

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a)
Ameren Missouri's Filing to Implement Regulatory)
Changes in Furtherance of Energy Efficiency as) File No. EO-2012-0142
Allowed by MEEIA.)

**MOTION TO BE EXCUSED
FROM EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

Comes now Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") and, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.110(2)(B), moves to be excused from the evidentiary hearing. In support thereof, Laclede states as follows:

1. Laclede is not seeking to have any issues adjudicated at the evidentiary hearing which is currently scheduled for October 24, 2016. Laclede is also not intending to call any witnesses. Nor does Laclede anticipate any need to cross-examine any of the witnesses who are scheduled to appear. Accordingly, Laclede requests that the Commission excuse it from attending the evidentiary hearing.

WHEREFORE, for the forgoing reasons, Laclede Gas Company requests that it be excused from the October 24, 2016 evidentiary hearing in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served on the parties of record in this case on this 20th day of October, 2016 by United States mail, hand-delivery, email, or facsimile.

/s/ Marcia Spangler