

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

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Union Electric Company for Authority)	
To Continue the Transfer of)	Case No. EO-2011-0128
Functional Control of Its Transmission)	
System to the Midwest Independent)	
Transmission System Operator, Inc.)	

**JOINT RESPONSE TO THE REGULATORY LAW JUDGE'S
REQUEST FOR A PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (“Ameren Missouri”), the Staff of the Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel, Southwest Power Pool, Inc., Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc., The Empire District Electric Company, and the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, , who hereby file this Joint Response to the Regulatory Law Judge’s request made during the December 22, 2010 Prehearing Conference that a filing regarding a procedural schedule be made by January 3, 2011. In this regard, the parties state as follows:

1. During the Prehearing Conference, the parties discussed whether it would be necessary to request a formal procedural schedule calling for pre-filed testimony and an evidentiary hearing regarding Ameren Missouri’s Application filed in this case. While no final resolution of that question was reached, it was the consensus of the parties that there is a reasonable likelihood that, as far as most of the parties were concerned, a formal procedural schedule and evidentiary hearing on the Application would not be required. The parties further noted that, even if they are unable to resolve their concerns and a formal schedule does become necessary, there still remains sufficient time to request that a formal schedule be established to pre-file testimony, hold a hearing, and to allow the Commission a reasonable

amount of time to deliberate and render a decision prior to the expiration of Ameren Missouri's current permission to participate¹ in the Midwest Independent Transmission Operator, Inc. ("Midwest ISO").

2. The parties each noted that further productive discussions focused on the issues raised during the December 22, 2010 prehearing conference were necessary but due to the intervening holidays and the press of other pending matters each of the parties currently has, those discussions could not take place until after the first of the new year and beyond the presiding judge's requested filing date.

Therefore, the parties herein request a brief extension of time to allow them to discuss an orderly path forward toward either resolving any issues related to the Company's Application or agreeing upon a formal procedural schedule.

3. Given these above considerations, the parties hereby respectfully request an additional three weeks, to January 24, 2011, to allow them time to discuss their issues and then make a further filing with regard to the details of a formal procedural schedule (if that ultimately becomes necessary) or an expected filing date for a Stipulation and Agreement.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereby submit this initial response to the Regulatory Law Judge's request, and further request leave to make a further filing on or before January 24, 2011 consistent with the above.

Dated: January 3, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

¹ The MoPSC Order dated September 9, 2008 granted AmerenMO continued participation in the Midwest ISO through April 30, 2012.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served via e-mail on counsel for all parties, on this 3rd day of January, 2011.

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