

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

In the Matter of Complainants' Request)
for Revisions to Union Electric Company d/b/a) **Case No. EC-2016-0199**
Ameren Missouri's Industrial Aluminum Smelter)
(IAS) Tariff to Decrease its Rate for Electric Service.)

Joint Motion to Hold Case in Abeyance

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and, on behalf of all of the parties¹ that appeared at the Prehearing Conference on Monday, March 7, 2016, hereby moves the Commission to hold this case in abeyance until Monday, May 9, 2016, on which date the parties will either file a *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule*, request another Prehearing Conference, or make some other appropriate joint filing.

Because of rapidly developing events that directly relate to the subject of this case, the parties are presently unable to determine whether it will be necessary and appropriate to go forward with this case or not.² In two months' time, the parties expect that the situation will be more clear.

WHEREFORE, the parties pray that the Commission will hold this case in abeyance until Monday, May 9, 2016, on which date the parties will either file a *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule*, request another Prehearing Conference, or make some other appropriate joint filing.

¹ Staff, Office of the Public Counsel, Ameren Missouri, Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, Missouri Energy Consumers Group, and United For Missouri. Consumers' Council and Wal-Mart did not appear.

² For the reasons given in its Answer, Ameren Missouri does not believe this case should proceed, but is not asking the Commission to rule on its request that it be dismissed at this time, and agrees that the case should be held in abeyance as requested herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served, by hand delivery, electronic mail, or First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, to all parties of record on the Service List maintained for this case by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission, on this **7th Day of March, 2016**.

/s/ Kevin A. Thompson