BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Union Electric Company) d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Filing to Implement) Regulatory Changes in Furtherance) of Energy Efficiency as allowed by MEEIA)

) File No. EO-2012-0142

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES' MOTION TO EXTEND REBUTTAL TESTIMONY FILING DATE, REVISE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

COMES NOW the Missouri Department of Natural Resources,

Division of Energy (MDNR), by and through undersigned counsel, and for its Motion states:

- 1. Rebuttal testimony is due in this case on Friday, April 13, 2012.
- 2. MDNR's primary witness is Adam Bickford. Unexpectedly, Mr. Bickford has been required to travel to California for the funeral of his father.

He will not be returning to the office until Wednesday, April 18, 2012.

3. MDNR will be unable to file Mr. Bickford's rebuttal testimony on the date due, and requests an extension of the rebuttal testimony filing date to April 20, 2012.

4. If rebuttal testimony is extended to April 20, 2012, and the time frame for surrebuttal testimony is to be maintained, other changes in the procedural schedule will be necessary. 5. MDNR contacted, via email, all parties of record and advised them of this situation, proposing that the following changes be made in the procedural schedule:

> Rebuttal Testimony - April 13, 2012 - **move to April 20** Surrebuttal Testimony - May 4, 2012 - **move to May 11** List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross-Examination, Order of Opening - May 10, 2012 - **move to May 15** Statements of Position - May 15, 2012 - **move to May 21** Hearing - May 24 and 25, 2012 - **no change proposed**

6. Not all parties have responded, but the following is a summary of communications received:

- Ameren Missouri would agree to one additional week for Mr.
 Bickford's rebuttal testimony, but not to an extension for other parties and not to any other changes in the procedural schedule.
- Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, Natural Resources
 Defense Council, Renew Missouri and Sierra Club support the revisions outlined above.
- Laclede Gas has no objection to the revisions outlined above.
- Barnes Jewish Hospital agrees to either the revisions above or to an extension for Mr. Bickford's testimony only.

7. MDNR is filing this request as soon as possible, and requests the

Commission rule on the motion on an expedited basis.

WHEREFORE, MDNR respectfully submits this Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted

electronically to all counsel of record this 12th day of April, 2012.

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