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

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In the Matter of the Application of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri For Authorization to Enter into a Contract With a Third-Party for Utilization of Fiber Optic Capacity Not Currently Utilized for Electric Operations.

File No. EM-2021-0309

## **RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri" or "Company"), and for its response to the Staff Recommendation filed in this docket on September 22, 2021, states that it has no objections to the conditions Staff recommended the Commission include in its approval of the lease requested in this docket.

WHEREFORE, Ameren Missouri prays that the Commission make and enter its order authorizing

the lease of the fiber optic strands pursuant to the terms of the Lease and indicates it has no objection to Staff's recommended conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing was served on the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel via electronic mail (e-mail) or via regular mail on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

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