BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren)	
Missouri for Authority to Sell and)	Case No. EO-2012-0146
Repurchase Coal and Lease Property.)	

REPLY TO PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri"), and states as follows:

1. On December 5, 2011 the Office of the Public Counsel filed *Public Counsel's**Response to Order Directing Filing. In that pleading, Public Counsel noted that Ameren

*Missouri's pleading also filed on December 5, 2011 stated that Ameren Missouri:

agrees to accept as a condition of the Commission's authority granted herein that it will not sell, transfer or encumber any tax credits it may receive as a result of exercising the option.

Public Counsel stated that if Ameren Missouri confirms that the phrase "sell, transfer or encumber" as used in that pleading encompasses the term "assignment" in the Option Agreement for Purchase of Membership Interest, which was attached as Schedule RKN-4 HC to the Direct Testimony of Robert Neff ("Option Agreement"), then Public Counsel would recommend approving the application filed in this proceeding, subject to the conditions set forth in the Staff Recommendation and the additional conditions set forth in Ameren Missouri's December 5, 2011 pleading.

2. Ameren Missouri hereby confirms that the phrase "sell, transfer or encumber" in its December 5, 2011 pleading, as referenced above, encompasses the term "assignment" as used in the Option Agreement.

WHEREFORE, Ameren Missouri respectfully requests that the Commission approve the application it filed in this proceeding, subject to the conditions proposed by the Staff and the additional conditions set forth herein, by no later than December 20, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served on the following parties via electronic mail (e-mail) on this 6th day of December, 2011.

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