict dates, the Staff is open to any date except April 28 -29, 2009.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits its response as directed by the Commission.

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Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record and the complainant this 31st day of March 2009.

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