

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

Claude Scott,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
vs.)	Case No: EC-2018-0371
)	
Union Electric Company, d/b/a)	
Ameren Missouri,)	
Respondent.)	

Request for Leave to File Answer Out of Time

1. On June 11, 2018 Complainant initiated this proceeding against the Company (the “Complaint”), pertaining to the Company’s charges for residential electric (1M) service (“service”) to him at ***4110 Geraldine Avenue, St. Ann, Missouri*** (“4110”) and at ***3725 Geraldine Avenue, St. Ann, Missouri *** (“3725”).

2. On July 12, 2018, the Commission granted Ameren Missouri’s request for mediation, and suspended the procedural schedule, pending mediation.

3. On September 5, 2018, noting that mediation between the parties did not resolve the Complaint, the Commission issued an order scheduling a prehearing conference for September 20, 2018.

4. On September 20, 2018, the prehearing conference was held.

5. On September 21, 2018, the Commission issued an order that Ameren Missouri file an answer to the Complaint no later than October 22, 2018, and that Staff file its report no later than November 5, 2018.

6. Undersigned counsel for the Company inadvertently calendared the due date to file its answer for October 24, 2018 and as a result, failed to file its answer on October 22, 2018. Counsel for the Company did not notice or remedy its mistake on October 23, 2018 because on that date counsel was participating in an evidentiary hearing in another complaint before the Commission. The Company regrets its failure to timely file its Answer, but is prepared to file its Answer now.

7. The Commission has the authority, after the expiration the specified time period within which an act may be done, to permit an act to be done where the failure to act was the result of excusable neglect or for other good cause shown. 4 CSR 240-2.050.

8. Granting a two-day extension to file the Answer would not appear to prejudice any party to this Complaint, except to the extent that Staff's Report is due November 5, 2018, and filing the Company's Answer today would shorten by two days the time for Staff to review the Answer before filing its Report. Should the Commission grant this Request, the Company certainly has no objection to extending the deadline for Staff to file its Report to accommodate the two-day delay in filing of the Answer. No evidentiary hearing date has been set yet. A rescheduled pre-hearing conference has been set for November 8, 2018.

9. Confidential and Public versions of the Company's Answer are filed as attachments to this Request, so that the Answer can be filed immediately if this Request is granted.

WHEREFORE, Ameren Missouri requests leave to file its Answer to the Complaint two days out of time.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request for Leave to File Answer Out of Time was served on the following parties via electronic mail (e-mail) or U.S. Mail on this 24th day of October, 2018.

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