

**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)
Functional Control of Its Transmission)
System to the Midwest Independent)
Transmission System Operator, Inc.)

Case No. EO-2011-0128

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (“Ameren Missouri” or “Company”), by and through counsel, and hereby makes this filing to update the Commission on the status of the parties’ efforts to resolve this case via a possible stipulation and agreement. In this regard, Ameren Missouri states as follows:

1. On March 21, 2011, the parties filed a Joint Response to the March 15, 2011 Order Directing Parties to File a Proposed Procedural Schedule or a Status Report, in which the parties indicated their intention to meet in April to discuss this docket. A meeting among the parties did take place on April 13, 2011. All parties to this docket participated in the meeting.

2. The parties’ March 21, 2011 Joint Response also indicated that there should be sufficient time to resolve this docket via a contested hearing process, if that becomes necessary, so long as a procedural schedule is filed by June 30, 2011. The Joint Response also requested leave to file a further status report by May 16, 2011.

3. On March 21, 2011, the Regulatory Law Judge presiding over this docket issued an order indicating that the parties’ request reflected in their Joint Response was reasonable, and directing that a status report be filed by May 16, 2011.

4. Because of the press of other Commission cases, most notably the pending Ameren Missouri electric rate case (Case No. ER-2011-0028), the pending true-up proceeding regarding Ameren Missouri's fuel adjustment clause (Case No. ER-2010-0274), and the pending prudence review docket regarding Ameren Missouri's fuel adjustment clause (Case No. EO-2010-0255), as well as legislative matters in the just-completed session of the Missouri General Assembly, the undersigned counsel for Ameren Missouri was just able today to begin engaging in further communications with the parties regarding resolving this docket.¹ The undersigned counsel for Ameren Missouri expects that some of the parties will have an opportunity to have further discussions later this week as well, particularly given that representatives from the Midwest ISO will be at the Commission on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, for the discussion being held at the Commission regarding the Midwest ISO's Resource Adequacy Proposal.

5. As noted above, the Company's current permission from the Commission extends through April 30, 2012. While the Company will likely need a decision in this case early in the Fourth Quarter of this year, there continues to remain sufficient time to work to develop a stipulated resolution of this case, if that ends up being achievable, or to otherwise set a procedural schedule to process this case if that becomes necessary.

6. Today, May 16, 2011, the undersigned counsel for the Company indicated the Company's intention to renew the parties' prior request to have until June 30, 2011 to file a stipulation and agreement resolving this docket or a proposed procedural schedule addressing a timeline for resolving this docket through a contested hearing process. As of the time of making

¹ Several of the other parties to this docket have also been very substantially engaged in some or all of these matters over the past few weeks.

this filing, the Company has heard from all of the other six parties to this case, each of whom indicated they have no objection.

7. This request is not made to unduly delay these proceedings or to prejudice any party.

WHEREFORE, the Company requests that the Commission accept this Status Report, and grant leave to the parties until June 30, 2011, to either file a stipulation and agreement resolving this docket, or to file a proposed procedural schedule addressing a timeline for resolving this docket through a contested hearing process.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Status Report was served via e-mail to all counsel of record for the parties in this case on this 16 day of May, 2011.

/s/ James B. Lowery